Latest “Bright Lights! Big City!” program is a smash!

This past January, 21 Gettysburg College students participated in another Bright Lights! Big City! career seminar program this time in Philadelphia. The three-day intensive career immersion program, sponsored by the Center for Career Development and the Office of Alumni Relations, focused on careers in the life sciences and science research. Students listened to presentations by researchers, doctors, allied health professionals, and business leaders in science and policy. They also shadowed alumni and parents at such sites as Children’s Hospital of Pennsylvania, Thomas Jefferson University, to presentations by researchers, doctors, allied health professionals, and business leaders in science and policy. They also shadowed alumni and parents at such sites as Children’s Hospital of Pennsylvania, Thomas Jefferson University, and the Wistar Institute, the EPA, the Academy of Natural Sciences, and Integral Molecular.

The Bright Light! Big City! programs introduce students to a variety of career fields in popular destination cities such as Washington D.C., New York City, and Philadelphia. Plans are in the works for visits to future cities such as Baltimore and Boston.

Encourage your students to sign up for a future Bright Lights! Big City! program. They won’t regret it. It’s a great way to help them make important career decisions and connections.

For more information about upcoming career development programs, please contact Kathy Williams P’07, director of Center for Career Development, at kawillia@gettysburg.edu.

Career Distinction Task Force submits recommendations

In the fall of 2004 President Katherine Haley Will appointed a Career Distinction Task force with the charge “to create powerful career preparation programs and networks that would make Gettysburg College distinctive among its peer group.” The Task Force was to design a cutting-edge approach to undergraduate career exploration that challenges and engages students in innovative ways and prepares them for meaningful work after college.

The Task Force, composed of trustees, alumni, parents, and College staff, began meeting in the fall of 2004 and recently submitted their recommendations to President Will.

The committee also presented the recommendations to the Board of Trustees at their October 2005 meeting.

In the future, you will begin to see and hear more about this exciting new initiative for Gettysburg College students. Key elements of the approach include the following:

- A structured “career curriculum” for students to follow to help them best prepare for the transition from college to career.
- More direct experiences for students – job shadowing, externships, internships, faculty-sponsored research projects, service learning and other experiential opportunities already woven into student academic experiences at the College.
- Direct experiences can help lead to post-graduate employment opportunities.
- Opportunities for students to reflect on such experiences and learn how to articulate the value of their liberal arts education to employers.
- Building and growing more powerful alumni/parent networks for students to access.
- An integrated institutional approach to career development opportunities for students, combining the efforts of various departments and divisions.

Key to the success of this new initiative will be engaged and interested parents and alumni who can help students in a variety of ways, such as serving as mentors, hosting students for internships, externships, or job shadowing, and providing information and leads to potential employment opportunities.

The Center for Career Development will continue to inform the Gettysburg College community of the Task Force recommendations and future action.

For more information on how you can help with the Center for Career Development, see “Share your Talents” on page 3.

Sincerely,

Jean S. LeGros ’73
Assistant Vice President
Alumni and Parent Relations
jlegros@gettysburg.edu

An important piece of the college’s work involves helping students develop a strong sense of personal autonomy, responsibility and accountability. At Gettysburg, our primary focus will always be on working with students to support them in making good decisions and learning from consequences. Our goal is to solve problems with students, not for students. To do otherwise would be to rob students of critical learning opportunities. Life is going to be full of challenges, and we believe that college provides a great opportunity to develop the kind of autonomy and self-reliance they will need in later life.

We hope that you, as parents, will embrace this philosophy. Trust that they can learn to face their challenges and rise to handle their responsibilities. While it is not always easy to maintain, this attitude will facilitate their growth and maturity and make the adjustments to the “real world” much easier when graduation time rolls around.

Sincerely,

Julie L. Ramsey
Vice President
College Life and Dean of Students
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signed into theme housing do not receive a lottery number. The lottery number is a random number within a GPA range. Essentially, all A- average students receive higher numbers than B- average students, etc. Current juniors select first, then sophomores, and then first-year students.

