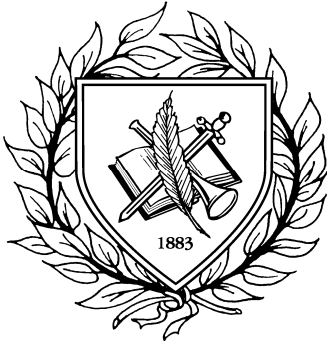


# STUDENT DEVELOPMENTS

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## Welcome Back!

Dear Wagner Community,

*"I accept this award today with an abiding faith in America and an audacious faith in the future of mankind. I refuse to accept despair as the final response to the ambiguities of history. I refuse to accept the idea that the "isness" of man's present nature makes him morally incapable of reaching up for the eternal "oughtness" that forever confronts him."*

*Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Nobel Peace Prize Speech 1964*

On January 8, 2011, the country stood still as we witnessed how one person's act of evil could impact an entire nation, with the violent shooting of 20 people, including Arizona's Congresswoman Gabrielle Gifford. As we mourned the six individuals who lost their lives, we've found great inspiration in Congresswoman Gifford's miraculous recovery and the compassion shown by everyday Americans. As we begin a new semester in the Dean of Campus Life's Office, we are also reminded of the powerful impact that one person devoted to good can have as we celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of a national holiday honoring the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Dr. King devoted his life to advocating for the basic civil rights for people of color, through non-violence and peaceful resistance. As a College, we honor Dr. King's legacy and celebrate Congresswoman Gifford's courage by fostering a community that respects difference and engages in civil discourse through social justice dialogues, intercultural awareness workshops, safe zone trainings, peer education and various other resources found within the Division of Campus Life.

We invite you to take advantage of all the great things that springtime at Wagner College has to offer! From events that celebrate the rich heritage and many contributions of African Americans and Women to Wagner traditions like Songfest, the Fashion Show, Wagnerstock and this year's "Big Name," DJ Girl Talk. The next few months will certainly provide you with many ways to get connected. So, take advantage and get involved!

As the new decade begins, take a moment to reflect on all around you and to plan the ways that you can positively impact your community, here at Wagner and beyond. Best wishes for a productive and successful new year!

Sincerely,  
Ruta Shah-Gordon  
Dean  
of Campus Life

Catharine McGlade  
Associate Dean  
of Campus Life

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Assistant Dean  
of Campus Life



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# Updates and Announcements



## Black History Month 2011



As a part of Wagner College's celebration of Black History Month the Center for Intercultural Advancement will be offering a variety of activities for the Wagner College community to enjoy. These events are open to all students, faculty, and staff to attend. Below is a list of the month's activities.

### February 1st, 2011

#### **Movie Night: *For Colored Girls***

Spiro 2, 7PM

For Colored Girls brings to the screen Ntozake Shane's Obie Award-winning play, a poetic exploration of what is to be of color and a female in this world.

### February 2nd, 2011

#### **NJ Nets vs Philadelphia 76ers**

Bus will be leaving at 5:30 pm for the Prudential Center (Newark, NJ)

### February 4th, 2011

Soul Food and Song -

Fill your spirit and your stomach!

Coffeehouse, 6PM

### February 5, 2011

#### **Basketball Doubleheader**

Watch the women's and men's basketball team take on Monmouth on the court. The NSU Choir will sing the National Anthem during the men's game at 7PM. Before the game, a small reception will be hosted in the VIP room.

