

IN AND OF WASHINGTON

2007–2008 PAF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

THE PRESIDENTIAL ADMINISTRATIVE FELLOWSHIP program exists to advance the objectives and reputation of The George Washington University through the philanthropic, academic, professional and personal contributions of its Fellows. Through the first year of President Steven Knapp's administration, key goals have centralized the University's direction: partnership with the community, dedication to research and commitment to the alumni community. Combining these goals with the PAF focus areas of academic, professional, and ambassadorial experiences, a lens is created to view the accomplishments of the PAF program during the 2007-2008 academic year.

ACADEMIC:

- & CARRIE WARICK'S Masters in Public Policy capstone project is to work with the DC City Council to examine re-entry programs for ex-offenders to Washington, DC.
- South Lasky is currently working on a project to assist Bethesda Green in an effort to create a sustainable community in Montgomery County, Maryland.

PROFESSIONAL:

- STEVE ROCHE is currently working with The Washington Nationals Baseball Club as the Mascot Coordinator.
- **KENAN COLE** is currently developing, organizing, and presenting the following labs for Lab and Technology Days that outreach to middle school and high school students from Maryland, Virginia, and DC: Fall Lab Days in conjunction with GW Admissions, Potomac Middle School Electrical Circuit and Mechanical Labs, VA Campus Technology Day Electrical Circuit and Robotics Labs, and Electrical Circuit Lab Day with a middle school group brought in through National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE). Kenan gave a presentation on Mechanical Engineering to Thomas Jefferson Middle School Odyssey of the Mind students and she organized and hosted the Junior Engineering Technical Society (JETS) competition for high schools from Maryland, Virginia, and DC.
- Marcia interned as In addition to her placement, BIANCA GARCIA interned as a Congressional Fellow at the Office of Congressman Lloyd Doggett (TX-25). There she worked with Spanish language press and assisted with research projects.
- In his placement with Government, International and Community Relations, JOSH LASKY has built extensive relationships and executed events in the Foggy Bottom/West End neighborhood, within the halls of the John A. Wilson Building, and on Capitol Hill. Past work includes coordinating the 5th Annual Foggy Bottom & West End Neighborhood Block Party and helping to plan the GW: In and Of Washington theme day of GW's Presidential Inauguration and GW's 4th Annual Salute to Capitol Hill Alumni.
- MATT SAUNDERS attended inaugural day at the brand new Newseum on April 11th with plans to later present a biographical show on journalist Edward R. Murrow.
- **STEVE KEATING** has been interning at a boutique private equity firm in DC, the Austin Fund.

On behalf of GW's Homeland Security Policy Institute, RAVI ALFREDS has attended events focusing on the political situation in Pakistan, including a book discussion of Benazir Bhutto's Reconciliation: Islam, Democracy and the West at the Hudson Institute, a hearing at the US House of Representative Committee on Foreign Relations with a focus on the Pakistani elections and recommendations for US Policy towards Pakistan, and a Brookings Institute event which hosted two members of the Pakistan's Peoples Party, Benazir Bhutto's party prior to the election.

AMBASSADORIAL:

- Fellows partnered with DC Today ... DC Tomorrow and Thurgood Marshall Academy to help high school students complete community service requirements. Fellows also took part in the AIDS Walk and Relay for Life this past year.
- Fellows presented at the Student Leadership Symposium, "Leading by Example" in which Fellows discussed different leaders visible today and how to emulate their qualities.
- **KENAN COLE and JOSH LASKY helped organize the Community** Breakfast during President Knapp's Inaugural Week.
- BIANCA GARCIA co-chaired GW's first Relay for Life in the Smith Center on April 12, 2008; Relay for Life is a community based fundraising and awareness walkathon to bring survivors and supporters together to help fight cancer.
- Sourt in Foggy Bottom, teaching a current events class once a month to senior residents.
- STEVE KEATING teaches an elderly gentleman in the Foggy Bottom community how to use computers and the internet, several times per week.
- SARA GIMMY volunteers monthly as an overnight volunteer at Calvary Women's Services in Chinatown. While training for the St. Anthony's Triathlon, she became an advocate for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society through Team in Training. She also represented the George Washington Women's Rugby Football Club on the Potomac Rugby Union's U-23 All Star Team in November 2007.
- & Caitlin Carroll is a DC Cares volunteer and a Project Leader for Servathon. She also serves as a Columbia Heights Day planning volunteer.
- RAVI ALFREDS is a Member of the Board of Alumni Advisors for the Theta Zeta Chapter of Pi Kappa Phi. This past year he organized the arrival of Journey of Hope 2007 on GW's campus with the Office of Greek Life.