After students receive their lottery number, they work with each other to identify roommate choices. We only use the best lottery number of a group for any single room or apartment. This allows students to select their roommate, regardless of the lottery number the roommate possesses.

Students live with other members of their class year in six main buildings during their first year on campus. Upperclass students are able to select any available room during the selection process provided that they are able to fill the space. Students who do not select roommates and are not able to secure any of the limited number of singles will be assigned to housing at the end of the process. We will gladly work with any students who are looking for roommates and will try to match them with appropriate friends.

The housing process can be challenging for students. There is often anxiety about choosing roommates and about where students will be living. Parents are encouraged to be supportive, but should allow students to make their own decisions. This is a part of the educational experience and helps students prepare for life after college.

The residence halls close for non-graduating students on Sunday, May 14, at 10 a.m.

Student athletes on the wagon

Three hundred eighty seven student athletes donned orange wristbands this past fall to signify their oath to avoid consuming alcohol in commemoration of National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week.

The student athletes voluntarily signed pledge forms promising not to drink alcohol during the week of October 25–29. This is the second year that Gettysburg students have participated in the national event, now in its 22nd year and designed to promote healthy behavior and raise awareness of the effects of alcohol on the body.

According to the Student Athlete Advisory Committee, student participation in this year’s event was much higher than the year before, a trend and a tradition they hope will continue in years to come.

Athletics Contact Information

Department of Athletics: 717-337-6400
Sports Information Office: 717-337-6527
Orange & Blue Club: 717-337-6533
Bullet Sports Hotline: 717-337-7678
www.gettysburgsports.com

Want to be in the loop?

Future issues of the Gettysburg College Parents Newsletter will be produced in electronic format only. If the College does not have your current email address, or if it has recently changed and you would like to receive future parents newsletters, please send an email to alumni@gettysburg.edu with the subject line, “Newsletter Subscribe.” In the body of your message, include your full name, the name and class year of your student, and your preferred e-mail address.

The faculty focus for this year has been on the development of appropriate structural foundations for the establishment of the Conservatory — facilities, purchasing of new instruments, hiring of additional faculty, and the development of a new curriculum for the BM program. In addition, the Conservatory has worked extensively with the Office of Admissions in outlining a calendar of recruitment events and activities for prospective music students. Included in these efforts is a new scholarship offering. Sunderman Scholarships will be granted to top musicians interested in pursuing the BM degree in amounts from $5,000–10,000 annually.

Gettysburg also welcomed two major faculty performing ensembles this year, The Covington String Quartet and the Sunderman Woodwind Quintet. The Covington ensemble boasts several years of experience as a well-known quartet from the Washington, D.C. area. Its members bring a wonderful background of musical training for Gettysburg students, having studied under Juilliard and Emerson String Quartets. With the establishment of the Sunderman Woodwind Quintet, woodwind students will now be able to study with instructors in their specific area — oboe, flute, bassoon, clarinet, and horn. Members have performed with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, Maryland Symphony, Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra, Winston-Salem Symphony Orchestra, Roanoke Symphony, Fort Worth Symphony, and many other well-known groups.

Overall Gettysburg has had an exciting year with the Conservatory additions and enhancements, and we look forward to welcoming our first official Conservatory class this fall.

Sunderman Conservatory

On July 15, 2005 the Music Department was officially merged with Gettysburg’s new Sunderman Conservatory of Music. Dr. E. William Sunderman, Class of 1919, was active with the College music program throughout his life, and at his passing in 2003 he granted the College $15.7 million for the establishment of a new conservatory. In addition to his bequest, he left his music library of more than 1,000 scores and parts, as well as a collection of 18th- and early 19th-century violins and bows.

