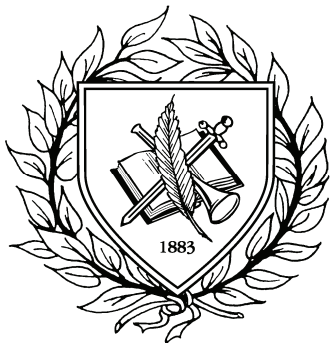


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Message from the Dean of Campus Life Office

Dear Wagner Community:

We hope the fall semester thus far has been one of academic and personal success for you. It has been an extremely busy semester to date. We started off with a great Orientation where we welcomed our new students, who have really demonstrated strong leadership qualities. It was exciting to see 12 first year students run for 4 open senate positions in the Student Government Association. We also had a successful homecoming and family weekend. Students, staff and faculty have been creating a vibrant community here at Wagner that has kept us quite busy. The campus has been buzzing with countless activities held by clubs, organizations, Co-Curricular Programs, Residential Education and the Dean of Campus Life office.

This is a tumultuous and exciting time in American History. As we all consider the financial difficulties at home and abroad—we have an opportunity (actually an obligation) to make our voices heard. We encourage each of you to do your civic duty and VOTE! Whether you vote in person or by absentee ballot it's time to step up and speak up for the things in which we believe—for our collective future.

This fall issue includes: community information on campus and in New York City as well as the Wagner international opportunities of Expanding Your Horizon programs and study abroad. There are letters from the president of the Student Government Association and from the president of the Residence Hall Association, roommate tips from the Residential Education Staff as well as highlights and events on and off-campus from Co-Curricular Programs.

There so many ways to get involved and shape your Wagner plan, whether it's signing up for the Emerging Leaders Institute taking place the weekend of November 14 - 17 or submitting applications for W.A.G.C.A.R.E., a new peer education group dedicated to raising awareness about healthy relationships, safety in NYC and alcohol and other drug issues on college campuses. Students will also have an opportunity to participate in the "It's Your Health, It's Your NY" marketing competition that could land students on the NY 1 channel during the Spring semester! Take advantage of these opportunities, make Wagner your community and let us hear your voice! We want you to get involved and make a difference.

We wish you luck during mid-terms. Please call the Dean of Campus Life Office if you have any questions at 718.390.3423.

Sincerely,
Ruta Shah-Gordon
Dean of Campus Life

Sofia Bautista Pertuz
Associate Dean

Catharine McGlade
Associate Dean

Residential Education Updates

Having a tough time adjusting to your roommate situation?

If you are having difficulty living with your roommate, don't fret! The staff in Residential Education is here to work with you and teach you how to resolve such concerns. First, go and speak with your RA and together you can brainstorm some techniques about how to address the situation with your roommate. If a conversation doesn't resolve the conflict, then the next step is to work with the Resident Director or an Assistant Resident Director in your hall. These staff work out of the hall office (near the main lobby) in each hall and can offer mediation between roommates to find a common ground in the situation. Don't let your frustrations about your living situation build - please seek out our assistance. We are here to help!

A Letter from the President of the Residence Hall Association (RHA)

Welcome to the Wagner College Residence Hall Association!

RHA is composed of people like you—residents. Every single resident at Wagner is a member of RHA. RHA is here to respond to the needs of students. College is where you'll be living for nine months out of the year and RHA strives to make Wagner your home away from home! We make it our top priority at RHA to make life more fun and enjoyable for resident students at Wagner. Through a combination of programming and an on-campus presence, we make it a point to make living at Wagner an enjoyable experience. Last year was a tremendous re-building year, and this year we have set our sights high. With a new and dedicated executive board and tremendous representatives at the hall and floor level we have increased our presence on campus. Last year, RHA sponsored a luau for the housing lottery, hosted a speed room mating game (where we set students up with a roommate, who didn't already have one going into the lottery ... that's how I found my roommate!), got some key chains so new students didn't lose their keys, re-wrote and amended a constitution, and won third place at the Haunted House, among many other things. We already started off the semester with a bang by orienting the new-students to Wagner, and are teaming up with the campaign: Under Age Drinking is not a Minor Problem, amidst the plethora of programs and events we have scheduled. The RHA is all about fun! Being involved in RHA is an opportunity to put together awesome programs and the chance to make the residence halls more of a home than a place to reside. You will also be able to gain leadership skills that will always be with you, not to mention memories you will never forget. Please feel free to contact the RHA (rha@wagner.edu) with any housing related suggestions, program ideas, or anything else! We are always here to serve you and Wagner more fun and enjoyable place to live for all resident students. I look forward to another amazing year! RHA: We know where you live!

Philip Pallito
RHA President



STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

CAMPUS HALL – ROOM 127

TEL (718) 390-3158

FAX 718-420-4170

E-MAIL bbirstle@wagner.edu

FREE FLU SHOTS: October 29, 2008

COUNSELING SERVICES: A psychiatrist and a psychologist are available during the year. Appointments are made through the Health Service Office.

HEALTH SERVICES WILL BE OFFERING THE FOLLOWING SCREENINGS:

Depression Screening:

October 1, 2008

Anxiety Screening:

November 12, 2008

Eating Disorders Screening:

November 19, 2008

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Harry Jackson

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Vice President for Communications:
Stephanie Loffredo

Vice President for Campus Events:
Melissa Waterbury

Vice President for Community Service:
Samantha Siegel

Special Note to Students:

Please remember to be courteous to our Staten Island neighbors, especially when returning to campus from off-campus activities. Rude, loud, or destructive behavior can disturb those who live around our campus.

