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Tools to Create Change
By Dr. Adam Hoffman, Director

From the Arab Spring to the Occupy Wall Street Movement, it’s hard to view the political world in recent months without acknowledging the growing role that young people have played, as they try to get their voices heard on a variety of economic and political issues. From “taking it to the streets” to voting for your favorite candidate, political and civic engagement takes on many forms. While young people seeking radical change in the Middle East often have no other ways to engage the political system other than mass protest, we are fortunate that in the United States multiple pathways for change do exist. Even more fortunate, in the university setting, we have a captive audience of bright students, many of whom are not only concerned about getting a good job when they graduate, but are also quite eager to learn how they can reach their full potential when it comes to being active citizens who possess the tools to create political change.

Through the Presidential Citizen Scholars Program, we have continued to dive into our role helping students to gain these tools for change. The Scholars Program is a multi-faceted, civic engagement experience that provides students with skills, as well as the confidence and belief that they can make a difference, to create political change through coursework, lectures, volunteer activities and internships.

This past fall, PACE tapped into the Maryland policy world and beyond to bring a variety of dynamic speakers to campus. We have found that our students as well as the surrounding campus community benefit greatly by being exposed to policy makers in the classroom setting, as they learn about the real life role that those policy makers play in dealing with complex issues and political processes. For Constitution Day, Maryland Attorney General Doug Gansler spoke about civil rights in the state. For Latino Heritage Day, PACE co-sponsored a lecture by Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation Secretary Alexander Sanchez, who spoke about the Maryland Dream Act. In addition, we had Special Assistant to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs Janko Mitric speak about the relationship of Congress to the executive branch when it comes to military and foreign policy concerns. Our Presidential Citizen Scholar class was visited by two Maryland state legislators as well as two lobbyists, providing Scholars with an insiders’ look at how politics really occurs at the state level.

Through our varied speakers, our students, in particular, begin to understand the tensions involved in public policy, and in many cases, as they reflect on what the speakers say, we see them grow more confident in their belief that they can make a difference in impacting society for the public good – what political scientists refer to as internal political efficacy. Also, it is clear that building up the confidence of students to believe that they are capable of navigating the political system in a variety of situations will likely lead to continued political and civic engagement throughout their lives.

We also have had some exciting staff changes at PACE this semester. After long-time PACE Managing Director Ginie Lynch left this past summer, a tremendous effort by Robby Sheehan (a former Presidential Citizen Scholar and SU grad, Class of 2011), acting as interim managing director for the early part of the semester, helped make all our events possible, especially our highly successful food drive. Fortunately, Robby is still a presence at SU, currently serving as interim director of government affairs for the University. I am also very excited to welcome new Managing Director Leah Reynolds. Leah comes to us from Pittsburgh, PA, and brings with her many years of experience working in the nonprofit sector. I am confident that PACE will continue to soar to new heights as Leah shares her enthusiasm and zeal for political and civic engagement with our students and the surrounding SU community.
Thanksgiving Volunteer Event
By Elaina Iosue

On November 19, the Institute for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement (PACE) teamed up with the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES) to provide 600 families in need a box filled with a hearty Thanksgiving meal. The Department of Social Services for Wicomico and Somerset counties distributed vouchers to individual families to pick up their box of food at Salisbury University for Wicomico County and UMES for Somerset County.

UMES has been administering the program in Somerset County for the past two years. This year, Phillip Thomas and Clifton Harcum, two area directors for the UMES Residence Life Office, reached out to SU to expand the program. “After hearing how incredible this program was, PACE was eager to jump on board,” said Robby Sheehan, past interim director of PACE.

Community members and student volunteers packed each box with dinner for four with a variety of items. Each box contained chicken, pasta and pasta sauce, canned fruit and vegetables, turkey, soda, bread, macaroni and cheese, and a dessert. Residents arrived by taxi, carpooled or even walked to pick up their meal.

“It was incredible to witness the kindness of strangers to help others have a wonderful holiday,” said junior Sarah Krauss, communication arts - journalism and English major and a Presidential Citizen Scholar. “This event was a demonstration of the power of civic engagement. Because of the determination of all volunteers, what would have taken a few people multiple hours took our group less than one hour.”

