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. This year, President Steven Knapp’s key goals have centralized the University’s direction: research, service, community, learning and sustainability. 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 2008-2009 academic year.

2008–2009 PAF PROFESSIONAL

RESEARCH:

- **Kenan** continued her work on a collaborative project with the National Institute for Standards and Technology for EUV Interference Lithography. She completed the initial testing on the interferometer to determine the effects of vibration on the instrument’s performance and also performed Finite Element Analysis to determine mode shapes and the effect of thermal drift. She has also continued on a related project designing and manufacturing a vibration isolation system that will eventually be used in conjunction with the interferometer.

- Approaching research from a different angle, **Altevogt** used Market Basket Analysis for best practice in business operations, student billing, and financial operations. She also analyzed square footage for the University and how that affects sponsored research overhead.

- Similar to **Altevogt**, **Ryan** also issued specific research on financial aid bills in addition to investigating higher education legislation and organization of the American States Partnership.

- Placement in GW’s Global Media Institute has allowed **Matt** the perfect opportunity to conduct research on the decline of traditional news media. Related to this, he also participated in a program that examined the voting habits of young people.

- The economy has affected everyone and **Titi** had the opportunity to serve as Summit Coordinator and manage all planning and logistics for “Credit Crisis on Main Street,” an emergency summit sponsored by the GW Center for Entrepreneurial Excellence, Madison Park Hotels & Development, and Holland & Knight Law Firm. The summit was planned to address the effect of the current credit crisis on small business and community banking, featuring White House representative, Christiana Romer, and prominent community bank and small business leaders.

- As a part of his placement, **Jordan** conducted research in several focus areas for the Homeland Security Policy Institute (HSPI), including the Afghanistan-Pakistan crisis, counterterrorism and counterinsurgency, intelligence issues, and the Middle East region. **Kelly** presented a leadership development white paper to her colleagues throughout the university to solicit feedback.

SERVICES:

- **For Alternative Spring Break, Catter** was a learning partner on the community service trip to West Virginia.

- Serving at St. Mary’s Court, **Ryan** gives one-on-one assistance to the senior residents.

2008–2009 PAF AMBASSADORIAL

RESEARCH:

- **Kenan** had the opportunity to present part of the research she is working on at The American Society for Precision Engineering Spring Topical Meeting in Berkeley, CA. For this meeting she, her advisor, and the collaborators at NIST submitted a conference paper entitled “Design of an Interferometer for EUV Interference Lithography at the NIST SURF III Synchrotron.”

- **Ryan** orchestrated a briefing for President Knapp on continued research opportunities with the National Institute for Standards and Technology. At this briefing, **Kenan** presented the research experience that she has had working collaboratively as well as some of the research topics.

- Preparing a report for the Board of Trustees, **Jacy** researched Freshman Service Initiatives.

- **Jordan** published an op-ed in The Christian Science Monitor on an US strategy for Afghanistan, which was re-printed in the Defense Department’s “Early Bird,” a daily newsletter serving the informational needs of senior defense officials in the continuing assessment of defense policies, programs and actions.

- At the 2009 Student Leadership Symposium, **Kelly and Lamar** presented on the effects on nonverbal communication and leadership. **Gina** helped plan and organize the presentation.

- **Altevogt** sought out professional development in finance and accounting, financial modeling, and corporate ratio analysis.

LEARNING:

- **Matt** helped found and develop the mission and strategy for a brand new academic institute on campus.

- **Gina** has directly seen the ties between her coursework and her placement and is able to apply them in navigating through the coordination of several offices for Earth Week 2009.

SUSTAINABILITY:

- Green is the word, and **Gina** has lived it out through Campaign GW sorting out recyclable materials from trash on Kogan Plaza, dorm-storming Thurston on a Saturday afternoon for recycling, playing frisbee on the Quad to celebrate Earth Hour, gardening the green roof, and planning Earth Week.

2008–2009 PAF PROFESSIONAL

Accomplishments

- **Matt** has helped to begin the formation of a WRGW alumni advisory board for the 50th anniversary.

- **Jacy** has been instrumental in encouraging student staff to participate in Martin Luther King Day of Service, Jumpstart for a Day, and Relay for Life.

- During this past summer **Kelly** volunteered as an English instructor with Learning Enterprises in Mazatlan, Mexico.

COMMUNITY:

- **Catter** continues to work on communications and a marketing plan to strengthen the Young Alumni Network, which is GW’s recent graduate program in the Office of Alumni Relations. Also through her placement in the Office of Alumni Relations she helped implement GW’s Alumni Weekend, celebrating the university’s alumni community.