Remember that you may be held accountable by the Dean of Campus Life Office for Wagner policy violations that occur off-campus!

Update from the Student Government Association

Fall greetings from the NEW SGA Office!

Wow, what an amazing start to the year! First off, I want to say how proud I am of the Wagner Community for the amazing show of energy and support during Senator Hillary Clinton's visit to campus. Councilman Mike McMahon continued his campaign for US Congress by staging a rally in the Spiro Sports Center, and students turned out in force to support him. The representatives from State and Local Government, including Senator Clinton herself, were very impressed by all the cheers, applause, signs, and enthusiasm coming from the crowd, and we showed them how politically aware and active we are as a student body. We all did a fantastic job making sure Senator Clinton felt welcome, and this event will be remembered on this campus for years to come.

Congratulations to our Football Team in their win over Iona capping off a fantastic Homecoming! It was an awesome day of fun and festivities, and I'd like to congratulate Tavis Doucette of Theta Chi, and Madison Kidwell of Alpha Delta Pi, Homecoming King and Queen for 2008. Each Greek Organization also created a Homecoming Banner, and the winners were announced during the Pep Rally. Alpha Omicron Pi won on behalf of Greek Life, the Promising Student Society scored on behalf of the Non-Greeks, and the Tau Kappa Sigma won Crowd Favorite. Congratulations to all the participants, and all the members of this year's royal court. Football season has begun. Are YOU ready for the Wagner Seahawks?

SGA took applications for Tunnels to Towers, a memorial run in tribute to the memory of the heroic life and death of fireman Stephen Siller, his 342 FDNY brothers, and all 9/11 victims. The run happened at 9:30AM sharp on September 28th, on 610 Henry Street, Red Hook, Brooklyn. This has been a great cause that SGA traditionally supports and we expect a strong showing from the Wagner Community.

Finally, SGA's voter registration/absentee ballot was a great initiative. Student Government decided to play a key role in student registration, by providing both registration forms and absentee request forms. This upcoming election is critical, and as Senator Clinton declared earlier this year, "It is up to [us] to get out and vote!" One of my goals this year is to make sure our student body is politically active. We must get out there and learn what Senators Obama and McCain stand for, and make the most informed decision possible. Stay tuned for more events from SGA centered on the 2008 Election, and please get out and vote!!!

As you can see, this school year is off to a great start. From rallies featuring political superstars, to an epic Homecoming weekend, this is an exciting time for Wagner College. Keep an eye out for our Freshmen Senatorial Elections, as we add the class of 2012 to our ranks. We're working hard in SGA to better serve the Wagner Community, and this is set to be one of our best years ever.

Here's to a great fall,

Harry Jackson
President
Student Government Association

Upcoming Events at Wagner

EYH Expanding Your Horizons 2009

TH 201: Movement for Performers (I)- Amsterdam

CH 540: Environmental Pollution and Health (I)- Bangladesh

MU 291: History of Costa Rican Music: National Identity Defined Through Music- Costa Rica

IB/BU 531 Section 1: Exploring International Business Environments- Dubai

AA 291: London Arts Administration and Marketing- England

BU 510: Business, Culture and Ethics: Hawaii- Hawaii

BI-120 Human Biology: Balneotherapy & Physiology of Mind, Body, Stress, and Relaxation- Hungary

MDS 291: Culture, Traditions, and Holistic Medicine in South India- India

REL 291: Understanding Different Faiths: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam- Israel

GOV 240: Service and Politics Abroad: The AIDS Crisis in Kenya- Kenya

ED 591: Educational Issues in a Developing Nation: Peru- Peru

SOC 291 Sex, Gender, and Sexuality in Tanzania: Writing Women's Lives (I)- Tanzania

The **DEADLINE** for application for application for these courses was **October 3rd, 2008**.

A \$400.00 non-refundable fee was due on October 10th, 2008 after approval from faculty member.

WAGNER ATHLETICS

Support all Wagner Athletic Teams; GO SEAHAWKS!

For more information about Athletic calendars and games, go to the Athletic website at: <http://wagnerathletics.com/>

Hats Off!

2008 Homecoming Court!!!

Madison Kidwell, Queen
Tavis Doucette, King
Molly Dennis, First Princess
Constantine Economos, First Prince
Rachel Dunn, Second Princess
Levi Dusseau, Second Prince
Kate Burns
Jillian Sullivan
Andrew Minucci

Fall Fest 2008

October 25, 2008
10am-1pm
Sutter Oval
Live Music, Games and More!!!



**Did you know that there are
over 60
Student organizations
at Wagner College?**

**To find out more about
getting involved and finding an
organization perfect for you,
contact the
Co-Curricular Programs Office
at (718) 420-4257
or stop in to our office
on the second floor of the Union.**

We look forward to your visit!

***Good luck on midterms,
papers and projects!!!***

Student Leadership Opportunities

*“It’s your New York, It’s your health”
Marketing Campaign*

Would you like to be on T.V.?

www.wagner.edu/campus_life/itsyournyitsyourhealth

**Applications are available on the Dean of Campus
life website.**

Prizes include:

\$200 Barnes and Noble gift certificate

\$100 Barnes and Noble gift certificate

W.A.G.C.A.R.E. WAGner Community Advocating Responsibility

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful,
Committed citizens can change the world.

Indeed

It’s the only thing that ever has”.

By Margaret Mead

W.A.G.C.A.R.E. is a peer education group to raise awareness in our community about topics
such as safety in NYC, healthy relationships and alcohol and other drug issues

How Do I apply?

Go to the Dean of Campus Life Website

http://www.wagner.edu/campus_life/wagcare and download
the application.