ACADEMIC:

- Ross Mankuta presented at the Educational Symposium for Research and Innovations (ESRI) Conference on "E.D. (Early Decision): Going Down?"
- & CARRIE WARICK has researched DC public high school students' community service graduation requirements to potentially create a non-profit organization that would address the requirement and the resources needed to fulfill it.
- KENAN COLE is working with her advisor, Dr. R. Ryan Vallance, and the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) to develop an Extreme Ultra-Violet Interference Lithography (EUVIL) system. Kenan is designing parts of the mechanical housing and positioning system, and testing the system to determine its performance.
- MATT SAUNDERS presented an analysis of digital and traditional newspaper advertisement offerings. His economic analysis found that digital revenues, while increasing dramatically, do not make up for the losses suffered in paper revenues, in both advertisements and circulation.
- **STEVE KEATING** was a finalist in the Association for Corporate Growth Private Equity Case Competition.
- Mark In fall 2007, SARA GIMMY was the student host for the Meet the Leaders speaker series: an educational enrichment program seeking to introduce students to the eminent scholars and leaders within education and sponsored by the GW Center for Educational Leaders and Transformation and the Department of Educational Leadership.
- CAITLIN CARROLL is continuing work on her Sociology Master's Thesis, and this summer she will be studying "Corporate Social Impact: Comparing UK & US Policies and Practices" abroad in
- As part of the Security Policy Studies capstone course, RAVI ALFREDS is researching the nature of the clandestine economy of the northern Afghanistan provinces of Baghdi's, Faryab and Jowzjan.



Ellen Wexler, Ravi Alfreds and Bianca Garcia at the Elliott School Ball.

While focusing on the clandestine economy, part of the research focuses on the failure of international efforts in Afghanistan, with respect to those three provinces and the disconnect between policies formulated and implementation on the ground. Part of the conclusion will be policy recommendations specifically for the region, tailored to the individual stake holders.

PROFESSIONAL:

- Ross Mankuta was a member of the GW Steering Committee for Middle States Accreditation.
- Working with GW's Homeland Security Policy, RAVI ALFREDS has focused on research operations. His specific portfolio is Pakistan, with emphasis on the border regions with Afghanistan, which is the source of insurgent operations and radical activity. Additionally, Ravi has organized and facilitated the Ambassadors' Roundtable Series on International Collaboration to Combat Terrorism and Insurgencies, which has played host to fifteen Ambassadors.
- TITI WILLIAMS-DAVIES, STEVE KEATING, and LAMAR THORPE were student representatives at an EVP&T Management Luncheon focused on helping managers across Executive Vice President Katz's Division understand "How EVP&T Supports the Student Experience" and what can be done to improve it.

AMBASSADORIAL:

