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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

In 1989, President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg created a program that offers The George Washington University's graduating seniors an opportunity to gain invaluable educational and professional experience. Because of President Trachtenberg's initiative, the Office of the Senior Vice President for Student and Academic Support Services sponsors the Presidential Administrative Fellowship Program (PAF).

The program allows selected GW seniors to obtain a masters degree while concurrently working at an administrative position within the University. In return, the Fellows are asked to contribute to the advancement of The George Washington University community through academic, professional and personal involvement.

The PAF program requires a two-year commitment. In order to provide for maximum support to the Fellows, each Fellow will receive tuition and fees up to a maximum of 42 credit hours in a graduate program, a housing stipend and wages, which support their site placement. The Fellowship is designed so that classroom education, professional experiences and interactions with staff and administrators complement each other to provide a beneficial learning experience in leadership and administration.

The mission of the program is to advance the objectives and reputation of The George Washington University through the philanthropic, academic, professional and personal contributions of its Fellows. Its vision: through the active participation in community service and University events, ambassadorial attendance at functions, involvement in professional and personal development activities, and the development of meaningful relationships with students, faculty, administrators, and alumni of the GW community, the Presidential Administrative Fellows endeavor to make an enduring impact on the GW community, and beyond.

We are now able to see that the University investment over the past 18 years is being paid in great dividends. The 20th Anniversary class will begin in 2007-2009, at which point we will have had more than 80 students who have participated in the program since its inception in 1989.

Additionally, the Fellowship is starting to reap the type of rewards that President Trachtenberg envisioned when he created the program nearly 2 decades ago. For example, two former PAFs having recently served as Young Alumni Trustees on the Board (Tony Sayegh and Kristy McDonnell Ortiz), several continue to serve on the GWAA or local alumni boards (Lindsey Davidson, Jeff Marootian, Heather Malkin) or have chaired their reunion committee (Rodney Salinas). Other alumni Fellows serve as career mentors, help recruit GW students for Undergraduate Admissions, or work with their individual major, school, or college. Likewise, two current Fellows continue to serve the University as current GW administrative staff members (Joe Bondi and Alicia O'Neil).

This tradition of University service certainly is appropriate, but we also have tried to cultivate the financial contributions from the Fellows as well. As a group, the Fellows themselves have been instrumental in working to raise money, primarily through a named fund in honor of the first deceased Fellow, Ms. Lindsey Ferris, PAF class of 2003, who died suddenly in December 2005. To date, the Lindsey Ferris PAF Memorial Fund stands just past \$40,000, less than \$10,000 shy of its initial goal.

TESTIMONIALS FROM PAST AND CURRENT FELLOWS

"The role PAFs play is not simply about making a better GW. It is about how GW, as the only institution of its kind, its geography, and its ability, can be improved in its service to America and all of humanity. The George Washington University is ultimately about the transformational power found in learning, discovery and creativity when it is guided by the finest teachers and researchers; it is about the kind of wisdom earned only by putting mileage on the meter; and it is about the constitution of values, ethics and cosmic purpose without which all knowledge is a rudderless ship. These are the contributions forged and tested within the embrace of GW's culture. And isn't it true that these are the very same contributions that will result in a better, healthier, more prosperous, and more peaceful world".

John David Morris BA '90, MPA 1993
1st Presidential Administrative Fellow

"The PAF program offered so much to me, and not just a graduate education, but friends, confidence and an opportunity to accomplish more than I thought I was capable of. I am quite glad to hear the program now has 13 fellows who get to share in this remarkable experience. As I have been for the past 7+ years, I've been working in the area of medicine and public health (marketing and communications). These past two years I have focused on Crisis and Emergency risk preparedness at the federal, state and local public health levels. I've been across the country providing training on this topic for the CDC and am thrilled to see GW providing education in this important field."

Jenny-Rebecca Schmitt (Brown) BA '93, MA 1995

"The PAF program gave me the ability to give back to GW while allowing me to get a great education and professional experience. I am so thankful and honored to be part of the PAF family."

Lina Musayev, BA '05, MPA Candidate 2007
Graduating Fellow

"The greatest opportunity the PAF program has given me is to give back to a University that has given so much to me. Working in the Admissions Office and meeting the next generation of GW students truly allows me to give back in the best possible way. To be able to work with administrators and my fellow PAF's has been an honor and I look forward to the remainder of my PAF experience."

