



Presidential
Administrative Fellows

ANNUAL REPORT
2009-2010

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 key goals of research, service, community and learning have centralized the University's direction. 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 2009-2010 academic year.

2009–2010 PAF PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

RESEARCH

- As part of her placement at the Department of Health Policy, **BRITTANY** performs research and assists in the development of white papers and policy recommendations for the Strategies to Overcome and Prevent (STOP) Obesity Alliance. She compiled a side-by-side comparison of the House and Senate health reform bills and wrote a brief analysis of the key prevention and wellness provisions contained in both bills. In preparation for the Alliance's launch of the Task Force on Women, Brittany also performed research on the implications and adverse effects of obesity in women throughout their lives.
- As part of his placement in the Homeland Security Policy Institute, **JORDAN** researched the development of European counterterrorism policies and practices and published a paper featuring an interview with Noman Benotman, a former member of the Libyan Islamic Fighting Group and former associate of Osama bin Laden.
- **CHRIS D.** compiled and analyzed survey data from incoming GW freshmen and their parents to determine areas of success and improvement for the Colonial Inauguration orientation program.
- **ALYSCIA** provided analytical support for the GW Climate Action Plan, which is designed to mitigate the University's greenhouse gas emissions.
- For her new placement in the Elliott School during the inaugural year of the Global Women's Initiative, **ANNA** created an in-depth scoping document highlighting the myriad research, learning and service initiatives at GW for women's leadership. Highlights included clinics at the law school and a health professional training partnership with the government of Eritrea.
- As part of her placement on GW's Mount Vernon Campus, **NATALIE** researched living-learning programs that focus on sustainability for the Pelham Residence Hall Project. Her work in part resulted in a community garden, which will be maintained by students living in the hall, as well as other sustainability groups on campus.

SERVICE

- As the first two employees of the GW Center for Civic Engagement and Public Service, **COLLIN** and **JACQUELINE** have been working to engage students in service through career opportunities and service-learning. They were involved with the planning of the Celebration of Service gala event as well.
- **RYAN** and **COREY** joined their coworkers from GICR serving breakfast and dinner at Miriam's Kitchen, a local community organization that provides free homemade meals and high-quality support services to homeless men and women.
- With the Office of Cancer Survivorship in the GW Medical Center, **SARAH-JO** helped launch the *Healing with Basketball* program, which offers free Saturday clinics to local breast cancer survivors to rebuild physical strength and build a support network of other survivors.
- **KELLY** and other staff from the President's Office participated in the 2009 Foggy Bottom Clean-Up sponsored by the GW Student Association.
- **SARAH-JO** helped coordinate the GW Women's Athletics *Thinks Pink* initiative, which raised more than \$4500 for breast cancer research.



Chris Diaz plays with some children during Jumpstart for a Day, an educational carnival for Pre-K children at the end of April. Photo Credit: Collin Stevenson



The PAFs took advantage of the opportunity to meet Jon Stewart after his show during Colonials Weekend 2009.

COMMUNITY

- **CHRIS D.** organized training sessions for the incoming 2010 Colonial Cabinet as part of his placement in the Student Activities Center. The sessions included lessons on identifying the values and attributes each Cabinet member brings to freshmen orientation, as well as connecting the members with leaders from different University offices, including Housing, Admissions, Parent Services and many more.
- **JACQUELINE** works to coordinate opportunities for current service-learning professors on campus to share their experience and knowledge with their peers who are looking to add service-learning to their courses.
- In March, **ANNA** coordinated the panel discussion *What Lies Ahead: The Iraqi Elections, A Gendered Perspective*, which was open to the GW and DC communities. Arab press outlets and representatives from different international organizations also attended.
- Through her placement in Creative Management, **SARAH-JO** spearheaded several Spirit initiatives for GW's "Olympic" sports, such as women's soccer and lacrosse and men's water polo and tennis.
- **KELLY** embodied community through her placement as student liaison in the President's Office, helping students launch new endeavors, connecting students to University resources and implementing ideas to make GW better.
- As a project manager for the Pelham Residence Hall Project, **NATALIE** has carved a niche for herself, engaging students, faculty and staff to provide a forum for input on the building project and ensure the community space in Pelham Hall reaches its greatest potential.
- **ALYSCIA** helped coordinate the Open Enrollment Benefits Fairs through EVP&T. The fairs help staff and faculty from across the University better understand and take advantage of the benefits of being a GW community member.
- **SANDRA** was the associate producer for the 2009-2010 season of *The Kalb Report*, producing programs on war reporting and 60 Minutes, as well as a conversation with Rupert Murdoch.
- **CHRIS B.** and **SANDRA** assisted with the development and production of the GW/WETA *Your Life Your Money* program, dedicated to educating college students on personal financial planning and strategy.
- In an effort to build community among GW alumni working in politics, **CHRIS B.** founded and developed the Luther Rice Society Political Alliance to connect political alumni to each other and to the University. Chris B. also coordinated the launch event, which included David Gergen, Dana Bash (BA '93), Mark Warner (BA '77), President Knapp and SMPA Director Frank Sesno in the Caucus Room of the Russell Senate Office Building.
- To celebrate the 20th anniversary of Colonial Inauguration, **CHRIS B.** organized a reception that brought back more than 60 Cabinet alumni to campus.
- **JORDAN** launched and managed the Homeland Security Policy Institute internship program as part of the Institute's effort to engage undergraduates interested in homeland security and counterterrorism.
- This year **GINA** supervised three interns who coordinate the student volunteer work for Campaign GW, a branch of campus planning and development that engages GW community members regarding campus development projects. The group has gathered input on the Pelham redevelopment project, the 2010 Mount Vernon Campus Plan, the Smith Center renovation and many other projects.

