We're excited that the holidays are around the corner; unfortunately this means the mild weather we've had lately will be coming to an end soon. Before everyone breaks for a much-needed rest we wanted to send out another LUCY'S LEDGER to update all of you on what's coming up here at Wheelock.

As always, we value your feedback and want this newsletter to be as accessible as possible. We continue to encourage open dialogue with you and work as partners toward your student’s success. If there are any topics you would like to see in future issues of this newsletter or if you have any specific questions, do not hesitate to send in suggestions or inquiries to family@wheelock.edu.

Sincerely,

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’Tis the Season for Goal Setting

Every year students eagerly await winter break in an effort to decompress from the stress of first semester. Although we encourage our students to enjoy their well-deserved time off, Wheelock also hopes that students will be able to reflect on the fall semester and look towards the spring semester. That’s where you come in!

Families act as strong support systems and motivators for their student. During their break, students will be able to have conversations with their family about their experiences during the last semester. This is the perfect opportunity for you to discuss what went well during the first semester and what could have gone better. Work with your student to create realistic goals for the next semester. Should they become more involved on campus? Do they need to focus more on their grades?

Help them brainstorm a few goals for their new semester and show them that you will be there to help achieve these goals. Remember it is important to set short and long-term goals. Throughout the next semester you can continue the conversation about the progress of these goals, while also allowing your student to grow and get excited about a fresh semester. Setting and reaching goals will not only increase your student’s confidence, but will also provide skills that are beneficial for the future.

Questions to Consider While Helping your Student Set Goals:

- Do you know what you like to major in? If not, what types of things do you like to do and what majors are applicable to these likes?
- If your student has declared their major, ask them to consider what they have taken away from their major classes.
- Have you considered where you would like to do your field experience, internship, or practicum?
- What clubs/organizations interest you?
- Are there any leadership roles that you would like to take on?
- Which classes do you excel in? Which classes challenge you?
What do you want to do when you leave Wheelock? Have you considered graduate school, taking a year off, or heading into the work force?

Residence Life Announcements

Winter Break is right around the corner! That means that the residence halls will be closed. All residence halls close at 9pm on Tuesday, December 20, and will re-open on Sunday, January 8 at 12pm. Students who need to return early for athletics, academics or distance should fill out an application from the Office of Residence Life. With questions, please call Student Life at 617-879-2108.

Residence Life would also like to notify families of a new guest policy that was added to the Handbook this year. At no time are students permitted to sign in guests who are under the age of sixteen (16), unless they have received prior approval (submitted by written request) from their Resident Director.

AIDS Quilt visits Wheelock

To commemorate World AIDS Day on Thursday, December 1, Wheelock students, faculty, and staff gathered outside the Campus Center for a viewing of a section of the AIDS Quilt. The AIDS Quilt, which began in San Francisco in 1987, comprises more than 47,000 individual 3-foot by 6-foot panels; each panel commemorates the life of someone who has been afflicted or affected by HIV/AIDS. Wheelock is proud to join a worldwide community of 15 million individuals who have viewed sections of the quilt.

Wheelock students raised money to bring a 12-foot by 12-foot section (called a "block") to campus for one week through the Wheebay auction, a program where community members offered goods and services for purchase. Items up for bid included: a student's offer to plan a child's birthday party, a staff member's offer to be a "running" buddy for two weeks, and a faculty member's offer of a hand-knitted scarf. One of seven anchor programs for SophServe, Wheelock's sophomore year experience series, the Wheebay auction raised over $900.

To learn more about the AIDS Quilt, and to see a schedule of upcoming displays in your area, visit the website of The NAMES Project Foundation, the organization that serves as custodian for the quilt.

Wheelock Set to Welcome Students from South America to Campus this January

During January 2012, a group of undergraduate students from Argentina, Chile, and Uruguay will participate in a Study of the United States Institute for Student Leaders (SUSI) at Wheelock College. This program, funded by the U.S. Department of State, will bring 20 students to the Wheelock campus for an immersive four-week educational and cultural experience. In addition to class sessions focusing on the theme of U.S. History, Government, Institutions, Culture, and Society: A Quest for Human Rights and Social Justice, students will tour Boston's historical and cultural sites and participate in service learning experiences within community-based organizations, including the Mattahunt Community Center.

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A key goal of the SUSI program is to ensure that the visiting student leaders have significant opportunities to engage with American students and families. To that end, Wheelock College will organize weekend home-stays for the participants with local families, and will ensure that the participants have many opportunities to meet and collaborate with Wheelock students and faculty. They will participate in on-campus events throughout the month, including Half Year Program (more details below), where they will host a session focusing on intercultural exchange. After their four weeks in Boston, the student leaders will have a Study Tour in New York and finish their program in Washington, DC. For more information about the SUSI program, please contact Dr. Linda Davis in the Center for International Education, Leadership, and Innovation by e-mail at ldam@wheelock.edu.

Half-Year Program 2012: Rev it up, 'cause we RUN diversity!