- Ross Mankuta served on President Knapp's Taskforce for GW Community.
- **ELLEN WEXLER served on the GW Middle States Accreditation** Sub-Committee.
- & RAVI ALFREDS, ROSS MANKUTA, CARRIE WARICK, CAITLIN CARROLL, AND TITI WILLIAMS-DAVIES served at the GW Cancer Gala as a representative of the University.
- BIANCA GARCIA served as a student liaison to the GW Cancer Institute.
- Sosh Lasky worked with President Knapp's Task Force on Sustainability, exposing him to the University's research and academic accomplishments in the area of sustainability. Additionally, he has attended sustainability-focused conferences and lectures in Washington. Josh is helping to write the final report from the Task Force on Sustainability, a research-based document containing a series of recommendations to President Knapp.
- Outside of his placement and academics, RAVI ALFREDS is currently working on an article, "The Future of Airpower" to hopefully publish prior to graduation in May. In the article, he looks at the traditional role of airpower as envisioned by GW Alumni, General Billy Mitchell, the father of the USAF and for whom Mitchell Hall is named, and compare it to today's small war concept. Given the nature of insurgencies, and shifting role of the US military, Ravi hopes the article draws a conclusion deciding if the concept of airpower as envisioned by Billy Mitchell is still applicable, or if the air force needs a new mission, now that strategic bombing is counterproductive.

LIFELONG AND WORLDWIDE COMMUNITY 2007–2008 PAF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

ACADEMIC:

- **BIANCA GARCIA** is a Student Association Senator representing the Elliott School of International Affairs.
- ** TITI WILLIAMS-DAVIES organized a PAF sponsored graduate school workshop for graduating seniors considering graduate school in general, and graduate programs at GW, more specifically. Online assistance was offered through SmartThinking.com for students seeking help on their personal statements and representatives from the Office of Graduate Enrollment Management presented information on getting into graduate school.

PROFESSIONAL:

- In his placement, Ross Mankuta recruited undergraduate students at college fairs and high school visits for freshman and transfer admission to GW.
- CARRIE WARICK served on President Knapp's Inauguration "Lifelong and Worldwide Community" Day subcommittee as Assistant Inaugural Coordinator.
- With the help of Alumni Relations, STEVE ROCHE built a WRGW Alumni Advisory board and helped to craft a Colonial Cabinet reunion during Alumni Weekend. In his placement, Steve also hired, trained and mentored two Colonial Cabinets and two Colonial Cabinet Staffer staffs (2007 and 2008). In his placement, Steve facilitated training and strategic planning for the program and its staff. He coordinated training, program logistics, contracts and client relations for CI. Additionally, he worked with campus partners to better integrate student life with the Colonial Inauguration (CI) experience. Finally, Steve developed a program proposal for CI 2009 reorganization with his preceptor, Christine Cruzvergara. Together, they also coordinated a budget and contract process.
- As part of Engineer's Week, Kenan Cole hosted a panel of four GW Alumni of the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences to speak and offer advice to SEAS students about careers in engineering.

- In her placement, BIANCA GARCIA helped establish and promote the GW Latino Alumni Association. Independent of her placement, Bianca served on the Newman Catholic Student Center Alumni Board and she is the graduate liaison for the Catholic Daughters of the Americas.
- JOSH LASKY has written stories for the GW Minute, the newsletter published by Government, International and Community Relations, to highlight the work of GW alumni in DC government including Mark Bjorge (B.S. '95), Mayor Fenty's Outreach and Services Specialist for Ward 2, and Ayawna Chase (B.A. '03), Director of Constituent Services for Ward 5 Councilmember Harry Thomas. Additionally, Josh is currently helping to plan GW's 4th Annual Salute to Capitol Hill Alumni, connecting him with GW alumni working as congressional staffers.
- In her placement, SARA GIMMY site-mapped and executed the Living@GW web site, a tool for current, incoming, and prospective students.
- In her placement with the Alumni Relations Office, CAITLIN

 CARROLL works on Alumni communications initiatives, including management of Colonial Cable alumni newsletter and helping to redesign the GW alumni relations web site.
- LAMAR THORPE was responsible for developing and managing a number of fundraising and giving initiatives: GW Faculty and Staff fundraising campaign for 2007–2008, GW's first Faculty and Staff Kick-Off Party, the Leadership Annual Giving's African American alumni engagement strategy, GW's first African American Alumni Reunion and Program on April 5th, 2008, and a \$50,000 endowed scholarship and fundraising campaign on behalf of GW's first African American Graduate, Samuel Liang Williams, in conjunction with GW's Black Alumni Association. Additionally, he is currently developing a \$50,000 endowed scholarship on behalf of Vice President Mike Freedman. He also serves as the manager to the Luther Rice Society's Steering Committee, for which he developed a strategic plan. His fundraising geo-regions are Los Angeles county, South Virginia, Washington, DC metro area, and Baltimore, MD.