LEARNING

- As a part of her placement, **BRITTANY** performed substantive research on civil rights issues in health care and helped to revamp a course syllabus for Associate Professor Joel Teitelbaum. Brittany is currently researching topics in comparative health policy and working alongside Teitelbaum and Assistant Professor Sara Wilensky to add a chapter on comparative health policy to the new edition of their *Health Policy and Law* textbook.
- Working to engage more students and faculty in service-learning through her placement at the Center for Civic Engagement and Public Service, **JACQUELINE** has coordinated the evaluation of 25 new course proposals and supported faculty as they add service to their curriculum.
- **KELLY** participated in a unique summer internship as a Staff Leadership Development Apprentice through the Division of the Executive Vice President and Treasurer. Among other activities, she coordinated a round table for staff to better understand how students can parlay work-study and other job experiences into marketable career skills.
- **ALYSCIA**, **KELLY** and **GINA** coordinated the fall 2009 professional development and training activities for incoming first and second-year Fellows.
- **RYAN** worked with the University's Haiti task force to organize *A Day for Haiti*. The day featured three panels—education and child welfare, short and long-term health needs and reconstruction—which brought together stakeholders from the NGO Community, US Congress and the Haitian Government. First Lady of Haiti and GW Alumna Elisabeth Preval attended the entire day's worth of events and praised GW for its continued commitment to her country.
- **GINA** forged a unique partnership between work and the classroom, completing an independent study while helping the Office of Sustainability launch a Green Office Assessment, which assists departments across the University in their sustainability efforts.
- **COREY** co-led a team of four GW community members on a trip to Xavier University to learn about their domestic Academic Service-Learning Semester, an innovative semester-long program which gives students the opportunity to live, learn and serve in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood, a disadvantaged community in Cincinnati.
- As part of the Global Media Institute's mission to advance the dialogue of the changing media environment, **SANDRA** has researched the development of digital global communities and models for new media.
- For his placement in the Office of the Senior Vice President and General Counsel, **DANIEL** conducted a review of affirmative action practices at GW to ensure they were in compliance with current regulations.

The PAFs participated in a flag football tournament in the fall and took third place in a dodgeball tournament in the spring. Both events were sponsored by GradLife.



2009-2010 PAF AMBASSADORIAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

RESEARCH

- For the past two years, **NATALIE** has co-led the BRIDGE Project (Bridging Resources in DC to Guide and Educate), an initiative to map nonprofit organizations throughout the city and connect them with those living in poverty in DC. During the summer, she and her colleagues in the Human Services program presented the concept at the 5th annual International Conference on Civic Education in Nashville.
- As a member of President Knapp's Innovation Task Force Business Process Group, **CHRIS B.** conducted research on career services at GW and worked with key stakeholders to develop recommendations for change and improvement.
- **JORDAN** participated in an inaugural month-long program on nuclear non-proliferation at Brookhaven National Laboratory. The program was hosted by the National Nuclear Security Administration and featured delegates from 20 different colleges and universities.
- While a learning partner for the Alternative Spring Break trip to Miami, **CHRIS D.** and his group presented on *Pathways to College* for students in a local juvenile detention center.

