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**ANNUAL REPORT**  
2010–2011

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. President Steven Knapp's strategic initiatives of sustainability, innovation, community, service, engagement, and diversity have directed the Fellows' efforts this year as they continue their commitment to advancing their alma mater. The following is an overview of the accomplishments and achievements of the individual Fellows and the PAF program during the 2010-2011 academic year.

## 2010-2011 STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

### SUSTAINABILITY & INNOVATION

- **COLLIN** hosted an Office of Sustainability Green Office Assessment to evaluate the Center for Civic Engagement and Public Service's sustainability practices.
- **COLLIN** actively recruited students for the first annual Earth Day service event, offering 150 students the opportunity to assist environmental nonprofits in cleaning public spaces around the Potomac watershed.
- **TURA** has coordinated and participated in the activities of several University task forces and initiatives, including the Urban Food Task Force, the Career Services Task Force, and the President's Council on Diversity and Inclusion.
- **DANIEL** was placed with the Innovation Task Force, where he assisted the task force in their efforts to identify and implement new savings and revenue enhancement strategies at the University.

### SERVICE & ENGAGEMENT

- This year, all of the Fellows were recognized as members of the Luther Rice Society for their philanthropic leadership. Their collective gifts to the University will amount to over \$4,000 this fiscal year.
- **COLLIN** mentored a student from the Friendship Collegiate Academy throughout the student's college application process and matched 15 other volunteers with the DC College Success Foundation to do the same.
- **COLLIN** provided logistical support for the ADRA Yemen Sana'a refugee project. While there, he helped create opportunities for East African refugee clients to volunteer, supported athletic programs, taught conversational English, and assisted with program intake.
- Over Thanksgiving break, **COLLIN** volunteered for 10 days with the organization All Hands Volunteers, clearing rubble from homes and supporting orphanage staff with childcare in Léogâne, Haïti.
- **KELLEY** served as a member of the planning committee, honoring deceased civil and women's rights leader, Dr. Dorothy I. Height, through the University's new Scholarship for Public Service and a memorial bench in her honor. She also served as mistress of ceremonies for the bench's unveiling, held on Dr. Height's 99<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- **COLLIN** served as a Learning Partner on the Alternative Winter Break trip to Costa Rica.

- **COLLIN** served as a team leader on MLK Day of Service for school beautification projects.
- As a member of the External Relations team, **DARNELL** organized a Division-wide service project at Stanton Elementary School and a library book drive for Ballou High School. Both schools represent GW's efforts to strengthen its partnerships throughout the District.
- **MEAGHAN** traveled to El Entradero, Panama with the Alternative Winter Break program, where she served as a Learning Partner and worked alongside undergraduates to build 18 justa stoves and 16 slow sand water filters for the community.
- **SANDRA** organized a PAF service day at Stanton Elementary School, where the third to fifth grade students participated in discussions about college and were presented with GW memorabilia and diplomas.
- **DANIEL** served as a College Success Foundation mentor this past academic year. His mentee, Rashad Price, received a full-ride Posse scholarship to the University of Wisconsin-Madison and is also a Gates Millennium Scholar finalist.
- **ANNA** won a substantial grant to implement an income-generating component within her Girls Kick It! program.



Natalie performing service as a Learning Partner for the Alternative Winter Break trip to Honduras in January.



The current Presidential Administrative Fellows on Washington Circle.