- Similarly, **Sara** helps engage the GW community through project managing communication material for initiatives across SASS and EVP&T offices.

- **Ryan** remains active in the community staying heavily involved with the Annual Fuggh Bottom Block Party, FRIENDS group meetings, Community BBQ, Neighborhood Website, and writing the GW Minute detailing GW involvement throughout the entire city.

- Based on his research efforts, **Matt** produced two television programs giving the GW and DC community an opportunity to learn about the economic crisis and decline of traditional news media from experts in the field.

- **Jacy** always remained connected to the community through Colonial Inauguration, managing a Welcome Back Week Student Organization fair, and interacting with student organizations.

- **Sara** assisted in fundraising efforts for the Charles E. Smith Center renovation.

- Seeking to reach out to the larger university-wide community, **Jordan** has helped HSPI expand its “internal outreach” to various parts of the Medical Center. He also improved HSPI connections with the diplomatic community, Defense Department, the intelligence community, other think tanks, and the private sector. Tying into this he created and manages an HSPI intern program to better engage GW students and also connects with the GW Student Veteran’s Organization to use their experiences in future HSPI programming.

- Through her placement in the President’s Office **Kelly** has prepared countless briefings for President Knapp on student-related issues and also was a part of the authorship committee for two white papers presented to the Board of Trustees: Graduate Community Development and Leadership Development.

- As part of her placement, **Altevogt** contributed to the Inaugural Float, Business and Cost Analysis.

SERVICES:

- **Catter** served on the President’s Service Implementation Committee and as a DC Cares volunteer and project leader for Servathon, an annual day of service.

- **Ryan** served as a 2-time Learning Partner for Alternative Breaks to New Orleans as well as a member of the President’s Service Implementation Committee.

- Improving ties to PAF Alumni, **Chris and Althea** assisted in the creation of the PAF Alumni Board (AAB). **Althea** also assisted in Alumni events coordinated, collaborated with PAF alumni to create a strategic plan, and served as a panel member for GW student athletes interested in graduate school.

- After winning the title of Miss DC International 2008, **Titi** spent the year promoting her platform of youth volunteerism throughout DC as spokesperson for ServeDC, the Mayor’s office on community service. She completed over 100 hours of community service including singing the National Anthem at the American Legion Memorial Day Weekend Walk and participating in DC Public Schools clean up campaigns.

- Serving in a number of roles, **Jacq** is a member of the President’s Task Force on Sustainability, a volunteer with the Office of Greek Life and alumni chapter, as well as a drug and alcohol youth trainer of leadership development.

- **Sara** volunteered for GW’s 2008 Service Excellence Awards, which recognized exemplary students, staff, and faculty at the University.

- As a member of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society’s Team in Training, **Sara** has continued to fundraise for the Society based on their mission to wipe out blood cancers and improve the quality of life for patients and their families.

- **Jacy**, **Chris**, **Jordan**, **Kelly**, **Josh** and **Ryan** represented the PAFs on their Relay for Life team.
COMMUNITY:

1. This year all of the PAFs have served as mentors in the GW Guide to Personal Success program.

2. CAILTON, SARA, RYAN and KELLY served on a committee on graduate student community building.

3. As a part of Colonial Inauguration, KENAN aided in welcoming students to GW by helping them with paperwork, interacting with students and parents as well as assisting with the SEAS annual New Student Getaway to West Virginia for incoming freshman and transfer students. She also aided in hosting the Junior Engineering Technical Society (JETS) annual competition that GW hosts for local area high school students.

4. PAFs JACA, JORDAN, SARA, JOSH, RYAN, CISSY, JORDAN and MATT also offered their help at the GW Inaugural Ball.

5. RYAN continues to serve on several committees dedicated to building community such as the Graduate Community Building Group, Security and Safety Advisory Committee, and Undergraduate Giving Steering Committee.

6. Remaining active in the Young Alumni Network, ASHLEY is the Professional Development co-chair. She also puts her many skills to use as a cheerleading and gymnastics coach for both Trinity All-Star Gym and Woodson High School in Fairfax, VA.

7. TITI, JACA, CAILTON, SARA, RYAN, KELLY and JORDAN served as point people during the Secretaries of State event in Kaiser Auditorium.

8. Continuing the PAF tradition of wearing many hats, TITI serves on the GW African-American Alumni Advisory Board, which is a newly established body set up to "serve and support the inclusion, participation, and interests of the African American community in order to foster lifelong and worldwide involvement of alumni through student engagement, strategic giving, and community building." In addition to this she was also elected to the position of Membership Chair for the GW Black Alumni Association.