SERVICE

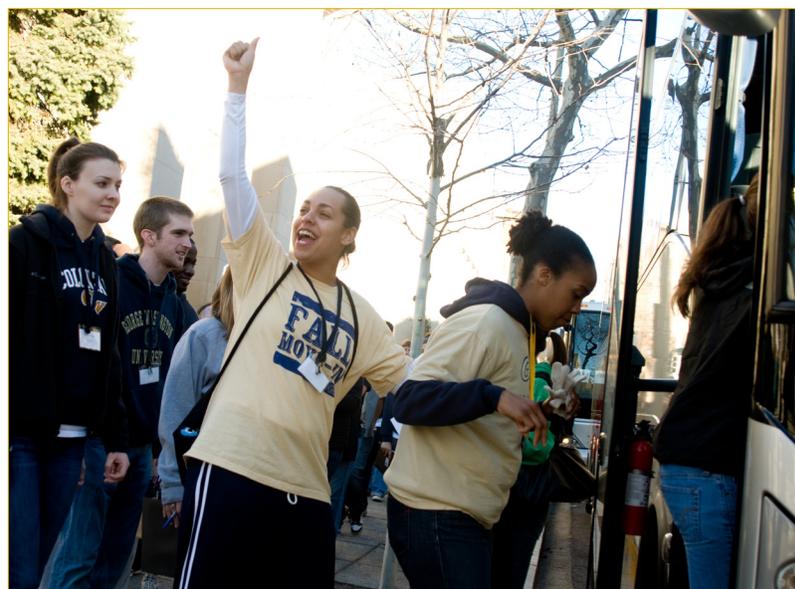
- **JACQUELINE** was elected to the Board of Directors at National Organizations for Youth Safety (NOYS), a 501c3 focused on youth health and safety.
- **BRITTANY** and **CHRIS D.** organized PAF participation in Jumpstart for a Day, an annual educational carnival for DC Pre-K students on GW's Mount Vernon Campus.
- **RYAN** served as a learning partner for the Alternative Winter Break trip to Cusco, Peru. Participants plastered the walls of a new community center in a rural town. Overall, the preparation and service performed on the trip added more than 500 hours to the tally to First Lady Michelle Obama's Service Challenge.
- **CHRIS B.** presented as a finalist in the We Media competition in Miami, which seeks ideas on how to use media to improve society. Brooks' MiCAST.org concept closes the loop between old and new media to provide timely, actionable information to people in the heart of a natural disaster.
- **JACQUELINE** and **COLLIN** served as learning partners for Alternative Winter Break New Orleans, joined by **GINA** and **CHRIS B.** as well. The group worked on a Habitat for Humanity site and to set up a new volunteer camp in New Orleans.
- A group of eight Fellows spent a Saturday in April assisting a Habitat build site in DC's Capital Heights neighborhood (Ward 7).
- **ANNA** brought *Girls Kick It!* participants to GW. The women were introduced to many GW students and administrators, played soccer with the GW Women's Soccer team and toured the Nation's Capital. *Girls Kick It!* is a soccer program that promotes teamwork and confidence among Ugandan women.
- **KELLY** ran in the 34th annual Marine Corps Marathon in October. The marathon was created to promote goodwill among the Marine Corps community and serve as a recruiting tool for the Corps.
- **CHRIS D.** served as a learning partner for the first-ever Alternative Spring Break trip to Miami. Chris' group partnered with the Miami-Dade Juvenile Services Department, assisting and learning about the case management process for Miami's juvenile justice system. The experience helped Chris define his career goals, which include becoming a high school principal.

Chris, Jacq, Gina and Collin helped build houses with Habitat for Humanity in New Orleans during Alternative Winter Break.