- **ANNA** traveled to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil with her Girls Kick It! team to compete in the Homeless World Cup.
- **ANNA** served as the Precinct Captain and an active member of the Young Professionals for Gray group during the DC mayoral race.
- **TURA** continues to perform community service in the DC metropolitan area as a graduate member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
- As a board member for Student Veterans of America, **BRIAN H.** served numerous hours of community service, working for student veterans. He worked to bring First Lady Michelle Obama to GW's Freshman Day of Service at the Vinson Hall Retirement Community, during which he served as site leader for more than 150 volunteers, including Mrs. Obama. This past October, he was recognized with the President's Volunteer Service Award, having accumulated more than 4,000 community service hours. He continues to mentor wounded warriors and their families in the DC area through their transition from the battlefield to the classroom.
- **CHRIS** organized PAF participation in Adopt-A-Family during the Christmas season. He personally adopted a family of three to make their holiday season a little brighter.
- **CHRIS** served as a Learning Partner for the Alternative Winter Break Trip to New Orleans. The group worked on three houses and painted part of a middle school during the weeklong trip.
- **MEAGHAN** ran the Marine Corps Marathon, as a member of the charity team for the American Cancer Society, where she raised \$1,275. Meaghan also coordinated "Team GW," a group of GW students, to take part in the National MS Society's: Walk MS.
- **NATALIE** traveled as a Learning Partner to El Progreso, Honduras with 15 students from the Alternative Winter Break program. On this trip, the group worked with Organization for Youth Empowerment (OYE)

- to enhance school facilities, discuss the country's social and political climate post-coup, and work with young Honduran leaders in an environment of artistic expression and cultural exchange.
- **KELLEY** continued her involvement in public service within the Washington, DC community through the Federal City Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
- One of the accomplishments of which **SHAKIR** is most proud is that a student—who he mentored for the last four years—was accepted to Clemson University, his dream school.
- **SHAKIR** joined the Board of Directors of the Generation Why Movement (GWM), a small nonprofit that serves as an online resource for young professionals.
- In the past year, **BRIAN H.** has participated in extensive military training around the country, including more than a dozen Airborne operations, jumping from aircraft, while in flight. In August of 2010, he completed the extremely challenging U.S. Army Jumpmaster course at Fort Benning, GA on his first attempt, and he continues to take on leadership roles in his Army Reserve unit, the 450<sup>th</sup> Civil Affairs Battalion (Airborne).

## RESEARCH

- For his capstone project, **CHRIS** and five other members of his program designed an assessment tool for the GradLife office at GW.
- **SANDRA** completed a communications plan for Boumi, a for-profit business based out of Kabul, Afghanistan, to help the company enter the U.S. and European markets. Boumi continues to create long-term employment opportunities for Afghan women and men.
- **COLLIN** is currently researching the efficacy of government intervention in tribal conflict mitigation, and the prevention of such conflicts' escalation into violence in Yemen.
- As part of her placement in the Department of Health Policy, **SELAM** worked on the Sub-Saharan African Medical Schools Study (SAMSS). Selam served as a member of the SAMSS secretariat and has co-authored the report "The Sub-Saharan African Medical School Study: Data, Observation, and Opportunity" and an article in *The Lancet* medical journal entitled "Medical Schools in Sub-Saharan Africa."
- **CHRIS** wrote a report on the current policies surrounding our veteran student services, as well as a temporary policy on veteran student leave, due to training, etc.
- For her Culminating Experience for the M.P.H. program, **BRITTANY** wrote a 20-page memo to Joshua Sharfstein, Secretary of the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and proposed options for increasing seasonal influenza immunization rates among hospital health care workers in the state of Maryland.
- As part of his graduate coursework, **BRIAN E.** wrote a paper on the implications of a nuclear-armed Iran on the American security architecture in the Persian Gulf.
- As part of the Medical Education Partnership Initiative (MEPI), **SELAM** is assisting in the development of a web-based communications platform to share MEPI outcomes and data, connecting medical schools in Africa to the Community of Excellence in Medical Education and Research.
- For her M.P.A. capstone project, **NATALIE** worked in a group of four as a pro-bono consultant for the DC Department of Transportation's DC Streetcar project. The group provided DDOT with a qualitative case analysis of value capture mechanisms, which are utilized around the country for similar projects.

U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security, Janet Napolitano, speaks in GW's Jack Morton Auditorium.



