We are ringing in 2012 with our first Lucy’s Ledger of the new year! We hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and have enjoyed this relatively mild winter. Despite being only five weeks into the spring semester, Wheelock is busy, busy, busy! Aside from welcoming 20 new students to our campus, there has been nail-biting excitement in our basketball games, collaborative discussions about long-term strategic planning for the college, and the unveiling of a new recycling program throughout all buildings.

On top of all this, we had the pleasure of hosting the Reverend Irene Monroe and Joseph “Rev Run” Simmons at our annual Half-Year Program. Rev Run (from the influential hip-hop group, RUN-DMC) and Reverend Irene spoke to over 450 students throughout the day on issues of diversity, spirituality, and race. Click here for a recap of the Half-Year Program and also enjoy this video.

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. Also, if you are interested in writing an article for a future newsletter, please let us know.

Counseling Center announces Spring initiatives

Bring in the noise and bring in the funk for spring 2012 with the Counseling Center! We plan to provide the Wheelock community with innovative, supportive, and educational programs that will inspire and motivate students to be in control of their mind, body, and soul. Starting January 2012, the Counseling Center will run weekly supportive groups that include, “Guy Talk”, “First in the family”, ”Mindful Eating”, ”LGBTQ Group”, and ”Leader’s Circle” on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings. Please go to the counseling center website or contact the counseling center directly at (617) 879-2410 for more details.

May is fast approaching and sooner than you think your student will be crossing the stage and receiving their Bachelor’s degree from Wheelock College. The class of 2012 has worked hard for the past four years and, as a council, we would like to take the time to celebrate all of our accomplishments.

The council is currently selling 2012 “Sweet Treats" to your students. We would like to invite you to help support our class as with a donation to the class of 2012. All of the money raised will be used towards two things: our Senior Week -- a senior class tradition that occurs the week prior to graduation -- as well as the class gift.

This year the class of 2012 would like our class gift to fund two initiatives. We would like to leave behind a memoriam for Brittany Stevens, a member of...
our class who passed away our sophomore year, as well as a general gift to the college.

Any donation is appreciated. If you decide to make a donation of $20 dollars or more to the class of 2012 we would love to show you our appreciation by sending you your very own 2012 “Sweet Treat”! We are offering three delivery options for you to choose from:

- Give my Sweet Treat to my son or daughter (please provide their name)
- Please mail me my Sweet Treat (please provide your address)
- No thank you, keep the Sweet Treat

Please send donations and your delivery preference to 150 Riverway, Nicholas McRae, Box #669, Attn: Class Council 2012, Boston, MA 02215. Cash or check is accepted. Please make checks payable to Wheelock College.

Boston Has More to Offer than Valentines, Chocolates, and Teddy Bears This February

The spring semester is finally in full-swing and your Wheelock student is hard at work with their new classes, field placements, and practica. Over the break your student may have decided to join a new club or become a member on one of the Wheelock Wildcats sports teams. Phew, sounds like they may need a break. That’s where you come in! The month of February could be the perfect month to pay your student a visit in Boston. You can use this time to catch up on the progress of the new semester and explore the city together. Boston has plenty of things to do this month. Check them out!

Museums

- **Robert Baart Paintings and Drawings**, February 9, 5pm-7pm at Towne Art Gallery at Wheelock College (lower level of Wheelock Family Theatre, 180 The Riverway, Boston’s Fenway neighborhood) - exhibition dates January 24 - February 23, 2012; gallery hours Tues-Thurs 1pm-5pm, Sat 2pm-5pm or by appointment; 617-879-2000

- **Silver Salt, and Sunlight: Early Photography in Britain and France**, February 7 - August 19, 2012 - Spanning the middle decades of the 19th century, these early photos exhibit experimentation with new photographic processes and technologies being rapidly developed during this exciting period - Museum of Fine Arts, Fenway.