To prepare for the Thanksgiving Day event, PACE held a campus-wide food drive to collect non-perishable goods for the Maryland Food Bank during the fall 2011 semester. The efforts of the drive resulted in 731 pounds of food that would go toward feeding 562 families of four.

“Hunger is still a very real thing, and it is important for people to realize this and help out where they can,” said James Carpenter, a senior music and theatre major. “Somewhere in everyone’s home there is a can of soup sitting on the shelf.”

Feeding these families just for a day will not fix the underlying problem of hunger throughout Maryland. For more information about how you can help satisfy hunger, visit the Maryland Food Bank’s Web site at www.mdfoodbank.org.

Leah Reynolds Is New Managing Director
By Elaina Iosue

As 2012 arrived, it brought with it a new managing director for the Institute for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement. PACE welcomes Leah M. Reynolds, a nonprofit executive from Pittsburgh.

Reynolds received a master’s degree in professional leadership, with a focus on non-profits and foundations from Carlow University and a legal studies degree from the University of Pittsburgh. Reynolds has taught courses in all areas of fundraising, grant writing and research, building nonprofit boards, directing annual campaigns, and marketing non-profits at the Community College of Allegheny County’s Nonprofit Professional Academy. She has served in leadership positions of non-profit organizations for the past 18 years and has much experience.

Reynolds has already begun mapping out new plans and goals for the Institute. “I want to raise the profile of this Institute,” Reynolds said. “I want to reconfigure the way we present ourselves so that people know our goal is to teach political engagement and promote civil discourse, focusing on the three audiences that matter to PACE: the student body of SU, the faculty of SU and the community of Salisbury.”

Reynolds hopes to strengthen the connection between students and faculty at the University, and to help the local community through civic engagement projects along with partnering and collaboration with local community groups.

With new plans underway, she also hopes to put emphasis on building leadership skills for the participants in the Presidential Citizen Scholar Program.

“This group of students will get an opportunity to fully appreciate and understand the impact that they can have. This Institute is about learning how to become politically engaged within your community at any level and becoming a leader in any environment. Change does come from civil discourse, civil polite discourse involving honest, straightforward opinions and communication of facts. At its core, civility requires respectful engagement: a willingness to consider other views and place them in the context of history and life experiences.”

Leah Reynolds, Managing Director

Presidential Citizen Scholars filling boxes for the Thanksgiving Food Drive.
Scholar Barbecue Kick-Off
By Elaina Iosue

The 2011-2012 Presidential Citizen Scholar Program began with a bang as 48 student scholars met for a kick-off barbecue Monday, September 12, at the PACE House. Students were invited to learn more about what it means to be a Presidential Citizen Scholar and to meet their fellow peers.

Dr. Adam Hoffman, director of PACE and assistant professor of political science, began the barbecue with an overview of what the program entails and briefed them on PACE’s exciting upcoming events, guest speakers and civic engagement opportunities. Hoffman said that there would not only be opportunities for intellectual growth, but there also would be opportunities for practical and professional growth. “Previous scholars have definitely had an advantage when they graduated; we have an extensive alumni network and numerous local, state, and national connections, which is always important, especially in today’s job market,” said Hoffman.

Dr. Harry Basehart, co-founder of PACE and professor emeritus of political science, gave brief remarks regarding the history and significance of the program. PACE provides it scholars with opportunities to participate in civic engagement through programs such as mentoring, tutoring students, working for Habitat for Humanity and food drives. They are given the chance to help the community and help serve the public good.

Basehart and Dr. Francis Kane, professor emeritus of philosophy, founded PACE in 1999 after receiving the Grayce B. Kerr grant. Since then, PACE has become a prominent institution, not only at the University but also throughout the community. PACE’s hallmark program, the Presidential Citizen Scholar Program, has become a cutting-edge addition to the University, something that many universities are just now in the process of establishing in order to foster civic engagement on their own campus.

Scholars were invited outside to participate in an icebreaker lead by Julia Glanz, Presidential Citizen Scholar Class of 2011 and graduate assistant for community government relations, in the hopes of meeting fellow citizen scholars. They were asked what they would change in the community if they had a magic wand. “The whole issue of race,” said Junior Kurt Strudwick, a respiratory therapy major and Jamaican native. “I believe in seeing past that. Yeah, you’re black; yeah, you’re white; yeah, you’re Asian; and yeah, you’re Indian, but at the end of the day we’re all human.”