Chris at Jumpstart for a Day in 2010



## COMMUNITY & DIVERSITY

- **SANDRA** re-designed the PAF website, created two videos highlighting both the Program and the Lindsey M. Ferris Memorial PAF Scholarship Fund, and created a social media presence for PAF, in order to better engage prospective Fellows and alumni.
- **TURA** currently staffs the newly created GW Board of Trustees' Committee on Diversity and Inclusion.
- **SHAKIR** served and staffed the Diversity and Inclusion Task Force, and was involved in the recruitment and selection of the Vice Provost for Diversity and Inclusion.
- **CHRIS** sat on and staffed the Faculty Experience Working Group as part of President Knapp's Council on Diversity and Inclusion.
- **KELLEY** served as president of the GW Harmon Choral Associates, a group comprised of alumni from one of the University's oldest traditions—its choral programs. The group has over 900 members, and its active members include alumni from the Class of 1946 to the Class of 2010.
- **BRIAN E.** volunteered all year as a Student Judicial Services Graduate Justice, hearing disciplinary cases for the University.
- **BRIAN E.** served as an admissions liaison for GW's Middle East Studies program.
- **BRITTANY** served as the 2010-2011 President of the Public Health Student Association (PHSA), which is open to the 1000+ students enrolled in degree programs within the GW School of Public Health and Health Services (SPHHS). In this role, Brittany worked with her executive board members, and numerous other student organizations within SPHHS, to plan an array of educational, networking, social, and service events for fellow students throughout the year. Noteworthy events included an evening of music and discussion on HIV/AIDS with renowned Malawian musician Peter Mawanga, participation in the annual Foggy Bottom/West End Neighborhood Block Party, a University-wide public health career fair, a public health seminar and campus tour for local high school students, and a documentary screening on HIV/AIDS in India, featuring actress Ashley Judd.
- During her time as a PAF, **BRITTANY** has also served as the student representative of the SPHHS Curriculum Committee (2009-2011), as an alternate student member of the GW Institutional Review Board (2009-2011), and as a member of the GW Urban Food Task Force (2010).
- **CHRIS** served as the first PAF in the Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs. Through this placement he wrote a report on the current state of services for graduate students at GW and offered many suggestions on ways to enhance the graduate student experience.

Dan and his DC College Success Foundation mentee, Rashad Price.



(Left to right) Kelley, Sandra, Meaghan, and Brian E. at the Luther Rice Society's Evening with the National Symphony Orchestra.



- As part of the Department of Emergency Medicine's ongoing mission to improve alumni relations, **MEAGHAN** spearheaded the design of the alumni resident section of the website and is responsible for managing the alumni database.
- **MEAGHAN** serves as the student representative for the School of Public Health and Health Services on Provost Lerman's Medical Advancement Advisory Committee, where she is also a member of the Governance sub-committee. Meaghan also serves on the Urban Food Task Force.
- **SANDRA** worked with the Institute for Corporate Responsibility, creating a research consortium to address the issue of sustainable commodities, writing a white paper to establish the effort, and building proposals for two local research opportunities for businesses and students.
- **BRIAN H.** has been substantially involved in the drafting and implementation of veteran's policy at GW, and has continued to work as an advocate for student veterans within the University by working to bring change to how veterans are treated in the classroom. Specifically, he has worked with GW administrators to bring about a military absence policy, as well as assisted academic departments in properly evaluating military experience for academic credit. He continues to speak to many student groups and faculty members about veterans, their strengths, and the challenges in their transitions to academia.
- **BRIAN H.** received the 2011 Martin Luther King, Jr. Award.