### February 6th-12th, 2011

#### **Greek Recruitment Week**

Please check your email and look for Greek Event during this week for more info

All women wanting to participate in Recruitment must register online by 2/6/11

### February 8th, 2011

#### **Movie Night: *For Colored Girls***

Spiro 2, 7PM

### February 9th, 2011

#### **Nubian Student Union Speak Out**

Gatehouse Lounge, 9PM

### February 10th, 2011

**Read Aloud** 11AM-2PM

**Panel Discussion** 2PM-3PM

Union Atrium

### February 12th, 2011

#### **Finding Your Voice: Empowering Women Through Art**

9AM-5PM

### February 14th, 2011

#### **Relationship Forum Workshop**

### February 15th, 2011

#### **Staten Island Museum Event**

6PM-9PM

### February 16th, 2011

#### **Speaking Panel on Black Masculinity**

Spiro 2, 7PM

### February 22th, 2011

### February 24th, 2011

#### **Movie Nights: *Invictus***

Spiro 2, 7PM

Invictus tells the inspiring true story of how Nelson Mandela joined forces with the captain of South Africa's rugby team to help unite their country through the universal language of sport while making it to the 1995 Rugby World Cup Championship.

### February 25th, 2011

#### **Social Justice Dialogue**

Union 201, 12PM

### February 28, 2011

**Cheryl Clarke** will be speaking to students in Spiro 2 at 7 PM. She will read from some of Audre Lorde's poetry, offer an analysis and connect that to both Lorde's activism and to her own (as director of the Center for Social Justice and LGBT communities at Rutgers for many years, although she is now dean). A reception will follow the event.

### March 1st, 2011

#### **A Tribute to Black Music**

9PM

## MLK Agent of Change



Wagner College celebrates the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at our annual Agent of Change awards program. The event will be held on January 25th, 2011 at 6 pm in the Faculty Dining Hall. The keynote speaker will be community activist, educator and minister, the Rev. Dr. Demetrius S. Carolina Sr. and the two Honorees will be Iliana Suarez of Queens, a senior majoring in Nursing and Dr. Stephen Presskill, chair of the Education Department.

Dr. Stephen Presskill is chair of the Department of Education at Wagner College. He held the Jane Simmons McKimmon Professorship of Leadership Studies at Peace College in Raleigh, North Carolina. Previously he was Regents' Profess of Education at the University of New Mexico. Not only has he written many articles on the history of educational reform but he is co author of three books and is the lead author of a teaching manual. Iliana Suarez serves as the president of the Promising Student Society, where she has created more opportunities for her organization through service. She is also a Peer Educator, working with students to make a more inclusive community through thought provoking programming around issues of diversity. On campus, she is active in Student Nurses Association, the Nubian Student Union and Discussing Diversity.

Rev. Dr. Demetrius S. Carolina Sr. is widely recognized as a spiritual leader and advocate for justice and human rights. He maintains a respected reputation as a man of conviction, one who consistently demonstrates hands-on leadership and a commitment to his congregation and issues affecting all humanity. Having a deep concern for issues that relate to spiritual empowerment, economic equity, educational development and human rights, his work has taken him to several continents on behalf of these issues. He holds an Associates Degree in Communications, a Bachelor of Science Degree in Social Science, History and Education, a Master's Degree in Educational Administration Leadership from Temple University and a Doctoral in Educational Leadership/Management from the University of Phoenix. He has also accomplished post Doctoral work at NYU and CUTS Theological Seminary just to name a few. He currently serves as Senior Pastor at First Central Baptist Church, Staten Island, New York since 2005 and as the Executive Director of the Central Family Life Center. He also sits on numerous local and national boards. He is a member and award recipient of the NAACP. The Reverend Dr. Carolina is married to Bernice Resto-Carolina. They have three wonderful children Dior Isaiah, DeLisa Mona and Demetrius Solomon Carolina, II.



From left to right:  
Rev. Dr. Demetrius S. Carolina Sr.,  
Dr. Stephen Presskill,  
Iliana Suarez

# Upcoming Events



## March 26th, 2011

### Songfest

For all organizations participating watch your email for information detailing meeting times.

## April 8th, 2011

### Fashion Show

To learn more about getting involved in the Fashion Show (including if you want to be a model) please stop by the first SGA meeting of the year which will be held on Tuesday, January 25th, 2011.