COMMUNITY

- **JACQUELINE** is working to recognize GW students, staff and volunteers through the President's Volunteer Service Award initiative and the DC Mayor's Community Service Awards.
- **CHRIS D.** represented the PAFs on the GradLife Programming Council, which provides graduate students with co-curricular and community development opportunities.
- **GINA, KELLY, ALYSCIA** and **CHRIS B.** all worked with the President's Office to launch the Innovation Task Force, which is focused on identifying creative ideas to make GW more efficient, effective and innovative.
- **CHRIS D.** and incoming Fellow **DARNELL CADETTE** helped coordinate the 2009 Student Leadership Symposium, hosted each year by the Student Activities Center.
- During the fall semester, **ANNA** sat on GW's task force on the global status of women, which evolved into her new placement in the Global Women's Initiative at the Elliott School.
- **ALYSCIA** was a panel coordinator for the Service Excellence Celebration.
- **KELLY** spearheaded the inaugural graduate student welcome ceremony, a "mini Colonial Inauguration" for graduate students, which featured a services fair, a barbecue and other programs to introduce incoming graduate students to GW and DC life.
- **KELLY** and former Fellow **TTTI WILLIAMS-DAVIES** are members of the board for the GW Black Alumni Association, which strengthens the GW black alumni network and coordinates opportunities for current students to connect with members of the network.
- As members of the GW Public Service Advisory Council, **COLLIN, COREY** and **JACQUELINE** provided recommendations and helped implement ideas for GW's newly launched Center for Civic Engagement and Public Service.
- **GINA** and **SANDRA** represented the PAF classes of 2010 and 2011 in the second-round interviews for the incoming PAF class, allowing them to gain a unique perspective on the PAF selection process and giving the selection committee recommendations from current Fellows.
- **CHRIS B.** and **RYAN** organized and led a whitewater rafting leadership retreat for the Fellows in West Virginia to identify strengths, weaknesses and goals of the organization.
- **DANIEL** worked to forge a Jewish graduate community on campus, coordinating an event sponsored by Dean Frederick Lawrence and President Emeritus Stephen Joel Trachtenberg in the School of Media and Public Affairs.



Sarah-Jo Lawrence leads GW's first-year students on the Freshmen Day of Service, September 11, 2009. Photo credit: Jessica McConnell

LEARNING

- **ANNA, GINA** and Fellowship Coordinator Toby Davidow represented the PAF program at two higher education conferences in March.
- **ANNA** taught a leadership development class for 7th grade students at her local synagogue.
- **JACQUELINE** travels around the country speaking to younger students about drug and alcohol abuse prevention, teen driver safety, media literacy and public speaking, through various non-profit organizations.
- In April, **SARAH-JO** helped coordinate this year's Jackie Robinson tribute through the Multicultural Student Services Center. The event honored Robinson's contribution to society and baseball.
- **KELLY** coordinated student participation in the selection of GW's next provost. PAFs participated in the selection process along with undergraduate student leaders.
- **ALYSCIA** launched a rotational undergraduate internship program with EVP&T, allowing students the opportunity to see the University from various operational perspectives.
- **COLLIN** serves as co-chair of the sub-committee on public service careers through his placement in the Center for Civic Engagement and Public Service. The committee brings together career development staff from across the University to collaborate on opportunities to enhance public service career tracks for GW students and alumni.
- **COREY** participated in the 2009 National Conference on Volunteering and Service in San Francisco with two other GW staff members. The program was headlined by First Lady Michelle Obama and Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and featured workshops and forums that allowed participants to learn about and be inspired by innovative service efforts across the country.
- With the help of several other Fellows, **CHRIS B.** organized a dinner celebration to commemorate 20 years of PAF service and the endowment of the Lindsey Ferris Memorial Scholarship.

2009-2010 PAF ACADEMIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS

RESEARCH

- **BRITTANY** has completed several research papers and policy analyses on various topics, including the role of primary care in combating childhood obesity; the implications of a tax on sugary beverages to promote healthier eating and reduce the escalating rates of obesity and chronic disease; the controversy surrounding a mandatory H1N1 vaccination requirement for health care workers and the role of the public health system in addressing and mitigating climate change.
- During her time as a Fulbright Scholar last year, **ANNA** studied the role of gender quotas in the Ugandan parliament.
- **RYAN** recently wrote a paper advising defense planners on lessons that can be learned from the current two conflicts that the United States is engaged in, to improve “justice in war” in future battle space. Through an assessment of the Just War theory, Ryan explored “justice in war” to determine how morality can be applied in non-conventional wars against non-state actors.
- For her tourism research course, **SARAH-JO** conducted research on ticketholder satisfaction and game day experiences for the GW Men’s Basketball team.
- **CHRIS B.** and **JACQUELINE** spent a week during Spring Break in Cyprus exploring the role of business in the peace process for the conflict between the Greeks and the Turks and applying it to their research of the conflicts in Haiti and Cote d’Ivoire, respectively.
- **NATALIE** researched the link between food security and economic sustainability in the District for her course on Urban Sustainability. She also examined the viability of local and organic farmers’ markets in DC.
- **SANDRA** has been researching the effect of cultural diplomacy on international relations and whether it can result in the cessation of hostile relations.
- **ALYSCIA** consulted with the AARP Foundation on best practices for managing late stage organizational change and messaging.
- **CHRIS B.** looked at pop-up retail and applied the concept to make a case for the idea of “pop-up social change” to quickly and effectively solve social problems with little structure or investment.
- As part of his schoolwork in security policy, **JORDAN** wrote a paper on lessons for counterterrorism from the Dhofar insurgency in Oman. His paper was supplemented by his experience in Oman as a Critical Language Scholar last summer.
- For his state and local management course, **COREY** conducted a benchmarking analysis of Fairfax County and Alexandria City Public Schools.
- As part of her assessment class **GINA** worked with Landon Wade in the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences to develop an assessment system for the College’s advising program.

