



DIRECTORS' LETTER

A cursory glance at our latest newsletter will once again show you how busy we are...but it's been great fun!

Of most note, is the awarding, for the second straight year, of the Wilson H. Elkins Professorship to Harry and Fran. What that lets us do is to begin the Presidential Citizen Scholars program in earnest this fall. We're hoping for 50 students to start the 2 year initiative. We think this can become a model worthy of imitation.

Another new venture, which you will hear more about in the next newsletter is our involvement in the new American Democracy Project, an exciting cooperative project with state universities around the country. President Janet Dudley-Eshbach already went out to Yellowstone on the inaugural initiative, the stewardship of public lands, where she studied about the introduction of the wolves into Yellowstone.

PAUL S. SARBANES LECTURE SERIES

"You got Nancy Pelosi to come to Salisbury?!" That was the comment we heard most often about our fifth lecturer in the Sarbanes Lecture Series and one of the most sought after speakers in the country. Yes, we did—thanks to Senator Sarbanes' efforts on behalf of the University and PACE.

The House Minority Leader spoke on Friday, March 4, 2005, to a packed Holloway Hall auditorium. She was joined by Senator Sarbanes himself who introduced her and received a warm, standing ovation by an appreciative, home town audience. The distinguished Congresswoman flew in



(literally) from New York City and spoke genuinely and persuasively about the issues, as she saw them, facing our country. She was particularly eloquent and inspiring about what it is like being the first woman leader of a major Congressional party in the history of the nation.

After the lecture she patiently answered audience questions and then

joined Senator Sarbanes at a reception where she met with community members, students, faculty and staff.

Later, after Democratic Leader Pelosi had left, Senator Sarbanes attended a luncheon where he engaged PACE students in an enlightening and reflective conversation about politics and their academic lives.

SPRING CIVIC ENGAGEMENT SEMINARS

PACE sponsored three 1-credit Civic Engagement Seminars this spring semester.

End of Life Ethics was taught by Mary Kane (Nursing) and Dr. Francis Kane (Philosophy and PACE). With the backdrop of the Terri Schiavo case, the nine students in this class learned about Advanced Directives (ethics and legal issues) and then assisted individuals at Shore Up! and in SU dorms on the issues involved and how to fill out the form.

Land Use Conflict on Delmarva was taught by Dr. Molly Foraker (Geography). The class of seven students, studied growth and development issues in the Delaware town of Milton.

Assessing Voter Awareness was taught by Dr. Creston Long (History). Students in this class explored the ways young voters got their information in deciding how to vote in election 2004.

PACE also sponsored one 3-credit Civic Engagement Seminar.

Influencing State Policy Project: Teaching Social Work Students to Analyze Policy and to Advocate for Policy Change was taught by Dr. James Forte (Social Work). Thirty-three social work masters degree students learned what was involved in policy analysis, decision making, and advocacy.

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JOHN R. HARGREAVES DISTINGUISHED LEGISLATIVE FELLOW AWARD

This year's winner of the John R. Hargreaves Distinguished Legislative Fellow was Maryland's Senator J. Lowell Stoltzfus. President Janet Dudley-Eshabach presented the award to the Eastern Shore Senator and Republican Leader at the SU Day in Annapolis on January 25, attended by faculty, staff, students, and alumni.

On March 8th, 14 students traveled up to Annapolis with Drs. Harry



Basehart and Francis Kane to visit Senator Stoltzfus and get a first hand glimpse of the legislature in action. They watched House and Senate sessions, attended committee meetings, and had a tour of the legislative buildings con-

ducted by SU student, Tyler Patton. The highlight of the day was an hour long meeting with Senator Stoltzfus in his office. Students were very impressed with the Senator's candor and integrity.

Later in April after the legislative session, Senator Stoltzfus came to SU and gave a lecture to an introductory Political Science class and attended a discussion with several PACE students.

THOMAS E. BELLAVANCE INTERN

Owen Jarvis, a philosophy and political science major completed his term as our 2004—2005 Bellavance Intern. Owen helped out with a number of PACE projects, most notably Election 2004. He graduated this spring and is attending the University of Maryland Law School.



Carrie A. Kellams, a biology major, has been selected to be the 2005—2006 Thomas Bellavance Intern at PACE. She will

receive a \$1,000 stipend for the year. This internship is funded by a generous donation from the Bellavance family. During her internship she also will work with Dr. Basehart on PACE's College Student Voting Project in addition to other programs and projects.

GRANT FUNDING

A proposal for funding for a two year Presidential Citizen Scholar Program was developed during the winter and was submitted to several foundations.

We were invited by the Palmer Foundation to submit a follow-up application to our letter and are waiting word from them.