- **MEAGHAN** researched several business models and manipulated them to apply to the healthcare setting in a paper submitted to the Annals of Emergency Medicine journal titled “Value in Emergency Medicine: Assessment and Implications.”
- In her placement, **MEAGHAN** is the clinical research study coordinator on three different studies in the Department of Emergency Medicine—“Direct Detection and Characterization of MRSA and Clinical Outcomes in ED Patients with purulent SSTI,” “Capsule Endoscopy for Hemorrhage in the Emergency Room,” and “H. Pylori Testing for Patients with Non-Specific Abdominal Pain in the Emergency Department.” Through this role, she has worked with principal investigators to submit two abstracts to the American College of Emergency Physician’s conference, to take place in October of 2011.
- **ANNA** traveled to the 2010 GW Global Forum in New York City to serve as a panel responder and student representative.
- **ANNA** traveled to Florida with the Provost to speak to local alumni on the power of undergraduate scholarships.
- Through his placement in the Center for Civic Engagement and Public Service, **COLLIN** helped grow the community of service-oriented students through proactive outreach and marketing of opportunities and accomplishments.
- As part of her practicum experience, **SELAM** helped create the GW Healthy Mothers Program to provide lactation support for nursing mothers on campus. She performed a literature review of best practices and compiled a resource handbook for the Program. Selam also drafted the school’s first policy on lactation support for nursing mothers.
- In an attempt to foster a sense of community between GW and its neighbors, **DARNELL**, with the help of former PAF Sarah Jo Lawrence, organized a community basketball game, where members of the Foggy Bottom community were invited to show their Colonial pride at a GW women’s basketball game.
- **DARNELL**, along with members of the Office of Government, International and Community Relations, participated in various GW service initiatives, including the Foggy Bottom Clean-Up, MLK Day of Service, and Freshmen Day of Service.
- As part of his placement in the Office of Government, International and Community Relations, **DARNELL** helped plan the eighth Annual Foggy Bottom/West End Neighborhood Block Party. The event welcomed over 2,000 members of the Foggy Bottom, West End, and greater DC community.
- Within his placement, **DARNELL** also worked with GW administrators and various DC officials in the planning and implementation of a District-wide initiative to address unemployment in DC. These efforts directly coincide with his academic interest in social policy.
- In her placement in the Center for Civic Engagement and Public Service, **NATALIE** led in the creation of the “We Serve: A Civic House” Living and Learning Cohort, a service-learning based residential life program for first-year students. Civic House students live, serve, and learn together in West Hall on the Mount Vernon Campus, taking a service-learning course together each semester, and building a sense of community through service projects across the city.



(Left to right) Darnell, Meaghan, and Brian E. at Walk MS 2011.

- **TURA** has served as an advocate for multiple student organizations and over 100 individuals within the GW community.
- In the fall and winter of 2010, **BRIAN H.** worked closely with other universities and veteran service organizations to advocate on Capitol Hill for the Post 9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Improvements Act of 2010, which substantially improved GI bill benefits for hundreds of thousands of veterans around the country. It ultimately passed the Senate unanimously and was signed into law by President Obama on January 4, 2011. For his efforts, he received a signing pen from both President Obama and then-Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi.
- **CHRIS** interned with the GW Leadership Programs office in the Student Activities Center and created an exciting new leadership initiative, the Leadership Council, which will work on both individual and group leadership development in a yearlong cohort process.

## LEARNING

- **DANIEL** was selected into Beta Gamma Sigma, an international honor society, in recognition for placing in the top 10% of GW’s M.B.A. program.
- **DANIEL** traveled to Santiago, Chile during the summer of 2010 to study international business at the University of Chile with a focus on the Chilean wine industry.
- **DANIEL** and a team of five other students wrote a marketing plan for an MIT fitness device start-up company.
- As part of his placement, **BRIAN E.** helped coordinate the Homeland Security Policy Institute’s Ambassador Roundtable Series, which brings foreign ambassadors to campus for discussions on issues related to counterterrorism and counterinsurgency. He also worked to coordinate the Institute’s Policy and Research Forum, which hosts experts to discuss a range of homeland and national security issues.

- **BRIAN E.** was accepted into Middlebury College’s intensive Arabic language training program, an eight-week immersion program, which completely forbids the use of English.
- **BRITTANY** completed her M.P.H. practicum requirement as an intern at Sanofi Pasteur, the world’s largest vaccine manufacturer. In this role, Brittany worked under the Director of Immunization Policy and Government Relations and performed research, drafted memoranda, wrote and edited talking points, compiled slide decks, and attended a variety of meetings relevant to U.S. and global immunization policy issues.
- As a part of her placement in the SPHHS Dean’s Office, **BRITTANY** had the opportunity to travel to Denver, CO in November 2010 to represent SPHHS at the annual American Public Health Association meeting.
- **BRITTANY** was recently inducted into the Delta Omega Honorary Society in Public Health. Student membership in Delta Omega is based on scholastic performance and maintaining a cumulative GPA of 3.8 or higher, throughout a public health graduate degree program. In addition, Brittany served as a Chair’s Policy Scholar in the Department of Health Policy throughout her graduate studies.
- **SELAM** represented GW at the first Medical Education Partnership Initiative Symposium from March 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, in Johannesburg, South Africa.