SERVICE

- **BRITTANY** serves as the student representative on the SPHHS Curriculum Committee and as an alternate student member on the GW Institutional Review Board. She also participated in the student meetings with each of the finalists in the SPHHS Dean search.
- **JACQUELINE** is working with a nonprofit to identify opportunities to address childhood obesity through her capstone course in Public Policy.
- During summer 2009, **COLLIN** participated in an internship with Youth Lead, an NGO in Cairo that alleviates conflict in the Sudanese refugee community. Conflict resolution is one of Collin’s professional fields in the Elliott School.
- **ALYSCIA** served as a panel member and presiding officer for the Office of Academic Integrity.
- **NATALIE** serves as a teaching assistant for Associate Professor Honey Nashman’s Issues in Human Services course. As part of her role, Natalie assists students in writing intensive research papers on a human services issue about which they are passionate (such as the effects and implications of after-school tutoring in DC public schools and the relationship between HIV/AIDS rates and public housing).
- **CHRIS B.** served on the selection committee for the School of Media and Public Affairs Robert and Christine Staub Faculty Excellence Award.
- **DAN** served on the Academic Integrity Council, as well as the appeals board for the Dean of Students office.
- During her year as a Fulbright Scholar in Uganda, **ANNA** created *Girls Kick It!*, a soccer program that promotes teamwork and confidence among Ugandan women. She has continued the program this year, creating annual benchmarks for participants and conducting a study regarding the price of chicken and eggs to help the participants create sustainable income by building and operating chicken houses.

During alumni weekend, the PAFs volunteered at Capital Area Food Bank.



COMMUNITY

- As both the treasurer and advocacy chair of the Public Health Student Association (PHSA), **BRITTANY** is highly engaged in SPHHS initiatives and service opportunities and has helped to organize and plan several academic and community-oriented events over the course of the year, including a health reform panel discussion and a public health career fair.
- CHRIS D.** presented on GW's on-campus veterans' services and their implications for modern higher education for his Student Affairs class. Highlights included GW's participation in the Yellow Ribbon program through the G.I. Bill and the hiring of veterans affairs coordinators in the division of Student and Academic Support Services.
- DANIEL** and **ALYSCIA** served as admissions liaisons for the MBA program.
- CHRIS B.** helped coordinate and spoke at a stewardship luncheon to thank Larry King for his generous scholarship support of GW students.

LEARNING

- BRITTANY** and **SELAM** are members of the Chair's Policy Scholars Program, a program established by Sara Rosenbaum, Chair of the GW Department of Health Policy, to provide students with scholarly, professional and networking opportunities with health policy experts.
- CHRIS B.** and two other students from the Graduate School of Political Management received a prestigious Gold Pollie award for "Best Video" for their negative ads against Governor Corzine.
- CHRIS D.** attended a symposium on research and innovations in higher education and wrote a paper on his experience for his higher education graduate program.



On October 18, 2009, PAFs Ryan Evans (third from left) and Corey Barenbrugge (second from right) and PAF Preceptors Bernard Demczuk, Assistant Vice President for DC Relations (first from left) and Michael Akin, Assistant Vice President for Government, International, Community Relations (second from left) volunteered at the annual Foggy Bottom/West End Neighborhood Block Party.