9. CAILTON, JORDAN and TITI will serve as greeters and point people at the GW Cancer Gala.

10. SARAH-JO was instrumental in uniting the GW community to participate in the WALK NOW! fundraiser for autism research. Students, staff and faculty contributed funds and walked in support of children with autism.

11. Reaching out to the local community, MATT consulted with a local start-up to assist in market research for the creation of a writers’ workspace in DC.

12. Serving throughout the University KELLY has been a student representative on the Graduate Student Services Committee, the EVP&T Leadership Education and Development steering team, and a part of the planning committee chair for the Second Annual Greek Summit which is an event to build community between President Knapp and students in Greek Life.

13. CAILTON, JORDAN, SARA, JOSH, RYAN, KELLY, JACA and KENAN served as ambassadors at the President’s Ball.

LEARNING:

1. As a part of the Virginia Campus Technology Day, KENAN presented and led several sessions of a hands-on robotics lab for local area high school students.

2. ASHLEY serves as a student guide and admissions liaison in order to help pre-MBA students.

3. MATT traveled to Columbia University to represent GW at national conference for MBAs in Media and Entertainment.

4. JACA presented on “National Youth Traffic Safety Month” to Community Anti-Drug Coalition of America.

5. As part of the State Department’s Critical Languages Program, JORDAN represented GW during his summer long trip to Oman. This June he will be representing GW again as he participates in a nuclear nonproliferation safeguards and security program at Brookhaven National Laboratory with engineers, scientists, and international security professionals.

6. ASHLEY served on the President’s Sustainability Committee.

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8. ASHLEY serves as a panel member and presiding officer for the Office of Academic Integrity.

9. Looking at the effects of service, especially service-learning, MATT has conducted research and collected survey data reflecting the perception and use of service-learning throughout GW.

COMMUNITY:

1. ASHLEY has taken time to volunteer for the Grad Life Student Organization Fair.

2. JORDAN and MATT have trained up to make an impact in ESIA by both engaging current Elliott School grad students through participation in the Graduate Student Forum and developing an alumni mentorship program for current ESIA students. They also continue to work to improve ESIA outreach to grad students.

3. SARA presented on issues facing students of color while attending predominantly white colleges and universities.

LEARNING:

1. ASHLEY, TITI and KENAN have all reached out in their respective programs to serve as Graduate Instructional Assistants (DIGS) and Teaching Assistants (TITI and KENAN) to undergraduate courses striving to have an impact in helping the students learn.

2. As a part of GW School of Business, MATT participated in an 18-team business case competition in which he and his team placed 4th overall.

SUSTAINABILITY:

1. MATT has put his MBA to work consulting with a municipal solid waste to energy power plant company in Costa Rica and Panama to assist in the development of their business plan and marketing efforts.

2. SARA studied the decision-making skills of administrators in higher education required for a university to remain stable and functioning during trying economic times.

3. As a part of Colonial Inauguration, FELLOWS current and past celebrate Colonials Weekend with the headline act, Robin Williams, in October 2008.

4. Fellows celebrate the Obama Inauguration at GW’s Ball at the Omni Shoreham Hotel on January 20, 2009.

5. As part of her studies, ASHLEY has completed several research papers with topics including: Transnational Drug Trade and Its Effect on Legal Institutions on Border Cities in Mexico, Terrorist Financing Methods for HAMAS, Child Soldiers and Repercussions for Human Security in Northern Uganda.

6. KENAN continues to research the optimization of the geometric shape of an elastic bearing pivot to optimize its performance.

7. As a part of her Corporate Social Responsibilities Class, JACA analyzed the Wine and Spirits Industry and traveled to London to present the findings to Diageo, the world’s leading premium drinks business.

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RESEARCH:

1. Interviewing and observing member’s of a GW sorority, CAILTON is completing a master’s thesis which examines historically black Greek-letter groups on predominantly white campuses.

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3. RYAN has completed several research papers with topics including: Transnational Drug Trade and Its Effect on Legal Institutions on Border Cities in Mexico, Terrorist Financing Methods for HAMAS, Child Soldiers and Repercussions for Human Security in Northern Uganda.

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Biographies:

CAITLIN CARROLL
Journalism BA ’07, Sociology MA ’09

CATHY BROWN
Political Communication BA ’08, Political Management MA ’10

CHRIS BROWN
Political Science BA ’08, American Studies MA ’10

CULTURAL INNOVATION
Jordy Williams-Davies, Varena, LA, received a MA in music and cultural studies from the Elliott School and an initiative called “Beyond the Bar” to support sustainable music management from the CW School of Business. During her time at GW, she interned in the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, and a student assistant in the Office of Undergraduate Admissions.