- As part of her Culminating Experience, **SELAM** wrote a policy memo to Washington, DC councilmember Mary Cheh on how to increase breast-feeding rates among working mothers in the District.
- **DARNELL** served as a Learning Partner for the Alternative Winter Break trip to Guatemala in January. There, along with 18 GW students, he performed service projects and met with the President and First Lady of Guatemala.
- **SHAKIR** studied abroad during spring break in Nantes, France where he studied corporate social responsibility at Audencia University. He was accepted to the GW/Oxford law program where he will study international human rights this summer at Oxford.
- **SHAKIR** participated in a service-learning initiative at Ballou High School, where he met with students to develop and implement a service project.
- **NATALIE** recently completed her 200-hour level Yoga Alliance certification through GW’s Department of Exercise Science. Natalie is now registered as a certified yoga instructor through the Yoga Alliance. Look for her classes soon!
- **MEAGHAN** constructed, and now manages, a risk management database for the Department of Emergency Medicine providers that practice at Prince George’s Hospital Center.

Current PAFs and President Knapp at GW’s MLK Day of Service in January.



- **MEAGHAN** assisted with the administration of over 150 flu shots as part of the Department of Emergency Medicine's OnSite Medical Access Flu Shot Campaign 2010.
- **MEAGHAN** worked with the directors of the Innovative Practice section of the Department of Emergency Medicine to coordinate a telemedicine seminar series and summer institute.
- **DARNELL** and **CHRIS** helped welcome student leaders from across the District and the surrounding area at GW's Student Leadership Symposium, which was coordinated by incoming PAF, Jessica Mann.
- **TURA** was invited to attend the 2011 Association of Governing Boards National Conference in Los Angeles, California.
- **NATALIE** serves as a teaching assistant for Professor Emily Morrison's *Issues in Human Services* course, working with a group of 8-10 students each semester to develop community-based research projects, around the issues of social service provision and access in the Washington, DC area. Students present their findings each semester at the Center for Civic Engagement's Service-Learning Symposiums, sharing valuable information with the GW and DC communities.
- **NATALIE** has also spent the past two years working with the *Issues in Human Services* class to identify and map the social services available in metropolitan Washington, DC. In fall of 2010, Natalie launched The BRIDGE Project DC website, providing the DC community with an interactive social service resource hub (with currently over 700 resources listed). This project is an attempt to bridge the gap between information and access for those in need and the providers who strive to serve them.



While on their fall retreat, PAFs volunteered to clean up the Raccoon Point beach area in Somerset County, Maryland.

In addition to their numerous individual and small group accomplishments, the Fellows participated in many GW initiatives and community service projects:

- ..... The Luther Rice Society
- ..... Mentored DC high school students through the College Success Foundation
- ..... Fall 2010 Freshman Move-In
- ..... The 2010 Graduate Student Welcome Ceremony
- ..... GW's inaugural breakfast for DC Mayor Vincent Gray
- ..... Alumni Weekend 2010
- ..... Freshman Day of Service
- ..... Colonials Weekend 2010, featuring comedian Jimmy Fallon
- ..... GW Global Forum 2010
- ..... 2011 MLK Day of Service
- ..... Commencement Dinner and Commencement on the National Mall
- ..... The FRIENDS annual Foggy Bottom/West End Neighborhood Block Party
- ..... Fellowship information sessions for prospective applicants
- ..... The GW/Lindsey Ferris Memorial Invitational for Gymnastics and luncheon
- ..... Served as mentors to GW freshmen through the Guide to Personal Success program
- ..... The GW Service Excellence Celebration
- ..... The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Senior Prom, hosted by the Office of Community Service
- ..... The Office of Community Service's "Adopt-a-Family" program