Ross D. Mankuta, BA '06, MA Candidate 2008
First-Year Fellow

"PAF has granted me the opportunity to learn about the University from the inside out while applying the knowledge from my graduate classes. Without this program, I would not be able to so intimately connect my work experience with my education, and for those skills, I am grateful."

Carrie Warick, BA '06, MPP Candidate 2008
First-Year Fellow

AY 2006-2007 ANNUAL REPORT

The Presidential Administrative Fellows are representatives of The George Washington University Community in a variety of ways, both as a group and as individuals. The following is a report of AY 2006-2007 PAF placements and activities. In addition to our academic endeavors and our site placement activities, fulfilling our ambassadorial function was a primary focus this year, whether through events, committee work, or volunteer service to the city or campus. The Fellows hope to provide service on and off campus as a way to expand the knowledge and awareness of the program through strategic partnerships and effect positive change on-campus and across the Washington, DC area.

This year has been a particularly special one. President Trachtenberg's final year as GW President provided a wonderful opportunity to look back at the progress made by the PAF program and reflect on the contributions of this unique set of student leaders involved in the campus community. This annual report seeks to display the importance and emphasize the substance of this program to The George Washington community. The investment made in this program proves to be a worthwhile one. Past Fellows have gone on to become trustees of the university, distinguished academicians, and true success stories in both the public and private sectors. Most importantly, the Presidential Administrative Fellows are deeply committed to this University well beyond graduation, and remain indebted to this fine institution.

This report presents brief biographies of the Presidential Administrative Fellows, their placements and activities throughout this academic year.

Ravindran Alfreds, BA '06, MA Candidate 2008

Having grown up in cities such as Rome, Frankfurt, Tokyo and finally in Singapore, it is little wonder that Ravindran Alfreds knew from a relatively young age he was going to pursue both an education and a career in international affairs. Ravi received his B.A. in International Affairs and is currently pursuing an M.A in Security Policy Studies at the Elliott School of International Affairs. Ravi completed two and a half years of mandatory National Service in the Singapore Armed Forces as an Infantry Platoon Sergeant prior to beginning his fellowship.

In the past four years, Ravi has had the opportunity to experience almost every facet of GW. As a freshman, he was a Founding Father of the Theta Zeta Chapter of Pi Kappa Phi, later going on to serve in multiple elected and appointed leadership roles, before being elected to the Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC) Executive Board. In addition to that, he was also a peer advisor for the Elliott School his junior year, before being selected to serve as the Student Coordinator of the entire peer advising program his senior year.

Currently, a first year Fellow, he is placed in the GW Homeland Security Policy Institute, a unique think and do tank that is non-partisan and deals with homeland security issues on a local, state and national level. He serves as a member of the Board of Alumni Advisors of the Theta Zeta Chapter of Pi Kappa Phi and as the Social Co-Chair of the Elliott School Graduate Student Forum (GSF).

Jessica Beaman, BS '05, MPH Candidate 2007

Jessica Beaman, is currently a second year fellow. She is assisting the Associate Dean for Research and Public Health Practice, Dr. Rebecca Parkin, in the School of Public Health and Health Services (SPHHS) on initiatives such as SPHHS' re-accreditation and revisions to the academic graduation requirements of the school. Last year, Jessica served as the Assistant Outreach Coordinator in the Student Health Services office. She was responsible for designing and implementing health education and outreach programs on campus as well as coordinating the activities of the Health Outreach Peer Educators (HOPEs).

Jessica grew up in Detroit and came to Washington, DC to pursue a B.S. in Biology and minor in Sociocultural Anthropology. She graduated Summa Cum Laude in January 2005. During her undergraduate career, she served as the president of GW's chapter of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and was actively involved in research both on campus and at Children's National Medical Center. Her varied interests include yoga and traveling. She is currently pursuing her MPH in Maternal and Child Health and will begin medical school at the University of Chicago's Pritzker School of Medicine in Fall 2007. In the future, she hopes to bridge the gap between academic research and the health needs of the underserved.