Other issues that student scholars wanted to address included the lack of parking on SU’s campus, instituting a crackdown on the abundance of crime in Salisbury and a desire to resolve apathy toward political awareness on campus. Hoffman said the program aims to arm student scholars with the tools to fix the problems that arise in the community and provide them strategies to use in order to actually do something about them.

Scholars applied for the program with many different reasons and intentions in mind, ranging from wanting to become involved in politics to building their resumes. “I thought [the program] could help me with my future career goals and that it would be a good resume builder to get a job after I graduate,” said junior Michelle Blanchard, an information systems major from Damascus, MD. “I am hoping to work for the government, so hopefully it will help me integrate politics.”

Scholars participate in the hopes of taking with them a new set of skills dealing with the community and civic engagement. Chemistry major senior Yu Choi said she became a scholar in order to volunteer and get to know more people. “Civic engagement is not only important to help, but is critical in changing the community for the better,” said Choi.

After all the scholars waved their imaginary magic wands, they headed inside to mingle with fellow students and to enjoy pit chicken sandwiches, cookies and beverages. Scholars agreed it was a solid beginning to the 2012 class of Presidential Citizen Scholars.

9/11 10 Years Later Forum
By Elaina Iosue

One day after the 10th anniversary of the tragedy of September 11, the Institute for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement (PACE) held a forum analyzing the long-term effects of the tragic terrorist attacks that took nearly 3,000 lives. “It was an opportunity to reflect on one of the most terrible events in American history,” said Dr. Maarten Pereboom, dean of the Fulton School of Liberal Arts. “An event everyone will remember.”

Greg Cashman, professor of political science, began the forum by describing the changes in American foreign policy as a result of the attacks. He discussed America’s “War on Terror” and how it created an augmented set of defense policies and spending by the government. Cashman emphasized the increase in presidential power and the shift in counter-terrorism operations in the CIA to targeting fringe terrorist organizations, rather than simply gathering intelligence.

Dr. Dawn Higgins, assistant professor of social work, addressed the psychological development of young adults who were adolescents when their parents died on 9/11. “I wanted to see how it shaped their worldview,” said Higgins. In her research she interviewed 16 participants who, at the time of the terrorist attacks, had a mean age of 14 years old. With the participants, Higgins discussed three different themes: the individual connection or disconnection with peers, a spiritual presence of the deceased parent and the effects it had on their career choices. “When a traumatic event occurs, you either spiral up in your thinking or spiral down,” said Higgins.

Dr. Adam Hoffman, director of PACE and assistant professor of political science, concluded the forum with the impact that 9/11 had on American public opinion. He addressed the change in public opinion in reference to the question Continued on page 6
We have an incredible Constitution and it should be appreciated and acknowledged," said Attorney General Doug Gansler in the Great Hall of Holloway Hall on November 2. Salisbury University celebrated the 15th anniversary of Constitution Day with the Attorney General of Maryland as its honorary speaker.

In commemoration of one of the most significant documents in American history, Gansler addressed the status of civil rights in Maryland, as well as the First and Second Amendments. He is dedicated to civil rights and received the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dream Keeper’s Award for augmenting diversity within his office.

“The life of the Constitution that we have lived under for these hundreds of years is one of the things that make America great,” Gansler said. “We have one Constitution, and very rarely, but every once in a while, we do add amendments to it.”

During the event, Gansler addressed three issues that are currently in the political spotlight and that have attracted a good deal of controversy. He began with financial contributions to campaigns and its connection to the First Amendment.

The First Amendment embodies the philosophy of the right to free speech. Due to the constraints from the First Amendment, Gansler put together a bipartisan group to research campaign finance laws with the Amendment in mind.

He took into account that there was no Internet nor e-mail when the forefathers voted on the Constitution. Without the specific technological sources addressed in the document, there are questions to whether or not there are constraints on sending campaign e-mails. When our forefathers signed the document, they did not envision the new technology, Gansler said.