Mardi Gras Ball

- Support local musicians, vocalists, and performers at the Nineteenth Annual Mardi Gras Ball. This event will be held at T.T. the Bear’s Place in Cambridge on February 18. All proceeds will go to help musicians without health care.

Food

- **Third Annual Boston Chili Cup**. Enjoy a friendly chili competition between local Boston restaurants to raise money for Community Work Services! Sponsored by Ned Devine’s, 1 Faneuil Hall Market Place on Thursday, February 16, 2012 from 6pm to 10pm.

To learn more about the unique events Boston has to offer, visit Boston.com. You can find a full list of February events by following this link: [http://www.cityofboston.gov/calendar/](http://www.cityofboston.gov/calendar/)
Passion for Action Scholar Recognized

Wheelock’s Passion for Action Scholarship Program recognizes and supports outstanding students from the Greater Boston area who have demonstrated an emerging commitment to and passion for their communities. Each Passion for Action Scholar receives an annual Wheelock scholarship of $20,000 for four years. While at Wheelock, scholars are expected to continue their community service and develop their leadership skills.

First-year student Claire Kawski, a Passion for Action Scholar, met with State Senator Bruce Tarr and he presented her with a citation for her work as a Passion for Action Scholar. Claire is a graduate of Hamilton-Wenham Regional High School, and has performed a variety of service work, most notably her work at Children’s Hospital in Boston. She hopes to graduate from Wheelock College as a child life specialist in order to continue her passion for working with children in medical settings. Her recent involvement on the Wheelock campus includes helping organize events for the College’s Service in Action Club and, as a new member of Best Buddies, committing to act as a “College Buddy” for the upcoming year.

Wheelock welcomes an impressive slate of Presidential International Visiting Scholars

These Spring 2012 lectures are open to the entire community and students are strongly encouraged to attend.

- **On Thursday, February 9, 2012 at 4:00 P.M.** in the Ladd Room on the Brookline Campus, Dr. Miren Uriarte, Professor of Human Services and Community Studies and Senior Research Associate, Mauricio Gastón Institute for Latino Community Development and Public Policy at UMass Boston, will present her research on "English Language Learners: Identifying Success in the Boston Public Schools"

- **On Tuesday, March 27, 2012 at 4:00 P.M.** in the Board Room at the Brookline Campus, Anne K. Grimsrud of Norway will present "Norway’s National Quality Service Program: A Model of Educational and Healthcare Delivery and Citizen Engagement"

- **On Wednesday, April 11, 2012 at 4:00 P.M.** in the Alumni Room on the Boston Campus, Dr. Chitra Shegar, Assistant Professor of English Language and Literature at the National Institute of Education in Singapore will discuss "Preparing Bilingual Preschoolers for Success in Early Literacy: Lessons from Singapore"

- **On Wednesday, April 25, 2012 at 2:30 P.M.** in the Boston Campus Center, Dr. Auma Obama from CARE International in Nairobi, Kenya will speak on "The Role of Sports-Based Youth Development in the Developing World."
Wheelock athletes excel on and off the court

Wheelock College welcome new Head Men’s Basketball Coach Matt LeVangie to begin the new year and the program has been on a roll ever since. Under LeVangie’s direction, the Wildcats posted a 7-1 record in January to improve to 10-8, including an 8-2 mark in conference play to put them second in the league standings. The men’s basketball team won a school-record six straight games during January. The teams has established itself as one of the top defensive units in the nation, ranking in the top five percent of all Division III programs in scoring defense. Wheelock was expected to enjoy a successful season, based on its experience and has reaped the benefits on the court from four players averaging double-digits in the scoring column. Senior center Eric Rice (Woburn, MA) became the third player in school history to score 1,000 career points, achieving the milestone vs. Lesley University on February 2 and was named the New England Collegiate Conference Player of the Week for January 16-22. Senior guard Max Kaim (Fort Lauderdale, FL) is enjoying the best season of his career, while also closing in on the 1,000 career point plateau. Senior point guard Kyle Pierce (Burlington, MA) has been a model of consistency throughout his career at the free throw line and became the school's all-time leader in free throws made this season. Junior forward Bashir Hudson (Jamaica Plain, MA) has stepped up his game to become one of the best rebounders in the conference with nearly 10 boards per game, while doing his part on the offensive end as well. He's been among the nation's top 30 in double-doubles (10 or more points and rebounds in the same game) all season.