Carine Dumit, BS '05, MSE Candidate 2007

Carine Dumit is a second year Presidential Administrative Fellow pursuing a Masters of Science degree in Engineering Management. Her current placement is in the Office of Real Estate where she is a project coordinator for a variety of campus development projects.

In her placement she assumed a co-leading role in the establishment of a pioneering partnership between the University and the Casey Trees Fund, an organization dedicated to the protection, preservation and enhancement of the tree canopy in the District of Columbia. She also assisted in the development process of the provisions for the Historic Preservation Plan of the University's Campus Plan, including the preparation of community meeting presentations and document review.

She was greatly involved in the preparation of the University's 20-year Campus Plan hearings, which gave her invaluable insight into the various aspects that shape and impact the long-term growth and development of an institution such as GW.

Since her undergraduate years at GW she has been very involved in University life and is an active member of the School of Engineering's Alumni Association. She continues to volunteer her time to support the advancement and ambassadorial activities of the University. Carine has a passion for traveling, and interacting with people from diverse backgrounds and cultures.

Steven Keating, Jr., BBA '06, MBA Candidate 2008

Originally from Rochester, NY, Steven Keating, is in his first year of the Presidential Administrative Fellowship. His current placement is in the Office of the President, where he has been working on a task force on national service chaired by President Trachtenberg.

Steven obtained his Bachelor of Business Administration in 2006 with concentrations in international business and marketing. As an undergraduate, Steven worked in the Dean's Office of the Elliott School of International Affairs, the Office of University Events, and the Office of the President. He also studied abroad in Hong Kong and was the 2005 George Washington University Cherry Pie Eating Champion.

Currently, Steven is working toward his MBA with a focus on the management of science, technology, and innovation. He is also a teaching assistant for an advanced undergraduate advertising class and a vice president and founding member of GW Entrepreneurs.

Paul Kendrick, BA '05, MPA Candidate 2007

Paul Kendrick was raised in West Hartford, CT and Boston, MA. He is the co-author of *Sarah's Long Walk: The Free Blacks of Boston and How Their Struggle for Equality Changed America*, published by Beacon Press in 2005 and as featured in the *The Washington Post*, *Boston Globe* and other publications. His second book, *Of Blood and Fire: The Missions of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln to End Slavery and Save the Union*, is due out in fall 2007 from Walker Books. He graduated from The George Washington University with a major in American Studies.

As an undergraduate, he led the University's NAACP chapter and was awarded the Martin Luther King Award for Distinguished Service. Now serving as a PAF in GW's Government International and Corporate Affairs Department, he organized the first business association in Foggy Bottom and writes the publication, *GW Minute*. He is pursuing a Masters in Public Administration, concentrating in Non Profit Management.

Ross D. Mankuta, BA '06, MA Candidate 2008

Born and raised in Long Island, New York, Ross D. Mankuta, is in his first year as a Fellow. His current placement is in the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, where he evaluates undergraduate applications, recruits prospective students by planning and executing high school visits, attends college fairs, meets with parents and guidance personnel, and facilitates information sessions while conducting interviews of prospective students. Ross relishes the chance to travel the country and meet high school students beginning their college journeys.

Over the last five years Ross has extensive experience across GW and Washington, DC as a student, employee, volunteer and community member. He obtained his BA in Political Science in May 2006, and worked for the Community Living and Learning Center for three years while an undergraduate. He also served as Vice President for Academic Affairs of the Student Association while representing the student body on the Board of Trustees committee on Academic Affairs, the Task Force on a 4x4 Undergraduate Curriculum and the Middle States Accreditation Steering Committee. Outside of GW, Ross was a Congressional Intern in The House of Representatives and the Assistant to the Deputy Director of Scheduling & Research at The White House. Currently, Ross is completing his MA with a focus in Higher Education Administration within the Graduate School of Education and Human Development.

Lina Musayev, BA '05, MPA Candidate 2007

Born in Baku, Azerbaijan, Lina Musayev, is in her final year of the Presidential Administrative Fellowship. For the last two years, Lina has worked in the Office of Government, International and Corporate Affairs, where her primary responsibilities lie in the Office of DC and Foggy Bottom/West End Affairs. She works with the Foggy Bottom/West End community members, edits the neighborhood website (www.neighborhood.gwu.edu), and organizes the annual Community Block Party. She assists the Vice President and Director of Government Affairs with federal relations activities, including the annual Capitol Hill Alumni Reception.