He is also working with social networking Web sites to remove sexual predators from Facebook and Myspace. In his efforts to make the Internet a safer place, Gansler addressed the issue of the right to privacy. He discussed the concept of free speech involving the policing of the Internet and issues such as file sharing, data collection, cyber security and intellectual property rights.

Gansler illustrated through the Second Amendment that the Constitution is a living and breathing document. For over 200 years, the Second Amendment allowed the militia to bear arms, but now it has been translated and changed into an individual right to bear arms.

The words of the Constitution remain the same, but social circumstances are constantly changing. A good example is same-sex marriage. “Same-sex marriage is the fastest growing social issue that I can remember,” Gansler said. In the last 10 years, the topic has become increasingly recognized among the American people and the push for its acceptance is a large part of Gansler’s platform. Gansler testified in favor of same-sex marriages, labeling it as a human rights issue. The acceptance of the full faith and credit clause pertaining to same-sex marriage licenses is a prominent and persistent debate.

At the conclusion of his speech, a question-and-answer session with the audience followed. When asked about crime he responded with “I’m against it.” He said there were two big issues that needed to be addressed in the efforts to shrink the crime rate in Salisbury: drugs and gangs. Reaching and improving the root of the problem, family life and cultural difference, will ultimately affect the crime rate.

“He gave me a new perspective on how difficult it can be to come to final decisions dealing with controversial issues,” said junior Paige Young, an elementary education major and Presidential Citizen Scholar. “It made me realize that people can interpret complex issues in so many different ways.”
Delegate Jones Receives Hargreaves Fellowship

By Elaina Iosue

Maryland Delegate Adrienne Jones received the 2012 John R. Hargreaves Distinguished Legislative Fellow Award. This event was well attended with members of the House of Delegates, executive staff from Salisbury University, and students from SU’s Presidential Citizen Scholars program and the Student Government Association.

The award was created by PACE in 2001 in honor of the late John R. Hargreaves, a former member of the Maryland General Assembly from Caroline County. It honors an exceptional legislator for their distinguished public service.

Delegate Jones represents the 10th Legislative District of Baltimore County and was elected in 2003 as the first African American to serve as Speaker Pro Tem of the Maryland House. She has been a member of the House of Delegates since 1997 and serves on many committees, including the Spending Affordability Committee, Health and Human Resources Subcommittee, Legislative Policy Committee, and the Joint Committee on Legislative Ethics. As well as other committees, she is a member of the Woman Legislators and a member of the Legislative Black Caucus of Maryland.

She received the Baltimore County branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People’s Award of Appreciation, the Governor’s Certificate of Merit for outstanding contributions in the field of victims’ rights and services, and the Maryland State’s Attorneys Association’s Delegate of the Year Award.

In addition to presenting her with the John R. Hargreaves Distinguished Legislative Fellow Award, PACE hosts Delegate Jones at Salisbury University after the conclusion of the legislative session to address the Presidential Citizen Scholars.

“Delegate Jones is an energetic leader whose dedication and passion for public service makes her an excellent model for our students. We look forward to her visit to campus later this spring,” said Dr. Adam Hoffman, director of PACE.
Author Perlstein Lectures on the Tea Party
By Adam Hoffman

When it comes to engaging America’s political parties, particularly the GOP, few can deny the impact of the Tea Party. To shed some light on how the Tea Party came to play such an active role in the 2010 election, PACE hosted New York Times best-selling author and historian Rick Perlstein, who gave a lecture titled “Mobilizing America: The Rise (and Fall?) of the Tea Party.” Perlstein is a noted author, historian and contributor to Newsweek Magazine and has written for The New York Observer, The Washington Post, The Village Voice, The New Republic and The Huffington Post. Perlstein is also a frequent guest on MSNBC’s Rachel Maddow Show.

Perlstein took the audience on a 40-year historical journey of the conservative movement, including the birth of the modern conservative movement around the Barry Goldwater campaign, the Nixon era, the Reagan years and of course, the Tea Party Movement. He argued that the rise of the Tea Party was due largely to the inordinate amount of coverage by the mainstream media, especially Fox News.