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

The 2009 Student Leadership Symposium hosted by the Student Activities Center

Open Enrollment Benefits Fair with EVP&T

The annual President's Dinner: A Celebration of Service

Placed 3rd in a dodgeball tournament and participated in a flag football tournament hosted by GradLife

Colonials Weekend 2009 featuring comedian Jon Stewart

Fall 2009 Freshman Move-In

Commencement Dinner and Commencement on the National Mall

Sorting canned goods with the Capital Area Food Bank

Helping to restore Roosevelt High School in NW during MLK Day of Service

The Office of Community Service's "Adopt-a-Family" program

A Veterans' Day event hosted by Service Nation and headlined by Michelle Obama and Jill Biden in Lisner Auditorium

Met with provost candidate finalists to discuss GW student issues

The FRIENDS annual Foggy Bottom/West End Block Party

The GW Holiday Party hosted by University Events

Fellowship information sessions for prospective applicants

Jumpstart for a Day, an educational carnival for Pre-K students on the Mount Vernon Campus

The GW/Lindsey Ferris Memorial Gymnastics Tournament

The Kalb Report, produced jointly by The George Washington University's Global Media Institute, Harvard's Joan Shorenstein Center and the National Press Club

Served as mentors to more than 70 freshmen through the Guide to Personal Success program

The Service Excellence Celebration hosted by Student and Academic Support Services

Toby Davidow Appreciation Week, created by the PAFs to honor our mentor and coordinator

The housewarming party for South Hall, which opened at the beginning of the fall semester

The 9th Annual Senior Prom hosted by the Office of Community Service

WHO WE ARE BIOGRAPHIES



Corey Barenbrugge, Geneva, IL, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in political communication. As an undergraduate he served as a project assistant in the Office of Government, International and Community Relations (GICR), working across the University to implement and promote large-scale service initiatives. He also worked as vice president for community affairs in the Student Association and a student representative to the GW Board of Trustees External Affairs Committee. This year he is placed in GICR continuing his work on service initiatives, as well as writing the GW Minute, a monthly publication for DC community leaders and helping to coordinate communication efforts with the First Lady's office regarding Mrs. Obama's Service Challenge.

POLITICAL COMMUNICATION BA '09
STATE AND LOCAL MANAGEMENT MPA '11



Selamawit Bedada, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in international affairs and economics. Selam is a 2007 recipient of GW's Martin Luther King, Jr. Award and served as an intern for UNICEF. She was a member of the Colonial Cabinet, a house scholar for GW Housing Programs, an international student ambassador for the International Services Office and a student supervisor with the GW University Police Department. Additionally, Selam was a GW Presidential Academic Scholarship recipient and served as founder and president of GW-UNICEF. Selam is pursuing a Master of Public Health degree with a concentration in health policy and a graduate certificate in HIV/AIDS studies.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND ECONOMICS BA '09
HEALTH POLICY MPH '11



Daniel Bernstein, Voorhees, NJ, a member of Phi Beta Kappa, graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in sociology. Daniel was a GW Presidential Merit Scholarship recipient and an Outstanding Academic Achievement scholar. Additionally, he served as a GW Student Association senator, a University Hearing Board justice, and founding father and recruitment chairman for Sigma Chi Fraternity. Through the GW Shapiro Public Service Fellowship, Daniel interned with the DC Public Defender's Office Special Litigation Division and HALT (Help Abolish Legal Tyranny), an organization of Americans for Legal Reform in 2006 and 2007. He serves as an MBA Admissions Ambassador and is a member of the Academic Integrity Council. This year, he worked in the Office of the Senior Vice President and General Counsel. Next year, Daniel will transition to his new placement with the Innovation Task Force working on business process improvement and project management. This summer he will be participating in a short-term study abroad to Santiago, Chile and Buenos Aires, Argentina with his international business class studying their major industries and meeting with executives from both the private and public sectors.

SOCIOLOGY BA '09
INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MBA '11



Chris Brooks, New Egypt, NJ, a member of Phi Beta Kappa, earned a Bachelor of Arts in political communication and a Master's from the Graduate School of Political Management this year. As a Fellow,

Chris served as a development officer in the University's Leadership Annual Giving Department with the Luther Rice Society. Under his leadership, the University created both an internal working group responsible for coordinating the various political activities across campus and an external industry alliance designed to allow all of GW's politically oriented alumni to reconnect with the University and network with each other in an effort to trigger their philanthropic interest in the University. Prior to starting his placement, Chris worked at the 2008 GOP Convention as the deputy director of online communications. Chris is excited to become an active alumnus and will join the Digital Media Practice for Levick Strategic Communications working to meet the needs of various crisis communications and public affairs clients.

POLITICAL COMMUNICATION BA '09
POLITICAL MANAGEMENT MA '10



Christopher Diaz, Hollywood, FL, is pursuing a Master of Arts in Higher Education Administration. Chris is currently placed in the Colonial Inauguration Office, which will be celebrating its 20th anniversary this summer.