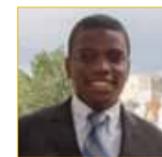
## MEET THE FELLOWS BIOGRAPHIES



**Daniel Bernstein, Voorhees, NJ, graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in sociology.** Bernstein will graduate with a Master in Business Administration, with a concentration in finance, in May 2011, with beta gamma sigma distinction. As an undergraduate, he served as a GW Student Association senator, a University Hearing Board justice, and a founding father and recruitment chairman for Sigma Chi Fraternity. Scholastically, Daniel is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, a GW Presidential Scholarship recipient, and an Outstanding Academic Achievement scholar. As a graduate student, Daniel has served as an Academic Integrity Council member, an M.B.A. student ambassador, and also volunteers his time with six freshmen mentees through the GPS program. Daniel has most recently worked in the Office of the President, as a member of the Innovation Task Force, and also at Capitol Partners, a private equity firm. His past internships include working at: Deloitte Consulting, LLP in their Strategy & Operations division, the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia Special Litigation Division, and HALT- An Organization of Americans for Legal Reform.



**Kelley Stokes, West Bloomfield, MI, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in English in May 2010.** She is currently pursuing a Master of Public Administration in nonprofit communications and marketing, and is placed as a communications specialist in the School of Engineering and Applied Science. During her first semester in the PAF program, Kelley worked as a development officer for the Luther Rice Society in the Division of Development and Alumni Relations. Kelley is a passionate advocate for GW and its community. As an undergraduate, she was heavily involved in campus life through activities such as the GW Troubadours a cappella group, 2008 Colonial Cabinet, and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. As a senior, she led the University's most successful Senior Class Gift campaign to date, raising over \$77,000 for various GW initiatives, and she was recognized as the 2010 Greek Woman of the Year. As an alumna, Kelley serves as a member of the Luther Rice Society advisory council and the Harmon Choral Associates Board.



**Darnell Cadette, Stone Mountain, GA, graduated in 2010 with a Bachelor of Arts in political science.** As an undergraduate, he maintained active campus participation through programs like the Colonial Cabinet, and he also explored service beyond the Foggy Bottom Campus through organizations like Teach for America and Jumpstart. He is currently pursuing a Master of Public Policy in the Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Public Administration. As a first-year Fellow, he has worked in the Office of Government, International and Community Relations. His focus has been on local Foggy Bottom and DC relations, where his efforts have been channeled towards strengthening GW's commitment to being a good neighbor, in and of DC.



**Brian Engel, Burnt Hills, NY, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in international affairs and political science.** He is pursuing a Master of Arts in Middle East studies. Brian's research interests include Middle East security issues, particularly as they relate to the Persian Gulf, and U.S. foreign policy in the region. As an undergraduate, Brian was a research assistant in the Institute for National Strategic Studies at the National Defense University and an intern in the Embassy of Iraq's Commercial Office. In 2009, he studied Arabic at the Qasid Arabic Institute in Amman, Jordan. Brian currently works in GW's Homeland Security Policy Institute.



**Anna Phillips, San Diego, CA, was a Fulbright Scholar to Uganda from 2008-2009, researching gender quotas and affirmative action policies for women in the Ugandan Parliament.** Anna was a Rhodes Scholar finalist in 2008. In 2006, she founded Girls Kick It!, a comprehensive women's sports empowerment program for women in Northern Uganda. The Girls Kick It! program has worked with over 300 women and competed in several countries, including the United States, Denmark, and a recent tournament in Brazil. Anna spent her winter break working in Uganda and visiting fellow PAF Selam Bedada in Ethiopia. She spent her spring break in Central America, conducting an impact evaluation for a USAID access to labor justice program. Anna also served as Care International's Kenyan American Soccer Exchange program coordinator, in conjunction with Nike, Inc. and the U.S. Department of State. Anna is pursuing a Master of Arts in international development studies with a focus on democracy and governance. She is currently placed in GW's Office of Corporate and Foundation Relations.



(Left to right) Darnell, Meaghan, and Brian E. show off their strength after zip-lining during the Fellowship's Fall Retreat.