CHRISTA BUNTING
Political Communication BA ’08, Journalism BS ’10

CHRISTOPHER BROOKS
Communication BA ’08, Sociology MA ’10

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Cindy Caron, a member of Phi Beta Kappa, graduated from the School of Engineering and was named to the ESPN Magazine Academic All-America First Team and the Division I-A Academic Directors Association Scholar-Athlete Team during her senior campaign. She is continuing her studies by pursuing an M.S. in mechanical engineering. Her placement is in the School of Engineering and Applied Science doing research and helping with high school and middle school lab days.

ALYSSA EISEN
Sport, Event, and Hospitality Management BA ’15, MBA ’19

Alyssa Eisen, Cortland Manor, NY, earned a BA in sport, event, and hospitality management with a minor in political science. Eisen 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. Eisen has worked with the Washington Nationals as a part of their spirit team - the NAT Pack, served as a student peer mentor for an undergraduate business writing class, and worked as a clerk and marketing assistant for Simeone and Miller. Her placement is with the Business Management & Analysis Group for the Office of Finance. Eisen has served as a graduate instructional assistant during her first year of the fellowship and coached local area high school cheerleading teams. She has also contributed for Young Alumni Network as a coach for professional development. Eisen is pursuing a Master of Business Administration.

JORDAN EVERT
International Affairs BA ’18, Security Policy Studies MA ’10

Jordan Evert, Merrick, NY, was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, earned a BA in international affairs. As part of the GW Honor Council, Evert worked as the vice president of GW Class Cabinet and a member of the GW Women’s Rugby team. She also was vice president of the College Republicans, and an active member of the Alpha Delta Pi Sorority and Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Honor Society. Jordan’s professional experience with campus student life and community has lead Sara to pursue an MA in Higher Education and Management.

GINA FERNANDES
International Affairs BA ’08, Higher Education Administration MA ’10

Gina Fernandes, Redmond, WA, graduated with a BA in international affairs, and was a member of the Elizabeth Somers Women’s Leadership Program. During her undergraduate career, Fernandes 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. Fernandes also was a coxswain for four years for the GW Crew Team. Fernandes is pursuing a Master of Arts in higher education administration.

RYAN EVANS
International Affairs BA ’18, Security Policy Studies MA ’10

Ryan Evans, Niskayuna, NY, graduated with a BA 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, Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Honor Society, and the Clinton Global Initiative University. He also interned with the U.S. Department of State and the Office of Senate Majority Leader Harry S. Reid. Evans is pursuing a Master of Arts in national security policy studies.

KYELI LEON
English and Journalism BA ’08, Organizational Management MA ’10

Kelly Leon, Los Angeles, CA, earned a BA in English and is a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, Alpha Gamma Delta, and the Leadership Honor Society. As an undergraduate Leon served as president of the Racial and Ethnic Student Association, served on the 2006 Colonial Cabinet, worked as a living and learning community coordinator for the George Washington Williams House and was co-leader of the 2007 Colonial Cabinet. Off campus, Leon worked as both a BA in Irving and is a member of Omicron Delta Kappa and the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority. Leon served as the vice president of 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, Leon was on the A-10 Commissioner’s Honor Roll each semester and served as president of the Jackie Robinson Society.

JACQUELINE HACKETT
Political Science and Human Services BA ’08, Public Policy MA ’10

Jacqueline Hackett, Halesville, PA, who received a bachelor’s degree in political science and human services, is a member of the Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Honor Society and the Order of Omega Greek Honor Society. Hackett served as president of Alpha Delta Pi Sorority and as coordinator for the Center for Youth Development in drug and alcohol prevention, Hackett is active with Youth to Youth, FACE, Inc, and Students Against Destructive Decisions, with whom she testified to Congress regarding the “Sober Truth on Preventing Underage Drinking” Act. She was awarded the Elizabeth Somers Women’s Leadership Award for Individual Excellence and recognized as Greek Woman of the Year. Hackett is pursuing a Master of Public Policy.

Bianca Garcia
International Affairs BA ’08, Latin American and Hemispheric Studies MA ’10

Bianca Garcia, Austin, TX, graduated with a BA from the Eliot School of International Affairs and is pursuing a Master of Arts in Latin American and hemispheric studies concentrating in business and economics. As an undergraduate she was active in her sorority, Kappa Kappa Gamma, where she held various leadership positions. She also was engaged in the DC Latino community as a Congressional Hispanic Caucus intern. Her current placement is the Office of Community Service. In the future she hopes to return to Texas and advocate on behalf of Latino issues.