Fellows met President Knapp in August and worked in varying capacities on his Inauguration last fall

AMBASSADORIAL:

- All of the Fellows sat on the Inaugural Ball planning committee in varying capacities.
- Ross Mankuta was the Liaison/Host for GW to the Vice Chancellor for the Student Affairs at Kabul University. He is also a member of the Young Alumni Network and a member of the Luther Rice Society.
- **ELLEN WEXLER** is a member of the Young Alumni Network Committee and Luther Rice Society.
- Red Scarf Project and is a member of the Young Alumni Network and the Luther Rice Society.
- As a part of her placement, Kenan Cole leads tours of the Engineering School to prospective students and their families including prospective student athletes, and she organized and led parts of April Visit Days.

- JOSH LASKY participated in the Young Alumni Network and its Steering Committee, helping to plan events for recent graduates in Washington.
- STEVE KEATING completed 3 road trips this year -- a 6,000 mile adventure from San Francisco to DC (and everywhere in between), a 2,700 mile tour of 7 southern states, and a 1,500 mile visit of the northeast. He also made the trek to Punxsutawney, PA with 20 MBAs for Groundhog Day.
- TITI WILLIAMS-DAVIES is on the planning committee for the first GW Greek Reunion commemorating 150 years of Greek Life at GW. The Greek Reunion, to be held during Alumni Weekend 2008, will encourage alumni of Greek-letter organizations to reconnect with friends and members of their organizations, to see what their undergraduate chapters are doing now, and to give back to the university to support Greek Life.

LOOKING FORWARD: 2008-2009 PAF GOALS

As a class, the 2007-2009 Presidential Administrative Fellows have set their goals for next year.

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To continue service to the DC community

As part of the commitment to community service, the Presidential Administrative Fellows plan to continue our partnership with various community groups to assist the greater DC neighborhoods. Utilizing our time and organizational expertise, we hope to enhance and help expand existing service initiatives originating from GW undergrads and targeted at local high school students.

RESEARCH AND DISCOVERY

To continue to be an on-campus resource with increased visibility to University administration and student life

Our role as Presidential Administrative Fellows puts us in a unique position to be a valuable resource to and liaison between the University Administration and students. Over the course of the year, it is our goal to spread awareness of our abilities and to encourage administrators and student groups to take advantage of them.



Bianca Garcia and Rayi Alfreds are PAF Pirates at Relay for Life

LIFELONG AND WORLDWIDE COMMUNITY

To increase and improve alumni connectivity

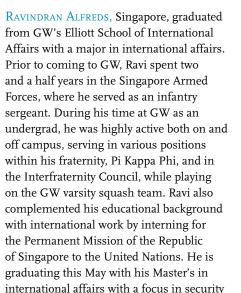
The community of current and past Presidential Administrative Fellows is only loosely organized. Over the next year, we plan on updating all of our contact information and continuing to get back in touch with PAF alumni, both to encourage engagement with the current fellows and to develop a network that can serve as social and professional resource for all members.



AF Pirates raised \$2,000 for cancer research at Relay for Life

RAVI ALFREDS Class of 2008

Degree: Security Policy Studies Placement: GW Homeland Security Policy Institute



CAITLIN CARROLL Class of 2009

Degree: Sociology Placement: Alumni Relations Office of Communication

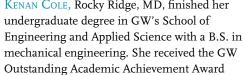


policy studies.

CAITLIN CARROLL, Indianapolis, IN, received her undergraduate from the School of Media and Public Affairs with a major in journalism and minor

in sociology. As an undergraduate, she worked for four years at The GW Hatchet, the University's 103-year-old award-winning independent student newspaper, and served as its editor-in-chief her senior year. She started her college career as a member of the Press Room Living and Learning Community, which traveled to London during spring break on a GW-sponsored research trip. Carroll is currently pursuing a master's degree in sociology and hopes to apply what she learns to a journalism career focused on social and cultural trends.