**Brittany Plavchak**, Jefferson Hills, PA, graduated *summa cum laude* with a Bachelor of Science in public health (with a biology minor and premedical concentration) in 2009 and will receive her *Master of Public Health in health policy* in 2011.

Throughout Brittany's six years at GW, she interned with former U.S. Representative Melissa Hart (R-PA), worked as the first research assistant in a program on human subjects research and ethics at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, performed clinical and clerical duties as a student medical assistant for an internal medicine physician, and performed research for the GW Department of Health Policy on health disparities, obesity, menu labeling, and the health and wellness provisions of the Affordable Care Act. Brittany has also assisted Dean Lynn Goldman of SPHHS in her transition to campus and provided assistance in forming the first-ever dean's advisory council. She has represented the SPHHS at numerous public health events and conferences, including the most recent American Public Health Association meeting in Denver, Colorado. Lastly, she has compiled memoranda, talking points, presentations, etc. on pertinent vaccine policy issues for Sanofi Pasteur, one of the world's largest vaccine manufacturers. In addition to her professional duties, Brittany served on numerous task forces and committees at GW, including the SPHHS Curriculum Committee, the Urban Food Task Force, and the GW Institutional Review Board. Lastly, she has helped to facilitate an array of educational, service, networking, and professional development opportunities for students, in her role as President of the GW Public Health Student Association. Brittany was recently selected to Sanofi Pasteur's Management Associate Program, a three-year program that entails extensive rotational assignments in various sectors of the company, such as marketing and sales, strategic planning, public policy, and internal communications.



**Sandra Perez**, Boca Raton, FL, graduated *cum laude* with a Bachelor of Arts in political communication in 2009. Sandra will receive her Masters of Arts in global communication, with a concentration in communication and information technology in international affairs.

As a Fellow, she began by working at the GW Global Media Institute, as an associate producer for *The Kalb Report*, and completed the program as a project manager for the Office of Marketing & Creative Services. Sandra also assisted in starting a research consortium at the GW Institute for Corporate Responsibility to address the role of business and governance in promoting peace through sustainable commodities. Unrelated, she also is an avid flamenco dancer.



**Meaghan Smith**, Pleasant Valley, NY, graduated *magna cum laude* with a Bachelor of Science in public health and a minor in biological sciences. She is pursuing a Master of Public Health with a concentration in epidemiology.

Throughout her time at GW, Meaghan was a member of the NCAA Division 1 women's cross country team, where she served as team captain. Meaghan also served as a student representative on the Student Athlete Advisory Council, worked as a biomedical research assistant in the Department of Microbiology, Immunology and Tropical Medicine studying the human hookworm infective process, worked as a medical assistant at Capital Women's Care OB/GYN, volunteered with Project HEALTH at the Children's National Medical Center, volunteered at the Perry School Community Services Center with Bright Beginnings Inc., and completed her EMT-B certification for the District of Columbia. Meaghan also serves as a student representative on Provost Lerman's Medical Center Advisory Committee, and is a member of the Urban Food Task Force. She is most famous among the PAF cohort for being a member of "Team WIN." Meaghan is currently placed in the Department of Emergency Medicine.



**Chris Diaz**, Hollywood, FL, graduated *cum laude* with a Bachelor of Arts in criminal justice in 2009 and will be graduating this May with a Master of Arts in higher education administration.

He worked in the Colonial Inauguration Headquarters during his first year of PAF (and loved every sleepless minute of it), and this year, he had the privilege of working in the Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs. Chris has absolutely loved his six years at GW and in DC. Next year, Chris will be joining Teach For America in Jacksonville, Florida, where he will teach math. Chris has a sincere passion for education reform and truly believes in the TFA mission—that one day, all children in this country will have the opportunity to attain an excellent education. This year has been a perfect end to his time at GW and it recently got better with the addition of a signed Britney Spears t-shirt. Long live Queen Britney!



**Natalie Kaplan**, Greensboro, NC, a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Pi Alpha Alpha, graduated *summa cum laude* with a Bachelor of Arts in human services, and will complete her Master of Public Administration, with a concentration in urban geography, this May.