## April 9th, 2011

### Wagnerstock

### Big Name

### Girl Talk

Commuters please come out to the Commuter Luncheons !!

They will be held on the following dates:

**February 8th, 2011 and March 23rd, 2011**



*Check out the College Calendar and Athletics for all upcoming events at:*  
<http://www.wagner.edu/calendar/>  
 or  
<http://www.wagnerathletics.com/>

**PLAYBILL®**  
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**2/1— Mary Poppins**

**2/5— Idina Menzel performing with NY Philharmonic (Off Broadway)**

**2/15— Addams Family**

**3/17— Phantom of the Opera**

**4/14— How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying**

**4/27— Catch Me If You Can**

*Broadway show tickets are sold on a first come, first-serve basis. For more information, contact Angele Malhotra at [angele.malhotra@wagner.edu](mailto:angele.malhotra@wagner.edu)*

# A Message from Co-Curricular Programs..

CCP hopes that you have all had a most relaxing and wonderful break period! But you know what? We missed you! The spring is a semester just filled with multiple opportunities to be involved on campus, to enjoy what your fellow Wagnerians are taking part in! There are seriously amazing opportunities just waiting for you to find them and enjoy! WagCAB will be showing movies and seeing some amazing shows this semester! WagCAB's also got a great opportunity for folks -- on 2/5/11 we'll be seeing Idina Menzel performing with the NY Philharmonic. One of the many ways in which you can be involved on-campus, is through Greek life. If you ask many of our current Greek students their story you'll hear that they found a home with their sorority or their fraternity, that they truly found a family and people who support them as individuals. Greek life is an amazing opportunity to be connected to the Wagner family. We encourage you to come out to see if Greek life is for you. Rush and Recruitment will be happening 2/7 - 2/12. Here in CCP we want to see you succeed, we want to see you enjoying your specific Wagner Plan! Please do not be a stranger! Stop by the office -- say hi when you can. If there is something you think is missing on-campus, we want to know! If you have an idea for an event on or off-campus, please do not hesitate to see if we can work together to make it happen. Good luck as you begin a new semester, welcome back! See you out there!



## Student Health Services

The Student Health Service Office hopes that all New & Returning Students had a Happy & Healthy Holiday!

Allergy shots are given by appointment:  
Wednesdays 9am—12pm  
Thursdays 2pm—3:30pm

### WEBSITE:

[www.wagner.edu/campus\\_life/health\\_services](http://www.wagner.edu/campus_life/health_services)

CAMPUS HALL RM 127  
TEL (718) 390-3158  
FAX 718-420-4170  
E-MAIL [studenthealthservice@wagner.edu](mailto:studenthealthservice@wagner.edu)

Please contact us via our new e-mail address listed above.

Flu Season is upon us. We hope you have had a your Flu Shots this year. Tips to fight the Flu:

- Get plenty of sleep,
- Be physically active,
- Manage your stress,
- Drink plenty of fluids and eat a well balanced diet every day.
- Wash your hands often with soap & water. Soap or alcohol-based hand rub kills the flu virus.
- Please remember to indulge yourself in fresh air and sunshine too.

Counseling and Student Health Services are working together to participate in a depression study in collaboration with New York University. The purpose of this study is to identify the signs and symptoms of depression among the college student population.

If you wish to take part and assist us with this study, you can do so by taking a short survey in the Student Health Service office.



