Welcome to the 2nd issue of Lucy's Ledger, Wheelock's monthly newsletter for parents and families! Aside from an overwhelming amount of snow, there has been a lot of excitement on the Wheelock campus! We have had an excellent array of student events celebrating Black History Month, some riveting men's and women's basketball games, and several rousing performances of *The Secret Garden* in the Wheelock Family Theatre. On top of all this, our annual Half-Year Program in January had over 250 students, staff, and faculty in attendance! We hosted a wonderful panel of Haitian doctors, educators, and administrators who helped our students reflect on the events in Haiti as well as other global crises. The response to this program was so positive that Wheelock has announced a 10-year commitment to support Haiti, including a proposed service-learning trip in June of this year. Finally, we are proud to announce that a film on Wheelock's Youth Symposium was recently aired on local television and will be re-broadcast later in the month. More information about this film can be found in this newsletter.

Also in this February issue you will find notices from Student Accounts, Field Experience, and Career Planning & Development, as well as highlights of our Jumpstart and Rising Star Leadership programs. We have also included some important dates for later this month and early March.

If there are any topics you would like to see in future issues of this newsletter or if you have any specific questions, feel free to contact us with suggestions or inquiries at family@wheelock.edu.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Lewis
Associate Director of Student Success

Bryan McGrath
Assistant Dean of Students

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**ANNOUNCEMENT FROM STUDENT ACCOUNTS OFFICE**

We're happy to introduce Wheelock's new Online Billing and Payment Option! Parents of Wheelock students can now login to view and pay tuition bills through an online secured link. In order to have access to your student's account you will first need them to set you up as an authorized payer. This feature will allow you to view recent bills, make online payments, and print the 1098-T form for 2010 tax purposes. You will also be able to make payments via MasterCard, Visa, Discover or by electronic check. Here are the steps your student must follow to allow you access:

- First have the student log in to the student portal/MyWheelock from the Quick Links menu on the Wheelock homepage.
- Next click on the "Finances" tab.
- Then click on "Go to Online Billing and Payment."
- Next under Authorized Payer PINs, click "add new."
- On the next page, the student will need to create a user name (Authorized Payer PIN) for you. **Note: The user name must be either alpha or alphanumeric.**
- Next have them enter the parent's email address in which they would like to give access.
- Next the student can set parent access permissions.

When they are finished, an email will be sent to the parent with a user name, a temporary password, and the link to the billing and payment website.

**Note: You can assure your student that this will not give you access to their grades or any other sensitive material.**

With questions, contact Mike Discolo in Student Accounts at 617-879-2236 or mdiscol@wheelock.edu

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GREETINGS FROM THE FIELD EXPERIENCE OFFICE!

Our office coordinates the placement of undergraduate and graduate students in their field placements, internships and practica. Wheelock students do field work in more than 250 schools, hospitals and community agencies primarily in Boston, Brookline and Cambridge. The placements reflect the College’s historic involvement in the communities in which it is located and the faculty’s belief in the importance of integrating theoretical and practical knowledge. Students at Wheelock begin their field experience in the first year through their Human Growth and Development (HGD) course.

Site Spotlight – Crispus Attucks Children’s Center (CACC)

The CACC’s mission is to provide a comprehensive early childhood education program that promotes physical, emotional, social, and intellectual growth with a special emphasis on preparing children for academic and life success. Located in Dorchester and founded in 1971, CACC works with more than 200 children – infants, toddlers and pre-kindergarten – and is one of the largest providers of early childhood education services in the city of Boston.

Wheelock HGD students at CACC spend three hours per week with a class observing child development and interacting with children. On their site evaluations, students highlight learning from the welcoming teachers and the diverse group of children. Students also comment on the fun they have and the connections they make at CACC. As one student wrote, "The children will make you fall in love with them!"

We look forward to working with your students to provide them with field placements that are a rich component of their academic programs.