As Presidential Citizen Scholar Ryan Myers observed: “This speech changed my view of politics government. Before I attended this speech, I knew that the media played a role in politics and government, but this speech showed me that the role is larger than I had previously thought. This speech made me think the amount of media coverage is more important than a movement’s message or even the size of the movement.” He went on to note that “what I found interesting about this speech is that as the media was trying to prove it was not biased toward the left, it became biased toward the right.”

With an encyclopedic knowledge of modern political history, speakers like Perlstein help students understand political engagement, or at least a desire to explore politics through such a historical lens. This was articulated nicely by Scholar Corey Nethen, who noted that the lecture “… showed me that perhaps I need to dig a little deeper into our nation’s past to see how these parties have become the way they are today. Perhaps one of Perlstein’s books would be a good way to start since I enjoyed his presentation.”

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of whether, in light of the attacks, it is necessary to give up our civil liberties. He indicated that even 10 years after the attacks, 40 percent of Americans still believe it is necessary to give up civil liberties in order to curb terrorism. On a more positive note, Hoffman also found that political awareness, especially among young people, had increased after the attacks. They became more engaged in attempting to discover America’s role in a larger, global community.

Reaction from students attending the forum was varied, ranging from political to the personal. PACE Presidential Citizen Scholar Rachel Vautin said: “I was just a few years younger than those children on 9/11, and I could not imagine losing a parent and having no support from my school and peers. I think that this forum allowed me to grasp new perspectives regarding the terrible events and helped me appreciate all that I currently have. It also contributed to my interest in politics and further provided me with excitement to vote in the upcoming presidential election next year so that I can have a say in who will be the next leader of America.”

Veteran Affairs Lecturer
By Elaina Iosue

On Monday, October 24, Special Assistant to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs’ Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs Janko Mitric spoke at Salisbury University. He gave a presentation on the congressional and executive branch partnership concerning the United States military.

Mitric worked for over seven years on Capitol Hill as a Congressional staffer for U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders of Vermont and recently switched gears to work for the executive branch. Due to his experiences in both branches, he has developed a more complex view on how the two work together.

“There is no way to ensure that the branches of the government work together, but the future of the country depends on relationships that they do have; and it is important that we, as Americans, maintain an active role and voice so that the government is reminded that they are a government made up of the people, for the people,” said junior Lee Ann Doyle, a Spanish and business management double major and Presidential Citizen Scholar.

Mitric discussed the relationship between the government branches and the clashes that occur over the decisions about the armed services and veterans’ affairs. Due to checks and balances set up by the founding fathers, there are frictions among the executive and legislative branch.

“It is important for all sides to really look at long term and focus on developing congressional relationships we can trust,” Mitric said about developing mutual respect within the system. There is a unique relationship between the military and Congress and their interactions on a day-to-day bases. Their relationship determines the level of progress and success of the United States government and military.
Delegate Norman H. Conway

Delegate Norman H. Conway spoke to the Presidential Citizen Scholars to share with them his successful journey to his current status in the Maryland Legislature as chair of the House of Delegates Appropriations Committee. The inspirational lecture summarized the actions taken to become civically engaged and politically active.

Conway was born in Salisbury and attended the Wicomico County public school system and graduated from Salisbury University in 1965 with a B.S. in education. He also earned his master’s in education administration at the University. He began his education career as vice principal, and then later principal, at Pinehurst Elementary School. Since 1986, he has been the supervisor of Chapter I programs at the Wicomico County Board of Education and earned the title of Outstanding Young Educator of Maryland in 1970.

In addition to being an educator, Conway has held many state and local political leadership roles. He is currently on the Legislative Policy Committee, Rules and Executive Nominations Committee, and a member of the Maryland Rural Caucus. In the Salisbury area, he is a member of the Tri-County Council for the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland, a member of the Lower Eastern Shore Children’s Advisory Board and on the PACE Advisory Board. He was elected to the Wicomico County Democratic Central Committee in 1970 until 1974 and was awarded the Legislator Reorganization Award by the Maryland Association of Counties in 1997.

Conway was a volunteer firefighter at the Salisbury Volunteer Fire Department for 47 years and served as president of the Wicomico County Volunteer Firemen’s Association. His work as an educator, legislator and volunteer firefighter has made for an incredible story.

His hard work and motivation is an example to Presidential Citizen Scholars that anything they hope to accomplish must be earned and sought after with dedication.