# Housing Lottery?

## HOUSING SELECTION NIGHTS

**Monday, April 5**

Displaced Students & Foundation Hall 5-8 PM  
Themed Community Floor Meetings at 6 PM

**Tuesday, April 6**

Traditional Housing Selection from 5-8

### APPLICATION DEADLINES\*

**Friday, February 25**

Themed Communities Applications Due at 4:30 PM

**Friday, March 18**

Same Room Sign-Up Applications Due at 4:30 PM

**Friday, March 25**

Traditional Housing, Medical Placement, and  
Greek Housing Applications Due at 4:30 PM

*\*Please note that proof of payment to the Wagner  
College Business Office of a \$300 Housing Deposit is  
due with all Housing Applications*

### INFORMATION SESSIONS

**Themed Community Info Table**

Wednesday, February 2  
Harborview Hall Lobby  
4-8 PM

**Themed Community Info Session**

Monday, February 7  
Gatehouse Lounge, Harborview Hall  
8 PM

**General Housing Info Session**

Wednesday, February 23  
Foundation Hall, Manzulli Room  
9 PM

**Housing Selection Info Table**

Wednesday, March 2  
Harborview Lobby  
4-8 PM

**Housing Selection Info Table**

Tuesday, March 15  
Union Atrium (outside of the Dining Hall)  
11 AM - 1 PM

## RA Selection Process

The Office of Residential Education is planning for the annual Resident Assistant Selection Process. This process will occur in the Spring of 2011 in order to hire students for employment beginning in Fall of 2011. We are looking for students who have demonstrated a commitment to their residential community as well as to Wagner College. We are also looking for a wide variety of students for the position. Having RAs from a wide array of majors, class levels, personalities, and skill sets in the position can contribute to an overall positive and successful experience. The Resident Assistant position offers a unique opportunity to serve as a leader at Wagner College. Applicants are required to have a minimum of a 2.5 GPA (cumulative), must have lived on campus for at least one semester, and must have sophomore, junior, or senior status when returning to campus for the Fall 2011 semester. A timeline of the process is below, which includes the important dates related to RA Selection.

1.24.11	RA Applications Available Online
1.25.11	RA Information Session at 9 PM in Beisler Lounge, Guild Hall
1.26.11	RA Information Session at 9 PM in the D3 Annex, Towers Hall
1.26.11	RA Information Table from 4-8 PM in the Harborview Hall Lobby
1.27.11	RA Information Session at 9 PM in Gatehouse Lounge, Harborview Hall
2.11.11	RA Applications Due by 4:30 PM
2.26.11	RA Interview Day (All Candidates Must Attend!)
3.2.11	RA Candidates May Pick Up Decision Letters at Central Office (Towers B3)

Please visit the Residential Education website regularly for information and updates:  
[http://www.wagner.edu/campus\\_life/residential\\_education](http://www.wagner.edu/campus_life/residential_education)

## Looking to get Involved?..

If you're looking for a great way to get involved and make a difference in the life of a new student, then you'll want to apply to become a peer leader. We are looking to identify 40 dynamic student leaders to serve as valuable resources, during new student orientation.

Whether you are a member of a fraternity or sorority, a commuter, a student-athlete or member of any student organization; you may be the ideal candidate! To learn more about this exciting position, please attend one of the following information sessions:

**January 31st, 2011 at 5 PM or  
February 8th, 2011 at 10 AM**

Applications will be available online beginning, January 24th, 2011 or you can pick up an application in the Dean of Campus Life office, Union 221.

**Application Deadline :  
February 15th, 2011**

Be advised all candidates **must participate** in the Peer Leader Interview day on **Saturday, February 26th, 2011**



## Co-Curricular Competency Program



The Co-curricular Competency Program was inaugurated with a Leadership Retreat at Cornwall on Hudson. 28 students joined nine coaches drawn from the staff of Wagner College. After an icebreaker round, the CCCP participants dove into a series of breakout sessions that highlighted differences and similarities in their personalities. The evening ended with s'mores around a campfire. Saturday morning began with a physical and mental challenge course. Small groups learned how to work together and help each other with the obstacles that stood in their way. After a hearty lunch the group reconvened to learn about the seven competencies. A wrap up session presented by Dr. Anne Love led into a night of games including an epic session of Sardines. The final morning of the retreat each student met one on one with their coach and set their course for the semester ahead. The group then piled on the bus and headed back to Wagner.