He also advises the 22 non-social Greek lettered organizations on campus. Additionally, he was the learning partner for alternative spring break in Miami, where he assisted with issues of juvenile justice and truancy along with twelve other students. On May 9, Chris completed a four-month journey, training and mentally preparing for a half-marathon.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE BA '09
HIGHER EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION MA '11



Alyscia Eisen, Cortland Manor, NY, graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration in sport, event and hospitality management with a minor in political science. Alyscia was captain of the GW cheerleading team, a GW 101 mentor and a community facilitator. She also was involved in the Finance and Investing Club and the Pre Law Fraternity. Alyscia has worked with the Washington Nationals as a part of their spirit team—the NAT Pack, served as a student peer preceptor for an undergraduate business writing class, and worked as a law clerk and marketing assistant for Simeon and Miller. She graduated this year with a Master of Business Administration with a focus in finance and strategic management. After graduation, Alyscia will transition to a full-time associate position with the Business Management and Analysis Group within GW's Office of Finance.

SPORT, EVENT AND HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT BBA '08
FINANCE AND STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT MBA '10



Ryan Evans, Niskayuna, NY, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in international affairs and Latin American studies. As an undergraduate, Evans was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, Order of the Omega Honor Society and Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Honor Society. Additionally, Ryan interned with the U.S. Department of State, the Office of Senate Majority Leader Harry S. Reid and the Office of Senator Hillary Clinton. Ryan was placed in the Office of Government, International and Community Relations for two years where his portfolio covered the Federal Government on issues ranging from higher education to veterans' affairs. Ryan was a member of the University's Haiti task force to organize *A Day for Haiti*, which featured a fundraiser and panel discussions on the short and long-term needs of the country.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES BA '08
SECURITY POLICY STUDIES MA '10



Frederick Jordan Evert, Madison, WI, spent two years as a PAF at GW's Homeland Security Policy Institute. His primary areas of interest include the Middle East and international security issues. In June 2009, Jordan participated in *Nuclear Nonproliferation Safeguards and Security*, an inaugural program sponsored by the National Nuclear Security Administration. He studied Arabic in Oman as a 2008 recipient of the Department of State Critical Languages Scholarship. In 2007, Jordan was the GW delegate to the 59th annual Student Conference on U.S. Affairs at West Point, where he contributed to a policy paper on weapons and materials proliferation. Jordan graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the Elliott School in 2008 and with a Master of Arts in security policy studies this year.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BA '08
SECURITY POLICY STUDIES MA '10



Gina Fernandes, Redmond, WA, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in international affairs. During her undergraduate career, she was the student coordinator for Campaign GW, a member of the Colonial Cabinet and served on the Presidential Task Force on Campus Safety and Security. Gina also was a coxswain for four years with the GW Crew Team. As a PAF Gina was placed with the Office of Real Estate, where she continued to oversee and expand Campaign GW and implemented the Green Office Assessment, which assists University departments with their sustainability efforts.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BA '08
HIGHER EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION MA '10



Jacqueline Hackett, Harleysville, PA, received her bachelor's degree in political science (public policy focus) and human services. Active in drug and alcohol prevention, Jacqueline sits on the Board of Directors for National Organizations for Youth Safety, and works with Students Against Destructive Decisions, with whom she testified to Congress regarding the "Sober Truth on Preventing Underage Drinking" Act. Jacqueline was placed with Colonial Inauguration for the first year of the Fellowship, serving as the Acting Director of the program, and currently serves with the GW Center for Civic Engagement and Public Service focused on enhancing service-learning opportunities and awareness across campus.

POLITICAL SCIENCE AND HUMAN SERVICES BA '08
PUBLIC-PRIVATE POLICY AND MANAGEMENT MPP '10



Natalie Kaplan, Greensboro, NC, a member of Phi Beta Kappa, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in human services. She is pursuing a Master of Public Administration with a concentration in urban geography. For the past three 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 for the District. Her current placement is with the Office of the Associate Vice President and Dean of Freshmen where she has contributed to the building design and programming of the new Pelham Residence Hall and Campus Life Center on the Mount Vernon Campus. Natalie is also the Assistant Manager of Bikram Yoga Dupont and will complete her yoga instructor certification through GW in spring 2011.