Degree: Mechanical Engineering **Placement:** School of Engineering and Applied Sciences



her sophomore and junior years, and was named a Distinguished Scholar her senior year. In addition to her time spent at engineering's Tompkins Hall, Cole's second home was the Charles E. Smith Athletic Center where she was a starter for the GW Women's Basketball Team. She was named to the A-10 All Academic Team her junior and senior years as well as to the A-10 All Conference Third Team her senior year. Culminating her career with an NCAA Sweet-16 appearance, Cole also was named to the ESPN Magazine Academic All America First Team and the Division I-AAA Athletics Directors Association Scholar-Athlete Team during her senior campaign. She is continuing her studies in Mechanical Engineering by

Degree: Latin American and Hemispheric Studies concentrating in Business and Economics

Placement: Alumni Relations Reunions, Groups and Clubs

Caucus intern. In the future she hopes to return to Texas and advocate on behalf of Latino issues.

SARA GIMMY Class of 2009

Administration **Placement:** Communication and Creative Services

SARA GIMMY, Flemington, NJ, received a B.A. in Spanish language and literature and a B.S. in economics. She served as the vice president of GW Class Council and a captain Association, and an active member of the Alpha Delta Pi Sorority and Omicron Delta Administration with a focus on higher education branding and marketing.



Degree: Business Administration **Placement:** Office of the President



STEVEN KEATING, Rochester, NY, recently graduated from GW's School of Business with a Bachelor of Business Administration, concentrating in international business and marketing. As an undergraduate, Steven worked in several offices at GW, including the President's Office, the Office of University Events, and the Office of Management and Planning in the Elliott School of International Affairs. As a PAF, Steven will graduate in May with a Master of Business Administration.

JOSH LASKY Class of 2009

Degree: Public Administration Placement: Government, International and Community Relations

JOSH LASKY, Cranford, NJ, graduated from the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences with a degree in political science and a minor in geography. Laky served as Student Association executive vice president (2006-07) and senator (2003-2005). He also worked for three years in residence life in multiple capacities including as a community facilitator (2004-05), deans' intern (2005-06), and house scholar (2006-07). Lasky was co-captain of the Men's Ultimate Frisbee Club Team and a member of the 2006 Colonial Cabinet. His service also extended into the greater Washington community as a Heads Up tutor in Mount Pleasant and intern on Capitol Hill. Lasky is a recipient of the J.B. and Maurice Shapiro Public Service Award and GW Alumni Association Prize, and is a 2007 inductee of the GW Wall of Fame. Lasky will work toward an M.P.A. with a focus in environmental policy.

ROSS MANKUTA Class of 2008

Degree: Higher Education Administration Placement: Office of Undergraduate Admissions

Task Force, the Board of Trustrees Committee

on Academic Affairs and the Steering Committee for Middle States Accreditation. Furthermore, Mankuta was part of Senior Class Gift Committee and worked as a Community Facilitator and Deans' Intern for the Community Living and Learning Center. Off campus, Mankuta spent time interning on Capitol Hill and at The White House. Mankuta is will graduate in May with a M.A. in Higher Education Administration from GW's Graduate School of Education and Human Development.

STEVE ROCHE Class of 2008

Degree: Organizational Management **Placement:** The Student Activities Center and Colonial Inauguration

STEPHEN ROCHE, Wynnewood, PA, is best known as General Manager of WRGW and the GW mascot, and through these activities GW students have undoubtedly felt his presence. Roche, a member of the 2003 Colonial Cabinet, 2006 Wall of Fame inductee and a recipient of The Baer Award for Individual Excellence, also spends his time on the baseball diamond, where he works as The Washington Nationals Mascot Coordinator. Roche, who served this past year as the Assistant Program Coordinator for GW's award winning freshmen orientation program Colonial Inauguration and worked with new student programs, will graduate in May with a M.A. in organizational management through GW's Columbian College of Arts and Sciences.

