



**DIRECTORS’  
 LETTER**

Whether you voted red or blue, you will be happy to learn that PACE students blanketed the campus white this fall in a blizzard of activities leading up to election '04. Their efforts resulted in a record number of students registered and a record number of absentee ballots processed. What's more: we did our best to help them become *informed* voters. (See stories on page 2.)

On other fronts, you can read, in this issue, about our exciting new Presidential Citizen Scholars Program that was made possible by the University of Maryland's Wilson H. Elkins award to PACE. We have an outstanding group of young men and women who are genuinely excited about the delights and challenges of being engaged citizens.

As a result of our membership in the American Democracy Project, we have been invited to participate in their first Civic Engagement in Action Initiative, a module on the stewardship of public lands. President Janet Dudley-Eshbach and a Salisbury University faculty member will travel to Yellowstone National Park

**PRESIDENTIAL CITIZEN SCHOLAR PROGRAM**

PACE kicked off its new Presidential Citizen Scholar Program this fall semester. This pilot program is a year-long civic engagement experience that prepares students to become active citizens. It offers students opportunities to become engaged in the political life of the community and to develop habits of citizenship.

During the year students volunteer for a non-profit organization for 20 hours, attend 3 events/lectures and participate in an academic experience (i.e., an

this summer to attend a case study workshop on the reintroduction of the wolves into the park. Upon their return, our campus will launch our own initiative on the stewardship of public lands in Maryland. More on that in the next newsletter. Thanks to our President for her enthusiastic support of this initiative!

With all this frenetic activity at PACE, we are delighted to welcome a newcomer to the staff: Angela Meredith, who became our new administrative assistant. She will split her time between our sister organization, BEACON (the Business, Economic and Community Outreach Network) and us. She arrives in the nick of time and already has made her imprint on PACE with her enthusiasm and her warm, welcoming



(l to r) Dr. Francis Kane, Carrie Kellams, Jason Jachowski, President Janet Dudley-Eshbach, Dr. Harry Basehart

internship, take one 3-credit seminar or two 1-credit seminars).

President Janet Dudley-Eshbach will present students who complete the requirements of this pro-

gram with distinctive recognition as "Presidential Citizen Scholars" at an awards lunch in April. The scholars will also be honored at Honor's Convocation in May.



**WILSON H.  
 ELKINS  
 AWARD**

Dr. Harry Basehart and Dr. Francis Kane (PACE Co-Directors) are co-recipients of the 2004—2005 Wilson H. Elkins Award. This award presented by William E. Kirwan, chancellor of the University System of Maryland (USM), is awarded each year to four faculty from around the University system. Drs. Basehart and Kane are using this award to expand the work of PACE with the pilot Presidential Citizen Scholar Program. (See above).

personality.

Note for your calendar: Congresswoman and Minority Leader, Nancy Pelosi will speak in Holloway Hall Auditorium on March 4, 11 am. She will be the fourth speaker in the Paul S. Sarbanes Lecture Series.

A final thought. While we are very busy and sometimes anxious about the future, we still take comfort and a certain amount of joy in knowing that our work is good work: *pro bono publico!*

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## CIVIC ENGAGEMENT SEMINARS

### VOTER REGISTRATION

PACE is delighted to report on its highly successful get out the vote campaign. The fall 2004 voter registration drive was the largest such effort ever put forth by PACE. Our students processed 353 voter registration forms and 659 absentee ballots from September 20 to October 1. A team of 18 students took a one credit seminar, led by Dr. Harry Basehart, and coordinated by PACE's



Thomas E. Bellavance intern, Owen Jarvis (see photo). The students who were registered in the class and several volun-

teers, went on classroom visits and made a brief presentation about the importance of voting before offering voter registration applications and absentee ballot applications to all students. Over 100 classrooms were visited in two weeks of intensive efforts. The students also staffed tables in the dining hall and at several all-campus events.

### RHETORIC OF PRESIDENTIAL DEBATES

The one credit seminar Rhetoric of Presidential Debates class, taught by Dr. Elizabeth Curtin and Dr. Tom Moriarty from the English department, met this fall to watch the debates and analyze them from the perspective of rhetoric. The night of each debate, they gathered at the PACE house to watch the candidates discuss the

issues. After each debate, the students had a spirited discussion in which we talked about the appeals the candidates used in their attempts to win votes. The students involved in the course wrote short reaction papers to each debate and a longer paper at the end in which they discussed the importance of the debates to the

2004 election. The course garnered local media attention. Dr. Moriarty commented, "We must have been the only people in all of Salisbury who watched every minute of every debate," and various members of the class appeared on the evening news throughout the month of October.

### ELECTION 2004: LARRY SABATO'S CRYSTAL BALL

On Monday, October 11, PACE and the Fulton School for Liberal Arts co-sponsored a lecture by Dr. Larry Sabato, founder and director of the University of Virginia's Center for Politics.