Over the last six years Lina has gained experience across GW as a student and activist. She obtained her BA in Political Communication and Music in 2005. In 2001, she co-founded the United Students for Fair Trade (USFT), a national network of student organizations advocating around Fair Trade products, policies, and principles. Lina was most intimately involved with GW Students for Fair Trade, GW Music Department, and GW Dance Marathon, and raising money for the Children's Miracle Network. She is recognized for her service to the GW community as a 2007 Wall of Fame honoree and is the recipient of the Baer Award for Individual Excellence, Manatt-Trachtenberg Award, and the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Award. Currently, Lina is completing her Master in Public Administration with a focus in education policy and management.

Steve Roche, BA '06, MA Candidate 2008

A native of Wynnewood, Pennsylvania, Stephen J. Roche, is in his first year as a Presidential Administrative Fellow. His current placement is in the Student Activities Center, where he is the Assistant Program Coordinator for Colonial Inauguration, overseeing the coordination of the program and supervising both the Colonial Cabinet and the group of students who serve as CI Staffers. Steve also coordinates student programming and events, such as Midnight Breakfast, and serves as advisor to WRGW, the student radio station.

Over the last four years as an undergraduate, Steve has been actively involved at GW as a student leader and employee. He obtained his BA in Electronic Media with a double minor in American Studies and American History in 2006, and was heavily involved with WRGW, serving as General Manager his senior year. He also served on the 2003 Colonial Cabinet and as mascot for the GW Spirit Programs. Steve served as a campus tour guide and was a recipient of the Baer Award for Individual Excellence. Outside of GW, Steve also works for the Washington Nationals baseball team as Mascot and Nat Pack Coordinator, overseeing the mascot, game entertainment and promotional aspects of games. Currently, Steve is working on his MA in Organizational Management in the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences.

Carrie Warick, BA '06, MPP Candidate 2008

Carrie A. Warick, hails from Mechanicsburg, PA, and is currently a first year Presidential Administrative Fellow. Her placement is in Communication and Creative Services, where she works in policy communication of major University cross-divisional initiatives, primarily between Student and Academic Support Services (SASS) and the Executive Vice President and Treasurer. She is pursuing her Master's of Public Policy with a concentration in education policy.

Throughout her five years at GW, Carrie has gained experience and has been involved in many facets of the University. As an undergraduate, she worked for Residential Property Management and was coordinator for the 2006 senior class gift. Her on campus involvement included the Vice President of Public Affairs in the Student Association, secretary of the National Residence Hall Honorary, and membership in Omicron Delta Kappa. As a graduate student, she co-coordinated the first GW Red Scarf Project, which collected handmade scarves from the GW community for the national initiative through the Orphan Foundation of America.

Ellen Wexler, BA '06, MPA Candidate 2008

Ellen Wexler, is a first-year Presidential Administrative Fellow from East Northport, New York. She graduated summa cum laude in 2006, earning Phi Beta Kappa with a B.A. in Political Science (Public Policy focus) and Human Services. Presently, Ellen is pursuing her Masters in Public Administration and looks forward to exploring a career in the public sector as an advocate for individuals with disabilities or in a position that allows her to help organizations function successfully in achieving their missions of service.

Ellen's current placement is in the Office of Alumni Programs, where she has been working hard to develop a Young Alumni Network- a new initiative designed to provide recent GW alumni with relevant social and professional networking opportunities.

Omar T. Woodard, BA '05, MPA Candidate 2007

Born and raised in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Omar T. Woodard is in his final year of the Presidential Administrative Fellowship. His current placement is in the Office of Corporate and Foundation Relations, where he researches prospects for potential grant making opportunities and coordinates outreach to area grant makers. Last year, Omar served in the Office of Customer Service Initiatives, creating and implementing strategic and innovative programs to improve university-wide service, training and communication standards.

Over the last six years Omar has extensive experience across GW as a student and employee. He obtained his BA in International Affairs in 2005, and worked for Residential Property Management and Marvin Center and University Conferences throughout his undergraduate years. He was an active GW community member, serving on the 2003 Colonial Cabinet, a founding member of the GW Williams House LLC, and as president of the Black Student Union (2003-2004) and the Student Association (2004-2005).