MATT SAUNDERS Class of 2009

Degree: Business Administration Placement: Special Media Projects for Vice President of Communications

MATT SAUNDERS, Valley Forge, PA, received a B.A. in electronic media and a minor in music. Saunders served as the general manager of both WRGW-Radio and GWTV, as well as president of Colonial Brass. He also took part in numerous first-year development programs including Colonial Inauguration, the Emerging Leaders Program, and Experience D.C. Outside of GW, Saunders has been working in television as a producer for a nationally syndicated program. He is currently pursuing an M.B.A. in the School of Business this fall.

LAMAR THORPE Class of 2009 Degree: Women's Studies

Placement: Division of Development and Alumni Relations, Leadership Annual Giving

Lamar Thorpe, Los Angeles, CA, received a B.A. in women's studies and sociology. He has held various leadership positions throughout the University, including president of the Student Association. As president, Thorpe assisted in selecting GW President, Dr. Steven Knapp. Thorpe also has worked in various other areas of student administration, including the Joint Committee of Faculty and Students, where he advocated for the creation of an Africana Studies program at the Elliott School and an initiative to put condoms in residence halls. Thorpe is currently pursuing an M.A. in

CARRIE WARICK Class of 2008

Degree: Public Policy **Placement:** Media Relations

women's studies.

CARRIE WARICK, Mechanicsburg,

PA, graduated with a B.A. in international affairs and history. As an undergraduate, she served as the coordinator for the 2006 Senior Class Gift Campaign and is a member of Omicron Delta Kappa leadership honor society. In her first three years of college, she served in the Student Association and the National Residence Hall Honorary. Off campus, she worked for more than a year with the National College Access Network, a nonprofit that provides member services to college access programs with the goal of helping disadvantaged and first-generation students attend college. This experience led Warick to pursue a Master's of Public Policy from GW's Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Public Administration.

ELLEN WEXLER Class of 2008 Degree: Public Administration

Placement: Office of the President

Ellen Wexler, East Northport, NY, served as chief of staff for the Student Association. Active both academically and socially at GW, Wexler is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and was a 2005 Colonial Cabinet member. As GW's campaign manager for Teach for America, Wexler is an ardent supporter of the organization. Off campus, Wexler interned at TASH, a nonprofit

advocacy organization for equity, opportunity, and inclusion for people with disabilities. Her experiences at TASH and with Teach for America inspired her to pursue graduate studies in public administration with GW's Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Public Administration.

TITI WILLIAMS-DAVIES Class of 2009

Degree: Business Administration **Placement:** GWear/Licensing and Trademarks

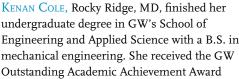
TITI WILLIAMS-DAVIES, an international student from

Nigeria and Britain, graduated with a B.B.A. concentrating in marketing and event management from the GW School of Business. During her time at GW, she was involved in several cultural and service student organizations including Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., the Organization of African Students, AATASH Persian Dance Group, the Black Student Union, and the Black Women's Forum. Williams-Davies also served the University in varying capacities including the 2004 Colonial Cabinet, as community facilitator with GW Housing Programs, a senior interviewer for the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, and a student coordinator in the Office of the Senior Vice President for Student and Academic Support Services. She is currently pursuing an M.B.A.



Second year Fellows from left to right: Carrie Warick, Steve Roche, Ravi Alfreds, Steve Keating, Ellen Wexler, and Ross Mankuta.









Degree: Higher Education

of the GW Women's Rugby team. She also was vice president of standards in the Panhellenic Kappa leadership honor society. Her experience with campus student life and community has led Sara to pursue a M.A. in Higher Education



Ross D. Mankuta, Dix Hills, NY, graduated with a BA in political science from the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences. Mankuta was involved with several different University organizations and task forces, including the Student Association, serving as a Freshman Senator and Vice President of Academic Affairs while sitting on the 4x4