HUMAN SERVICES BA '09
URBAN GEOGRAPHY MPA '11



Sarah-Jo Lawrence, Alexandria, VA, graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in communication and sociology. Sarah-Jo was a student-athlete on the GW women's basketball team and named Atlantic-10 Student-Athlete of the Year, Third Team Academic All-American by CoSIDA/ESPN the Magazine, and recipient of a Women's Basketball Coaches Association Scholarship. Off the court, Sarah-Jo was on the A-10 Commissioner's Honor Roll each semester and served as president of the Jackie Robinson Society in 2008. In addition, for two years Sarah-Jo headed the Christian student organization, Athletes In Action and participated in the Athletes In Action USA women's basketball team, which won bronze at the International Jones Cup tournament played in Taipei, Taiwan during the summer of 2007. Sarah-Jo will graduate from the School of Business with a Master of Tourism Administration degree with a concentration in sports management.

COMMUNICATION AND SOCIOLOGY BA '08
SPORTS MANAGEMENT MTA '10



Kelly S. Leon, Los Angeles, CA, earned a Bachelor of Arts in English in 2008 and a Master of Arts in organizational management this year. Kelly was placed in the Office of the President and served as student liaison

to the president during her tenure as a PAF. She also served as Student Services Liaison for the GW Black Alumni Association. Kelly plans to remain in the District following graduation and continue her involvement with the GW Black Alumni Association. She will also begin working for the District of Columbia Public School system as a member of Chief of Staff Lisa Ruda's Critical Response Team.

ENGLISH BA '08

ORGANIZATIONAL MANAGEMENT MA '10



Sandra Pérez, Boca Raton, FL, is pursuing a Master of Arts in global communication, specializing in communication and information technology in international affairs. Sandra graduated with

a Bachelor of Arts in political communication, with minors in journalism and spanish language and literature. As a first year Fellow, she was the associate producer for The Kalb Report at the GW Global Media Institute. Next year Sandra will be placed with the Division of External Relations. She has worked as a production assistant with Thomson Reuters, an intern at the investigative unit with a West Palm Beach NBC affiliate and at Fox News Channel. As an undergraduate, Sandra was a Dean's Scholar in Globalization, traveling to South America and Asia to study the global effects of AIDS.

POLITICAL COMMUNICATION BA '09

GLOBAL COMMUNICATION MA '11



Anna Phillips, San Diego, CA, a member of Phi Beta Kappa, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in international affairs.

She 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 an upcoming tournament in Brazil. Anna also served as Care International's Kenyan American Soccer Exchange program coordinator in conjunction with Nike Inc and the US State Department. While at GW, she played for GW Women's Rugby and was a founding member of Students Take Action Now: Darfur. Anna is pursuing a Master of Arts in international development studies with a focus on democracy and governance. She is currently placed at GW Global Women's Initiative working to help build a preeminent Institute on campus.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BA '08

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STUDIES MA '11



Brittany Plavchak, Jefferson Hills, PA, graduated with a Bachelor of Science in public health and is currently pursuing a Master of Public Health with a concentration in health policy. Brittany

works as a Research Assistant with the GW Department of Health Policy, where she provides general support and administrative assistance to the Department's Vice Chair for Academic Affairs and performs research and assists in the development of white papers and policy recommendations for the Strategies to Overcome and Prevent (STOP) Obesity Alliance. Brittany has been selected to the Chair's Scholars Program in Health Policy, and she serves as the student representative on the SPHHS Curriculum Committee, an alternate student member on the GW Institutional Review Board, as Treasurer and Advocacy Chair of the GW Public Health Student Association, and as an active member of Balance: The GW Ballet Group.

PUBLIC HEALTH BS '09

HEALTH POLICY MPH '11



Collin Stevenson, Lake Tapps, WA, graduated with a degree in international affairs and is pursuing a Master of Arts in Middle East studies. As an undergraduate he was

a recipient of the GW Martin Luther King, Jr. Award, the Outstanding Student Service Award, and the Baer Award for Individual Excellence. This year, he was a learning partner for the Alternative Breaks trip to New Orleans and continued as a member of the GW Cross Country team. Collin is placed in the Center for Civic Engagement and Public Service where he is leading the Center's efforts to promote public service careers among GW students. Last summer he volunteered in Cairo with Youth-LEAD, a Non-Governmental Organization alleviating conflict within the Sudanese refugee community. Collin has earned two grants to continue his Arabic study and work with a conflict mitigation practice in Sana'a, Yemen this June. Collin is a commissioned Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BA '09

MIDDLE EAST STUDIES MA '11



Gina Fernandez participated in "Buzzing 4 Change" in April 2010. Gina donated a foot of hair to "Locks of Love." She raised \$2000 for "Special Love for Children." Photo credit: Jessica McConnell



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