Gettysburg has a long tradition of musical excellence and with the new Conservatory, there will be even more opportunities for students interested in music studies. In addition to the current degree offerings of the Bachelor of Science in Music Education and the Bachelor of Arts in Music, students may pursue a new program: the Bachelor of Music in Performance. This will include intensive performance studies with an emphasis on chamber music. Students will still be required to complete a liberal arts curriculum in addition to their musical studies, thus allowing for a more well-rounded education. With this core foundation in the liberal arts, the Sunderman Conservatory joins only a small group of programs in the country with such an emphasis.
**Share your talents**

There are a great many ways that you, as a parent or alum, can participate with the Center for Career Development. Contact us, and we will get you involved.

**Job shadowing host**

Let a Gettysburg College student walk in your shoes for a day. Each semester students shadow alumni and parents at places of employment that fit their career interests and aspirations. A student will meet you at your place of work and spend the day with you attending meetings, seeing clients, writing reports, teaching, etc.

Campus contact: Lorie Davis
ldavis@gettysburg.edu

**Mock interviewer**

Job interviews can be very intimidating to a 21-year-old. Help our students develop and practice their interviewing skills by conducting practice interviews. We hold sessions on campus each semester; off-campus sessions may be offered during semester breaks.

Campus contact: Kathleen Regentin
kregenti@gettysburg.edu

**Internship supervisor**

The job market is competitive and internships provide students with a leg up on the competition. Our students are increasingly provided students with a leg up on the competition. Our students are increasingly provided students with a leg up on the competition. Our students are increasingly motivated to gain hands-on experience in all career areas. If your place of work could provide a substantive experience for a Gettysburg intern, let us know and we will advertise the position.

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### Office of the Provost/Office of Residence Life Calendar

**Spring Semester 2006**

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### Gettysburg student selected as Rhodes Scholar

Senior political science major Luke Norris, of Brigantine, N.J., was one of 32 Americans chosen as a Rhodes Scholar for 2006.

Selected from more than 900 applicants representing 333 colleges and universities, Norris will study at Oxford University in England beginning next October to pursue graduate studies in international relations. The scholarship will fund two or three years of study at Oxford, with an estimated value of $40,000 a year. Norris is the third Gettysburg College student to win a Rhodes scholarship.

The Rhodes Scholarships, oldest of the international study awards available to American students, were created in 1902 through the will of British philanthropist and colonial pioneer Cecil Rhodes. Winners are selected on criteria such as high academic achievement, personal integrity, leadership potential, and physical vigor. The American students will join an international group of scholars chosen from 13 other jurisdictions for a total of about 85 scholars from 14 nations.

Norris will present his senior honors thesis on school desegregation at the April meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. He is the founder of Operation Nuclear Disappear and a fellow at the Center for the Study of the Presidency. He is also president of Gettysburg College’s Law and Justice Society and recently returned from a public service trip to Argentinian schools. He is also a member of the College’s National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) chapter, National Organization for Women (NOW), and the YWCA.

Past Rhodes Scholars include President Bill Clinton, U.S. Supreme Court Justice David Souter, singer Kris Kristofferson, former presidential candidates Bill Bradley and Wesley Clark, and James Fullbright, creator of the Fulbright Scholarships.

**Did you know?**

… that Gettysburg College has had a Parents Advisory Board for 35 years? Formerly known as the Executive Board of the Parents Association, the group was formed in 1971 to serve as a link between the parents and the administration with a primary focus on fund raising for the College.

Years ago, the Parents Advisory Board would identify specific projects for which to raise funds, such as renovations to the College Union Building (1972), study carrels for the Library (1977), and the curtain for the CUB ballroom stage (1987).

Today, the Parents Advisory Board’s fund raising efforts are directed to the Parents Fund, which provides the critical, unrestricted support the College needs in order to distinguish itself as a premier liberal arts institution.

For more information about the Parents Advisory Board, or to pledge your support of the Parents Fund, visit www.gettysburg.edu and click on Parents. You can also contact Ann Humelison ‘80 and Tom ‘80 McBride P’06, co-chairs of the Parents Advisory Board, at PABChairs@gettysburg.edu.