The GW community has recognized him for his service as a 2005 Wall of Fame honoree, as a recipient of the 2007 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Service Award, and the 2007 GW Award. Omar will complete his Master of Public Administration in May 2007 with a focus in nonprofit management and urban policy. He recently received a Presidential Fellowship from the Center for the Study of the Presidency to create, write and defend an original thesis on the U.S. presidency. His work, *Rural Governors, Urban Presidents: Carter and Clinton's Quest for an Urban Policy* will be published in an upcoming edition of Presidential Studies Quarterly.

Phillip Zeeck, BA '05, MA Candidate 2007

Phillip Zeeck is in his second year as a Presidential Administrative Fellow. Originally from Kansas City, Missouri, Phil currently works in the University's Office of Alumni Programs, where he helps coordinate shared interest groups. His job in Alumni Programs was preceded by a year in Student Judicial Services, where he assisted the director in violence research at GW and at universities nationwide.

Phil earned his BA in Political Communication in 2005, and will graduate with a MA in Political Management in May 2007. Over his six years in Foggy Bottom, he has played club soccer and club baseball, served as a University Justice for two years, managed the community service efforts of Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, and enjoyed several internship and job opportunities.

AY 2006 – 2007 PAF INITIATIVES

As graduate students, the Presidential Administrative Fellows play an invaluable role as student ambassadors. Because the Fellows were undergraduate student leaders and currently work in the University administration, they are able to provide a unique perspective on the University to parents, friends, administrators, supporters and visitors. Fellows are often called upon to assist in projects around the University, and the academic year of 2006-2007 was no different.

September 2006

The Fellows began their year working with the Fall Move-In Committee. Despite a constant drizzle from the remnants of Hurricane Ernesto, there was no dampening their enthusiasm as they worked together with members of GW Housing Programs, Facilities Management, Colonial Cabinet and the Residence Hall Association to help coordinate the many move in volunteers in the freshman residence halls.

October 2006

As Colonials Weekend rolled around, the Fellows found themselves involved yet again. Not only did they host their own reunion brunch, attended by alumni and friends of the program, they were also able to host President Trachtenberg during his last Colonials Weekend as president of GW. The Fellows also served as VIP ushers at the weekend's highlight events, two comedy shows in the Charles E. Smith Athletic Center by Jerry Seinfeld.

November 2006

In November, the Fellows were called upon to serve as the selection committee for the annual Customer Service Celebration Awards. After reading through many nomination packets, the Fellows selected a deserving list of community members who have personified excellent customer service.

Later that month, several PAFs were asked to serve as University ambassadors at the annual Circle Dinner, hosted by the Division of Advancement. This year's event at the Italian Embassy offered Fellows the opportunity to dine with some of the most generous donors to the university. The Fellows briefed guests about improvements taking place in the university.

Finally, led by Dr. Peter Konwerski, the Fellows assisted in recruiting and evaluating a new group of PAF candidates through the first round of the application process. The Fellows assisted in whittling down the list to roughly 25 deserving applicants.

December 2006

The Fellows, led by Ellen Wexler, launched the first ever Young Alumni Network event at Gordon Biersch. It was no doubt a smashing success; over 200 young alumni attended the event. Finally, to wrap up the fall semester, the Fellows served the undergraduate student community by working shoulder to shoulder together with members of the GW faculty and staff, serving international themed food and drinks during GW's Midnight Breakfast event. As usual, PAFs supported this well-attended student event.

January 2007

January began for the PAFs during two days of on campus, professional development seminars. Meetings included a session with Athletic Director Jack Kvanetz, to learn about campus compliance issues in athletic administration and a session with Dean Ruth Katz of the School of Public Health and Health Services about global public health issues on the horizon. Other presentations included etiquette, taxes, resume writing, and salary negotiation.

Fellows also helped the GW School of Business launch their Sports Management Hall of Fame with a kickoff roundtable featuring Baltimore Orioles Manager Sam Perlozzo, New York Yankees President Randy Levine, and Washington Nationals Owner Theodore Lerner. The PAFs helped coordinate logistics before the event, and helped host a reception that night for the first class of inductees.