He brought his "crystal ball" to SU to share his insider's perspective and to help students and

faculty sort out the issues. Winner of numerous kudos, including the University of Virginia's highest honor, the Thomas Jefferson Award, Sabato can be seen regularly on all the major news networks and such shows as Chris Matthews' "Hardball" and John McLaughlin's "One on One". Fox News Channel dubbed him "America's



Favorite Political Scientist".

# FALL 2004—FACULTY STUDENT RESEARCH PROJECTS

## RHETORICAL CHALLENGES FACING SALISBURY DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION EFFORTS

This project with Urban Salisbury, a local, non-profit urban renewal group, focused on the rhetorical challenges faced by the group as it works to bring new life to downtown Salisbury. Students studied past and current efforts of other urban renewal groups on the Eastern Shore. For each town, the students,

led by Dr. Thomas Moriarty from the English Department, conducted archival research with local newspapers and historical societies, and interviews with the people involved in their urban renewal efforts. The focus of the research was on the rhetorical strategies used by the groups in these towns to address the various stake-

holders in the urban renewal process. In early December, the class created a presentation for Urban Salisbury that discussed their findings and made recommendations for how Salisbury's group can be more rhetorically successful in their urban renewal efforts.

## SALISBURY RECYCLING

Student interns spent the fall semester examining cardboard recycling in Wicomico County and the City of Salisbury under the direction of faculty mentor Dr. Joan Maloof from the Biology Department. This is the third group of PACE students to work on local recycling issues.

The students (Laura Amendolagine, Alyssa



Bernido, and Frances Sechler) gave a presentation including both the positive accomplishments by the city and county and the

future challenges to be addressed to a group of government officials and private business people at the end of the semester.

## VOTER EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR THE WICOMICO COUNTY ELECTED EXECUTIVE REFERENDUM

Funding for this initiative was provided by a grant from the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore. PACE's goal was to help the public to understand the proposed Charter Amendment through the following activities: (1) developed, in collaboration with the Institute for Governmental Service at the Univer-

sity of Maryland College Park, written summaries and other background materials on the Amendment; (2) sponsoring a "town meeting" that included a presentation describing the substance of the Amendment, a panel discussion with supporters and opponents and a Q&A period for audience participation; and (3) prepared and published,

with the collaboration of The Daily Times, a Voter's Guide that was published just before the election. PACE collaborated with local groups who were interested in this issue. The Daily Times and PAC 14 were particularly important to our efforts.

## INTERNS

Owen Jarvis is PACE's 2004—2005 Thomas E. Bellavance Intern. This fall he coordinated PACE's voter registration program.

Marc Yosua interned in Congressman Wayne Gilchrest's Salisbury Office

Laura D'Alessandro interned with the Daily Times

Cory Unangst interned with the City of Fruitland

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## SURVEY RESEARCH

This fall PACE worked on a citizen opinion survey for the Talbot Partnership for Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Prevention. Twelve students worked as telephone interviewers and their work was coordinated by Tony Cirillo.

In the spring we will have a new Telephone Survey Coordinator, Sandra Stoner, a sophomore Sociology Major. Sandra will coordinate our upcoming citizen opinion survey for the Nanticoke Watershed Alliance. This survey will be conducted in January and February.



## UPCOMING SPRING 2005 COURSES

### James Forte: Policy Analysis and Practice

Social work students participating in the Spring 2005 "Policy Analysis and Practice" course will be challenged to develop a publishable 12 to 20 page paper analyzing a policy issue addressed by the Maryland Assembly in the 2005 session.

### Fran Kane and Mary Kane: End of Life Ethics

This course will discuss the ethical issues that surround end of life decisions and will take on one issue of great importance: advance directives.

### Molly Foraker: Development for Whom?

This seminar will examine the debate surrounding development in Milton, DE by looking at the myriad positions, roles, arguments, and players.

### Creston Long: Assessing Voter Awareness

This course will examine the sources of information people turn to when preparing to vote and if there are ways to increase voter awareness?

## ECI DISCUSSION GROUP

This group of eleven students (see photo at left), mentored by Dr. James Hatley and Dr. Grace Clement in the Philosophy Department, led four discussion groups this fall semester at the Eastern Correctional Institution. Their topics were, "The Human Animal", "Six Life-Altering Questions from the World of Philosophy", "Living a Virtuous Life", and "The Philosophy of Non-Violence". Thirty-seven inmates participated in these discussion groups.

## UPCOMING SPRING 2005 EVENTS

The **Paul S. Sarbanes Lecture Series** will sponsor a lecture by House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi on Friday, March 4, 2005 in Holloway Hall Auditorium at 11am.

The **John R. Hargreaves Distinguished Legislative Fellow Award** will be presented to Senator Lowell Stoltzfus on Tuesday, January 25, 2005 at 1:30pm in Annapolis.

The **City of Salisbury Candidates Debate** will be held on Thursday, March 10, 2005 in the Great Hall in Holloway Hall at 7pm.