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### Restaurant review

It’s Family Weekend at Gettysburg, and you may be thinking:

I want to take my daughter or son to a special meal after she or he was subsisted on Servo and late-night pizza for six weeks.

We’ve tried every restaurant in town, but are seeking something a little bit more out of the ordinary.

My son or daughter surely hasn’t made a reservation, so we probably can’t get in anywhere, anyway.

If so, consider a visit to Restaurant Sidney on your next visit to Gettysburg.

It’s about a 25-minute drive from campus, but we’re confident you’ll find it worth the trip. Located at the intersection of Route 234 and 194 in the heart of East Berlin, the large, simply-decorated, two-story restaurant and tavern features an eclectic menu that features the freshest local ingredients prepared with the flair of a New York City-trained chef. (The chef worked in NYC for years before returning to this area, where he grew up.) There is also an international wine list that should please every palate.

Because Restaurant Sidney is relatively new (though the building itself is old), it’s not yet on the radar of many Family Weekend visitors, which means getting a Saturday night reservation is still a good possibility.

717-259-1319

Vista, MasterCard, and Discover cards

Private parties and receptions possible

Chef: Neil Annis

Directions: Drive north on Route 15 to the Route 234 exit (East Berlin/Biglerville). Turn right toward East Berlin and go 8.6 miles. Sidney is on SE corner of intersection Route 234 and 194 in the center of East Berlin.

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### Recommended Reading

“Don’t Tell Me What to Do, Just Send Money: The Essential Parenting Guide to the College Years,” by Helen E. Schelhas-Miller and Christine Johnson and Christine Schelhas-Miller, a humorous guide for parents on handling college issues. A “Dr. Spock manual” for parents of college-aged kids.

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**This is your newsletter!**

Do you have a great Gettysburg story to share? Has your son or daughter discovered a hidden talent or a new interest thanks to enrolling at Gettysburg College? Do you have any special advice for new College parents?

We want to hear from you! Please share your family’s Gettysburg story by writing to:

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Assistant Vice President for Alumni and Parent Relations
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Gettysburg, PA 17325
Imagine running a business that charges customers less for a product than it costs to produce. In most cases, such an enterprise would be doomed.

Gettysburg College is no exception. The cost to educate our students far exceeds the tuition charged. Even full tuition covers only 79 percent of the actual cost of a Gettysburg College education. Fortunately, however, the College is not doomed.

The difference between cost and tuition is bridged by the generous, yearly support of parents, alumni, and friends.

Phanthropy is an important tradition that has long been a part of Gettysburg College. Unrestricted gifts allow Gettysburg to provide the very best educational opportunities and enriching learning experiences to every Gettysburg student.

Parents help uphold this tradition through their yearly gifts to the Parents Fund. The Parents Fund is a special part of the Gettysburg Fund made up of unrestricted, annual support from current parents, grandparents, and parents of alumni.

The Parents Fund touches the lives of every Gettysburg College student and continues to benefit them long after graduation by enhancing the value of their Gettysburg College degree.

“Our giving focus should be on that which will benefit our children for years to come,” said parent Peter Langenus whose son, Brendan, graduated in December. “I know that the gifts I give to Gettysburg College will help my son now and for the rest of his life.”

For more information about the Parents Fund, or to make your gift online, visit www.gettysburg.edu/homepage/parents. 

The Parents Fund: Touching the lives of every Gettysburg College student

- $445,000
- 45% current parent participation

Fund year ends May 31, 2006.

Important dates

Save the date!
Fall Family Weekend
Oct. 20 – 22, 2006

Make your reservations today! For a listing of area hotels and bed & breakfasts, visit www.gettysburg.edu. Click on Parents, then Visiting Gettysburg.

Financial Aid Application Deadline:
April 15, 2005