Half-Year Program is an annual tradition that aims to bring together the Wheelock community to explore an important topic. This year’s overall theme will focus on various aspects of diversity. Our morning keynote will be Dr. Irene Monroe. Dr. Monroe is an African-American, lesbian, feminist, scholar, and theologian from Cambridge, MA. Her keynote will address the role that religion plays in the discrimination within the LGBTQ community. Our break-out sessions will focus on spiritual diversity, classism, issues within the LGBTQ community, disabilities, and an intercultural exchange lead by our Study of the U.S. Institute for Student Leaders (SUSI) students. Our lunch will consist of South American Cuisines provided by Sodexo and guest chefs from the Boston Area. The afternoon keynote will be Joseph “Rev Run” Simmons, who will speak about being comfortable having conversations about spirituality and faith on a college campus.

To learn more about Dr. Monroe, click here. To learn more about Rev Run, click here.

Wildcats in the News

Wheelock College Athletics did the school proud in the fall season with the field hockey team earning the number one seed in the New England Collegiate Conference tournament for the first time in school history after finishing first in the regular season standings. Junior forward Despina Savvoulides (Norwalk, CT) led the way for the Wildcats with a school-record tying goal total en-route to her being named the NECC Player of the Year – a first for any field hockey player in school history. She was also selected to the NECC All-Conference First Team along with senior defender Alanna Pihl (Franconia, NH), who finished her career tied for the most games played during her tenure with the program. Sophomore goalkeepr Michelle Greene (Mansfield, MA) was tabbed to the NECC Honorable Mention squad along with senior midfielder Kylie Hefford (Exeter, NH). Greene proved to be one of the stingiest keepers in the league to close out the season and Hefford’s play on both sides of the ball was exceptional. Junior forward Taylor Rogers (Essex, MA) established school records for both season and career assists and junior midfielder Chelsey Ballard’s (Mansfield, MA) outstanding play landed her a spot with Savvoulides on the NECC All-Tournament team.

The women’s cross country team finished third as a team at the NECC Championship, paced by sophomore Danielle Gaudette (Nashua, NH), who turned in a 12th-place finish on the strength of a personal-record time. Gaudette was named Runner of the Week twice during the season and newcomer Brae Smith (Jewett City, CT) also garnered attention with a Rookie of the Week Honor from the conference. The men’s cross country team finished its first-ever season for Wheelock. Junior Paul Collins (Hyde Park, MA) earned Rookie of the Week accolades during the season and was joined by sophomore Patrick Holland (Reading, MA) and freshman Charles Armstrong-Hicks (Windsor, CT) as competitors in the Wildcats’ first full season.

The men’s soccer team set a school-record for goals in a season and was led by freshman forward Jonathan Krouse (Northborough, MA), who established new school standards for goals and points in a season. The team was also recognized for its demeanor on the field, winning the Team Sportsmanship Award for the third straight year from the NECC. The women’s soccer team scored at least one goal in the highest
A Course of a Different Color
Contributed by Ashley Howard (‘12)

Child Life students who are completing their 400-hour internships take the course CLF 423, Issues and Processes Seminar, alongside the field experience. This course allows the students to talk about the experiences they are having while at their hospital placement; they are able to talk about the successes and difficulties they are having with their peers while completing assignments that go along with the internship.

At the end of the semester, the internship experience comes together in a final project—the child life portfolio. This portfolio reflects the evidence that the student has met the Child Life competencies, or standards of service, demonstrates their progress throughout the semester, and shows the work they have done both at the hospital and in the classroom. It is the result of hard work and dedication throughout the semester and is a source of pride for the students; each portfolio is unique to the student who creates it and shows their style, personality, and accomplishments.

Commencement 2012

The Office of Student Life, in consultation with students, the President, and the Vice President for Academic Affairs, is excited to announce that there will be two separate Commencement ceremonies both held on Friday, May 11, 2012.

Undergraduate Commencement will be in Temple Israel @ 10:00am

• Each senior will receive 5 tickets.
  As we’re able to determine the final number of participants, there is the possibility of issuing one more ticket (this is not guaranteed).
• All are invited to attend breakfast at the President’s House in the morning.
• Seniors and their families are invited to attend the Reception on the Campus Center Green after their ceremony.

Graduate Commencement will be held in the Wheelock Family Theatre @ 2:00pm

• Each graduate student will receive 3 tickets.
  As we’re able to determine the final number of participants, there is the possibility of issuing one more ticket (this is not guaranteed).
• All are invited to attend breakfast at the President’s House in the morning.
• Graduate students and their families are invited to attend the Reception on the Campus Center Green before their ceremony.
### Important Dates

**Friday, December 16:** Fall Semester ends  
**Saturday, December 17:** Undergraduate Reading Day  
**Monday, December 19 - Tuesday, December 20:** Undergraduate Exam Period  
**Tuesday, December 20:** Residence Halls close at 9:00pm  
**Wednesday, December 21:** Fall semester grades due  
**Sunday, January 8, 2012:** Residence Halls re-open at 12:00pm  
**Tuesday, January 10:** Spring Semester begins (classes meet)  
**Monday, January 16:** Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday (no classes)  
**Wednesday, January 18:** Last day to add full-semester classes  
**Wednesday, January 25:** Last day to drop full-semester classes

To view other upcoming dates and deadlines, please see Wheelock's [academic calendar](#).