Advice from Delegate Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio to Citizen Scholars

Due to the competitive job market, any edge you can give yourself is a good thing,” said Republican State Delegate Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio of District 37B of Maryland. Haddaway-Riccio, a Salisbury University alumna, spoke to the Presidential Citizen Scholars about her journey to her current elected position and ways to become involved in politics.

She has been in the Maryland House of Delegates since 2003 and is the first woman Minority Whip in the Maryland House of Delegates. Her platform is based around four key issues: economy, environment, education and the Eastern Shore. Haddaway-Riccio is currently working on a project for the Chesapeake Bay and owns her own business, Dragonfly Designs.

In order to make way into the political arena, she started out as a Legislative Page on the House floor her senior year of high school. She obtained a bachelor’s degree in political science from SU in 1999. She worked for the Maryland Department for the Environment and volunteered her time on the Central Committee.

Haddaway-Riccio became a delegate at the age of 26 due to her persistence and the ability to start on the ground floor of political campaign work. She undertook grassroots campaigning, going door-to-door, sign waving and distributing bumper stickers. She took advantage of her small-town roots of being born and raised in the district she currently represents (District 37B, which includes parts of Caroline, Dorchester, Talbot and Wicomico counties), always presented her policies in a fair and intelligent way, and frequently interacted with local businesses.

“Public input is becoming extremely important,” said Haddaway-Riccio, describing why Citizen Scholars should become engaged. Her success in a political career is due to the initiative she took at a young age and the motivation she had to make her voice heard. She hopes the future will include a run for state senate and eventually Congress.

Jennifer Small

“Hunger has no typical face,” said Jennifer Small, manager of the Maryland Food Bank Eastern Shore. “Hunger affects a wide variety of individuals.”

Small spoke to the Presidential Citizen Scholars about the issue of hunger in Maryland and the efforts of the Maryland Food Bank to curb the number of those affected. According to the census for 2008 in Maryland, there are 509,141 people living below the federal poverty level, of which, 380,786 are in the Eastern Shore service area. In order to end hunger in Maryland, 84.4 million pounds of food would have to be distributed annually, Small said.

“Somewhere in one’s home there is a can of soup sitting on the shelf,” Small said. “If every home donated one of those, they could easily stock the pantry and help out people who need the Food Bank’s services.” Small encouraged citizen scholars to spread the word around campus and the local Salisbury community to donate any extra canned food to the Maryland Food Bank. She informed them of the tools needed to improve the lives of those who suffer from hunger on a day-to-day base.

For more information on these issues and the Maryland Food Bank, visit their Web site at www.mdfoodbank.org.

Adam Borden

Current President of the Marylanders for Better Beer and Wine Laws Board of Directors, Adam Borden, addressed the Presidential Citizen Scholars on his organization’s recent success in getting legislation passed through the Maryland General Assembly. Borden discussed with the Scholars the obstacles and challenges that characterize the legislative process in Annapolis. This past legislative session, Marylanders for Better Beer and Wine Laws successfully advocated for legal alcohol shipping rights within the State of Maryland. The legislation was heralded as a success in grassroots organizing and as a big win for the business community.

Borden has been working in the food industry for over 10 years and currently manages Bradmer Foods, a specialty food focused, Baltimore-based venture capital firm. Borden previously served as executive director for Marylanders for Better Beer and Wine Laws before becoming President of the Board in 2010.
Staff Notes

Thanks to our staff for their help this year at PACE and best wishes in their future careers!

Elaina Iosue – PACE staff assistant, Presidential Citizen Scholar 2012 and a junior at Salisbury University – is majoring in political science and communication arts - journalism. She plans to work in public relations following graduation.

Mallory Lengel, Senior at Salisbury University and majoring in communication arts public relations/journalism. She is an intern at PACE.

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Voter Registration Project

Presidential Citizen Scholars took part in a Voter Registration Project throughout the spring 2012 semester in the hope of registering as many Salisbury students to vote as possible. Every two weeks a table was set up in front of the Commons to reach the most student traffic on campus. So far, the Scholars have registered over 100 students. As the November election draws closer, PACE will be working with a new group of Scholars in the Fall to greatly expand voter registration efforts on campus in addition to organizing a Get Out The Vote drive.