President Janet Dudley-

Eshbach also nominated Drs. Harry Basehart and Francis Kane for a second year of the Wilson H. Elkins Professorship. This is an award that the University System of Maryland gives out each year to distinguished professors in the University of Maryland system.

We are happy to announce that we have received this award for an almost unprece-

dent second year. In the letter from Chancellor Kirwan to our President, he commented that our proposal was the highest ranked and the only unanimous selection from the committee. PACE sees this recognition as an endorsement of our work and the importance of civic engagement at a state university.

PRESIDENTIAL CITIZEN SCHOLAR PROGRAM

Our pilot group of Presidential Citizen Scholars (32 students) were invited to participate in the program by SU's President Janet Dudley-Eshbach.

The first meeting, a Welcome Reception, was held at the end of September. President Janet Dudley-Eshbach brought a surprise guest: the University System of Maryland's Chancellor, William Kirwan. His talk to the group, a warm and encouraging boost for civic engagement, got us off on the right foot and in the right spirit.

Following the meeting, the new citizen-scholars went to work on their requirements. In the next months, they would attend civic engagement events and write reflections on each. They volunteered for local organizations and, again, wrote a brief reflection on that experience. They took either a one three-credit or two one credit civic engagement seminars. And,



yes, they wrote a lot more. The point of all that writing was our emphasis that civic learning must involve reflection if it is "to take." Finally, they attended three citizenship workshops where the PACE management team worked with them in helping them develop civic skills and dispositions which we hope will last them for a lifetime of civic engagement.

On April 21, 2005, the scholars attended an Awards Luncheon held in their honor. President Dudley-Eshbach presented them with their Presidential Scholar certificates.

And, finally, at SU's Honor's Convocation on May 6, 2005, they were recognized for their accomplishments as the first ever "Presidential Citizen Scholars."



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INTERNS

Owen Jarvis— PACE's 2004—2005 Thomas E. Bellavance Intern.

Chelsea Aston worked with SU's Business Economico and Community Outreach Network's Bienvenidos project.

Rachel Blevins worked with Circuit Court Judge Thomas Groton, III.

Matthew Farr worked with lawyer, Mark Zeve.

Adam Felch worked with the Salisbury Chamber of Commerce.

Josh Hastings worked with Ocean City Mayor James Matthias.

Jennifer Lawless worked with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.

Ashley Mariner worked with lawyer, Bill Hudson.

Mary Olds worked with lawyer, Phil Smith.

Carla Pini worked in Delaware Senator Thomas Carper's Georgetown office.

INTERN QUOTE

"I found that my experience interning with Senator Carper in my home state of Delaware was just as fun as it was rewarding. I learned more about government and politics, especially about how the senator works and votes, and about issues important to people not only in Delaware but all over the U.S."

Carla Pini



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FALL 2005 ACTIVITIES

Funded by the Elkins award, the two year long (no longer a pilot) Presidential Citizen Scholar Program will start with a new group of participants. They will take 6 credits of academic work, volunteer for 40 hours, and attend 6 events or lectures. We are very excited at the prospect of reaching more students for a greater length of time. That will give us more opportunities to develop those life long habits of citizenship so sorely needed in today's world.

FALL 2005 COURSES

College Student Voting (1 credit) - will be taught by Dr. Harry Basehart (Political Science). Carrie Kellams, our Bellavance Intern, will assist him. Students will learn about voting and will help other students register to vote and fill out absentee ballot applications.

4 to 2 Zoning Controversy (1 credit) - will be taught by Dr. Haven Simmons (Communication Arts). Students will learn about the political process and the circumstances surrounding this legislation.

ECI DISCUSSION GROUP



Twenty students participated in this program this semester. The group was mentored by Dr. James Hatley and Dr. Grace Clement (Philosophy Dept.). The students supervised six different discussion groups which focused on the following issues: 1. What does it mean to be a racist?, 2. Ethics and the Good Life, 3. What does it mean to be human?, 4. What does it mean to be black in America?, 5. Politics and Evil, and 6. Freedom. Five of these students also participated in a three-credit independent study opportunity to explore the readings and issues in more depth.

SURVEY RESEARCH



In January and February 2005, PACE conducted a resident opinion survey for the Nanticoke Watershed Alliance. Dr. Harry Basehart and PACE Survey Coordinator, Sandra Stoner, worked with 17 students on this project. Then in June, Dr. Basehart and Sandra coordinated a survey of family needs in Worcester County for SU's Center for Family and Community Life (Dr. Marvin Tossey and Dr. Debbie Mathews, Social Work Department at SU). 9 students and recent graduates worked on this project.