Sincerely,
Moira Mannix
Director, Field Experience Office

WATCH A FILM ABOUT WHEELOCK YOUTH SYMPOSIUM

In October 2010, Wheelock College brought together more than 500 middle- and high-school students for its second youth symposium, “Bridges to Our Future: The Next Generation of Leaders.” Featuring award-winning actor and best-selling author Hill Harper and Harvard Law School professor Charles J. Ogletree, Jr., this high-energy, motivational event exemplified Wheelock’s longstanding commitment to making a difference in the world.

We are proud to announce that this Wheelock Youth Symposium has been the focus of a film which first aired February 6 on Channel 7 (NBC). If you missed it, there is also another opportunity to watch this program on February 27 at 11:30am on Channel 25 (FOX). Check it out!

Learn more at: www.wheelock.edu/symposium

CAREER PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Quick Tips for Your First Year Student:

Interested in learning about some concrete steps that your student can take in their First Year at Wheelock to help them explore their career options and build their academic foundation? Here are some tips:

- Attend activities on major exploration throughout the year to help determine what major may be the best match.
- Pay close attention to your studies, work hard, and don't be afraid to request assistance from appropriate departments to help you succeed academically.
- Consider gaining valuable experience in the summer by participating in employment or an internship that is related to your career interests.
- Sign up for Wheelock Works, an online job listing system that has part-time, full-time, summer, internship and volunteer opportunities at: www.wheelock.edu/ccd/
This year, 71 students at Wheelock College have committed to serve 300 hours of service as Jumpstart Corps Members. Jumpstart is an early education nonprofit whose mission is to "work toward the day that every child in America enters school prepared to succeed". Jumpstart works toward this mission by placing teams of dedicated college students into area preschools to work with children on language, literacy and social skills. Jumpstart Corps Members run sessions 2 afternoons per week where they read, sing songs, read poems and play games with children. They also assist the classroom teachers 1-2 mornings per week, and spend a great deal of time planning, preparing, and reflecting on their service. So far this year's Corps Members have already served over 11,000 hours of service! Because of their enthusiasm and dedication to the program, Jumpstart Corps members are often seen as leaders on campus.

This semester, Jumpstart Corps members will continue to serve children and families in our community. Our program goal is that Corps members will serve 22,500 hours by the end of the year. In addition to their classroom service, Corps Members will hold events for families, plan service projects such as cleaning a classroom or painting a school, and will take part in an annual tradition where we invite all Jumpstart children and families to the Wheelock Family Theatre for the opening night of the children's play. This year's play will be *Aladdin and the Wonderful Lamp* and Corps Members, children and families will have the chance to eat dinner, play games, see the college, and watch the opening night of the play. All of these events will be planned and led by our talented and dedicated group of Corps members, with the support of volunteers.

To learn more about Jumpstart, visit [www.jstart.org](http://www.jstart.org). To hear more about what is happening at Jumpstart here at Wheelock College, check out our website and blog.

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**RISING STAR LEADERSHIP PROGRAM**

The Office of Student Life is proud to announce that 113 students have been nominated to participate in the Rising Star program for Spring 2011. The Rising Star Program is an opportunity for first- and second-year students at Wheelock to learn and shape their fundamental leadership skills. We believe in educating and preparing our students to become knowledgeable, confident, and compassionate leaders of society. The skills taught during the Rising Star program will assist your student in their academic, personal, social, and professional lives. Seminars offered during this program will provide students the opportunity to hear from a well-respected leader, while discussing important topics in an interactive learning environment. Some topics include: leadership styles, public speaking, diversity, and conflict management. After completing the program, students will be honored at a banquet in May and expected to utilize their leadership skills in the Wheelock community.

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**Important Dates**

- **Monday, February 21** - Presidents Day (no classes)
- **Monday, March 7** - Spring Break
- **Wednesday, March 9** - Undergraduate mid-semester evaluations begin
- **Monday, March 14** - Classes resume

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