The women’s basketball team also caught fire in January, playing its best basketball during the year’s first month, including a two-game win streak to close out the month. Junior forward Keneisha Milton (Boston, MA) broke her own school record for rebounds in a game with 24 vs. Bay Path College on December 10 and posted the first 20-20 game in school annals with a career-best 24 points in addition to 21 rebounds on January 24 vs. Lesley in a 52-32 victory. The 5’6” post player is among the nation's top 10 in rebounds per game and is the most prolific rebounder in the country for a player under 5’9”. She was named the NECC Player of the Week for the final two weeks of January and became the first player in program history to earn Eastern College Athletic Conference New England Player of the Week honors with her selection to cap the month. Senior forward Kayla Drescher (Wallingford, CT) became the school's career blocked shot leader in January and continues to average just over two rejections per game to rank second in the league. Sophomore guard Jessica Ramsey (Milford, MA) has netted double-digits on multiple occasions, including a pair of 20-plus showings.

The women’s basketball team also lent a helping hand to the Wheelock Family Theater’s effort to prepare for its production of “The Wizard of Oz” by painting, sanding, and organizing the space to ensure that the stage was ready for rehearsals. Sophomore field hockey player Michelle Greene (Mansfield, MA) was selected as one of just two student-athletes from the NECC to represent the conference at the NCAA National Convention in Indianapolis, IN for the annual event in January.

Leadership...It’s Your Move!

If your student is interested in leadership opportunities, Student Life has officially begun our leadership selection process. We are looking for any students interested in becoming an Orientation Leader, Resident Assistant, Student Advisor, or JumpStart Team Leader. Any interested student MUST attend one of the following information sessions:

- Tuesday, February 7 at 2:30pm in the Pilgrim Student Lounge
- Wednesday, February 8 at 6:45pm in the Pilgrim Student Lounge
- Thursday, February 9 at 12:45pm in the Pilgrim Student Lounge

Applications for these positions will be distributed only at these information sessions. Applications will be due on Wednesday, February 29 at 4:00pm.
Wheelock hosts International Opportunities Fair

On Tuesday, February 14, from 10am-2pm, Wheelock will be hosting an International Opportunities Fair, in the Campus Center Multipurpose Room. The Fair, sponsored and organized by the Colleges of the Fenway Global Education Opportunities (GEO) Center, provides students with a chance to meet representatives of third-party study abroad providers, gather more information on service-learning programs that include overseas travel, and learn about scholarship opportunities.

The following Tuesday, February 21, at 7:00pm in CLR 202, Wheelock administrators Lauren Thorman (Center for International Education, Leadership, and Innovation) and Jonathan Lewis (Student Success) will present a workshop on Studying and Service Abroad opportunities for Wheelock students. At this program we will discuss applications, timeline, transfer credit, and scholarship information that builds upon the International Opportunities Fair.

Please encourage your student to consider an international experience and to attend these programs to learn more.

Important Dates

Monday, February 20: President’s Day
(no classes)
Friday, March 2: Residence Halls close
for Spring Break at 5:00pm
Monday, March 5 - Friday, March 9: Spring Break
Sunday, March 11: Residence Halls re-
open at 12:00pm
Sunday, March 11 - Sunday, March 18: Mid-
semester evaluation period
Monday, March 12: Classes resume
Monday, March 19 - Friday, April 6: Undergraduate
course selection advising
Wednesday, March 21: Last day to
withdraw from full-
semester courses

To view other upcoming dates and deadlines, please see Wheelock's academic calendar.