For the past five semesters, she has served as a teaching assistant for the Human Services program, working with students to map social services and create a comprehensive resource guidebook and interactive website for the District. In her first year of PAF, Natalie contributed to the building design and programming of the West Residence Hall and campus life center on the Mount Vernon Campus. Currently, Natalie works for the Center for Civic Engagement and Public Service, building capacity around service-learning and community engagement, through the synergy of academic course curriculum and co-curricular programming. Natalie also completed a 30-Day Challenge at Bikram Yoga Dupont in March, and will participate in the DC Triathlon this June. She just completed her Yoga Alliance certification through GW and is now a certified yoga instructor.

(Left to right) Brian E., Tura, and Meaghan at the 2010 Alumni Achievement Awards.



**Shakir Cannon-Moye**, Edgewater Park, NJ, graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration, with a dual concentration in finance and sport management and a minor in sociology. He is pursuing a Master of Business Administration with a concentration in strategic management.

Shakir supplements his graduate studies, and aspirations to pursue a career in management consulting, by working in Human Resources. He also serves on the Innovation Task Force and the Diversity and Inclusion Committee. Throughout his time at the University, Shakir has been involved in volunteer capacities through GW's chapter of Upward Bound, Big Brothers Big Sisters, RISE Mentoring Program, and as a mentor with LearnServe International. He currently performs research with the Institute for Corporate Responsibility on the development and implementation of public-private partnerships.



**Brian Hawthorne**, Washington, DC, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in geography and is now pursuing his Master of Professional Studies in political management.

Since coming home from Baghdad, Iraq in 2008, he has become deeply involved in veterans advocacy, first as Legislative Director and now as a Board Member for Student Veterans of America. He co-founded the GW Veterans organization and continues to work for veterans and their families, both at GW and around the nation. He is currently placed in the Office of Government, International and Community Relations, working on the University's federal and congressional portfolios.



**Tura Woods**, Queens, NY, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in international affairs and development studies, and is a first-year Fellow, placed in the Office of the President.

In this role, she serves as student liaison to the President, where she is responsible for communicating the needs of the student body to the University administration. In addition to her administrative work, Tura is also pursuing a Master of Arts in organizational science, where she is focused on management. As an undergraduate student, Tura was active in campus life, which included membership in Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Additionally, Tura has significant international experience, which has included academic projects in Jordan and Turkey.

(Left to right) Tura, Chris, Kelley, and Darnell at Senior Prom 2011, which Darnell and Tura hosted.



**Selam Bedada**, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, graduated in 2009 with a Bachelor of Science in international affairs, with a concentration in economics and development.

As a Fellow, Selam was placed in the GW Department of Health Policy and worked on the Sub-Saharan African Medical School Study (SAMSS). As a member of the SAMSS secretariat, Selam co-authored the findings of the SAMSS study, both in a report published by GW and in a *Lancet* medical journal article, published online in November of last year. Selam is currently working on the Medical Education Partnership Initiative (MEPI) research project at GW and is assisting in development of a web-based communications platform to connect medical schools in Africa to the Community of Excellence in Medical Education and Research. As part of the MEPI team, Selam traveled to Johannesburg, South Africa and represented GW at the first annual Medical Education Partnership Initiative Symposium. She graduates this year with a Master of Public Health with a focus in health policy. After graduation, Selam will transition to a full-time research associate position in the Department of Health Policy and will continue her dedicated work with MEPI.



**Collin Stevenson**, Lake Tapps, WA, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in international affairs and is pursuing a Master of Arts in Middle East studies.

As an undergraduate, he was a recipient of the GW Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Award, the Outstanding Student Service Award, and the Baer Award for Individual Excellence. This year, he served as a Learning Partner for the Alternative Break trip to Costa Rica. Collin is placed in the Center for Civic Engagement and Public Service and is dedicated to growing the culture of service at GW. He volunteered with Sudanese refugees in Cairo, Egypt last year. He also studied and worked with East African refugees, and for a national newspaper in Yemen, last summer. After graduation, Collin will be doing intelligence as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force.

Selam and Anna during Anna's visit to Selam's home in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.





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