February 2007

Fellows joined professional staff in the Division of Student and Academic Support Services (SASS) for a series of self-study site visits to campuses across the country. The travel to market basket institutions included visits to Duke, Boston University, Tufts, Washington University in St. Louis, Northwestern University, the University of Chicago, and the University of Delaware among others. The PAFs provided a valuable student perspective on the trips and learned a great deal about higher education administration along the way.

Also, the Young Alumni Network collaborated with other departments on a business etiquette dinner designed to get alumni on their best behavior at the dinner table! Finally, the Fellows completed interviews for second round applicants to the program, evaluated them along with the Faculty/Student Recommendation Committee, and sent a final set of recommendations to Dr. Chernak and President Trachtenberg.

March 2007

The Fellows began the month by helping the Student Activities Center with their annual Student Leadership Symposium. The Fellows hosted a workshop on leadership and personality types. Led by Ellen Wexler, the PAFs took part in the third Young Alumni Network event at Fado's Irish Pub. Over sixty young alumni attended in what could only be billed as a successful event! Some Fellows even got into the spirit of March Madness, traveling to Atlantic City to support the Men's Basketball Team in the A-10 Tournament and then traveling to Sacramento for the NCAA First Round Tournament Game.

April 2007

In April, the Fellows paid a visit to HSC Health Center in Southwest, DC to spend time with the wonderful children there. That same weekend, the Fellows helped the GW Cancer Institute organize their fourth annual fundraising gala at the National Building Museum downtown. Fellows served as hosts for VIPs and others, and helped the University raise funds to bring high quality cancer resources and programs to communities around the DC metropolitan area. Finally, the Fellows participated in the Stephen Joel Trachtenberg Washington DC area Alumni Reception, honoring the President's accomplishments over his 19-year tenure.

May 2007

During Commencement Weekend, the PAF program held a reception to honor six outgoing Fellows and welcome new members to the PAF team. President Trachtenberg and Senior Vice President Chernak, as well as PAF alumni, friends of the PAF program, and family members joined the Fellows to celebrate the changing of the guard.

The new class of Fellows offers the program a chance to continue the Fellowship's rich tradition of service to the University. Next year's PAFs are already working on several existing service projects and developing a new slate of innovative service opportunities to leave their mark on GW and the PAF program.

TESTIMONIALS FROM PAST AND CURRENT PRECEPTORS

“Good help is hard to find. Presidential Administrative Fellows have performed with great distinction in my office for several years. And why not? They are self-selected for the challenges of external relations. They are grounded in and committed to the university. They make excellent professionals. Long may the program endure.”

Dr. Richard N. Sawaya, Vice President for Government, International and Corporate Affairs

"We have been privileged to have a number Presidential Administrative Fellows work in our office since the program began. Each PAF has not only been a wonderful asset to the office but has left a legacy that has endured. In addition, each year the Fellows have given of their time to assist in the recruitment of the incoming freshman class. We look forward to a continued relationship with these enthusiastic and ambitious GW Colonials."

Dr. Kathryn Napper, Executive Dean of Undergraduate Admissions, SASS

“One of the wonderful things about GW is the frequent reminder of what it means to have excellence in the classroom and the workplace. One of the best reminders to me, outside of what I learn in the classroom, is the Presidential Administrative Fellows. One year, it was my honor to be on the interview panel, every single candidate had something special to offer. Choosing among and between the richness of our learners is not a task to be taken lightly. Every PAF I have known has shown vision, integrity, commitment and grace. PAFs are among the best reminders of the reasons we are in the world of learning.”

Dr. Josef Reum, Associate Dean, School of Public Health and Health Services

“I was fortunate to work with a PAF during the first year. I was kicking off a new initiative at GW, and the PAF, with his undergraduate GW student experience still fresh in his mind, was able to recognize and introduce ideas that were in concert with the current GW student culture. GW is fortunate to have a few of its best and brightest serve as Presidential Administrative Fellows each year. The PAF program has become one of those unique GW institutions that is part of our culture as much as the view of the DC skyline from the roof of Strong Hall, the bronze hippo in front of Lisner Hall, or the stately tempietto presiding over Kogan Plaza.”

Andrew Sonn, Director, Office of Customer Service Initiatives, SASS