

# STUDENT DEVELOPMENTS

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## Summer Greetings from the Dean of Campus Life Office

Dear Students,

Summer greetings from the Dean of Campus Life Office! We hope you are having an enjoyable and safe summer, as well as finding opportunities to reconnect with friends and family. We would like to share some important changes to some of the offices that will hopefully benefit all of you and allow Wagner to move to a student services model that is more aligned with our mission of integrated learning and community connection. The Center for Academic and Career Development under the direction of Dr. Anne Love will offer a holistic range of resources to enable students to make informed academic and career choices.

The Division of Campus Life consists of the Dean of Campus Life Office, Residential Education, Co-Curricular Programs, Health and Counseling Services, Judicial Affairs, as well as Diversity and Internationalization Initiatives. We are very excited about these changes and are confident that this will enhance the student experiences outside of the classroom. On a personal note, we'd like to share some of the things that we have been up to this summer.

Ruta Shah-Gordon has spent most of her summer with house renovations and has taken time to do a Northeast U.S. Tour to catch up with friends. She is very excited about some of the new exchange possibilities for our students (see pg. 3 for more information) and all of the new initiatives Campus Life will be partnering with students on.

Sofia Bautista Pertuz has enjoyed a great summer of planning, including new student orientation, Family Weekend and various events with the Co-Curricular Programs Office. She did take some time to relax and enjoy time with family. One of the highlights was a trip to Juneau, Alaska where she took a nice break from the heat to enjoy some mild weather. She is excited about the many changes happening in the Division of Campus Life and looks forward to a great year.

Catharine McGlade plans to travel to Northern Ireland and visit family. She frequently visits there to reconnect with family and will participate in the second annual memorial charity walk in her mother's memory, in order to gather family and friends and raise money for cancer research. She's excited about coming back to NYC to continue to learn about the her newest environment: the vibrant and diverse Wagner community! Her new role as Associate Dean will focus on judicial affairs, residential life and leadership recognition.

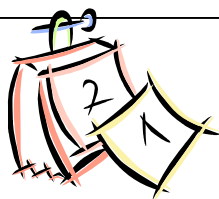
On campus, we have many exciting things happening, some of which we will share in this issue of Student Developments. We have updates about summer construction projects, a welcome note from SGA President Morgan Scott, profiles of new Campus Life administrators, a listing of our Residential Education staff for the upcoming year and a preview of the many events we have planned for the fall semester. We have been quite busy getting ready for students to arrive in August and are very excited about the 2007 - 2008 academic year. We look forward to your return in August!

Sincerely,

Ruta Shah-Gordon  
Dean of Campus Life

Sofia Bautista Pertuz  
Associate Dean

Catharine McGlade  
Associate Dean



**Save the Date!**  
**Join us for**  
**Family Weekend 2007**

**Friday, September 28 — Sunday, September 30**

### Highlights include

- Football game
- Trip to "Lion King"
- Tours to Top of the Rock
- Book Sale
- Interfaith service

# Meet the Staff in the Division of Campus Life

Office of the Dean of Campus Life	Union 221 (718) 390-3423	Office of Co-Curricular Programs	Union 227 (718) 420-4257
Ruta Shah-Gordon	<i>Dean of Campus Life</i>	Curtis Wright	<i>Director</i>
Sofia Bautista Pertuz	<i>Associate Dean of Campus Life</i>	Carly Myers-Darger	<i>Assistant Director</i>
Catharine McGlade	<i>Associate Dean of Campus Life</i>	Virgil Avery, Nicole Viana	<i>Graduate Assistants</i>
Maddy Sliger	<i>Administrative Assistant</i>		
Mark Magro, Bridget Amritano	<i>Graduate Assistants</i>		
Health Services:	Campus Hall 127 (718) 390-3158	Office of Residential Education	Parker Towers Hall (718) 390-3420
Kathleen Oberfeldt	<i>Director</i>	Sara Klein	<i>Director</i>
Barbara Birstler	<i>Associate Director</i>	Tristan Tosh	<i>Assistant Director</i>
Betty Volsario	<i>Secretary</i>	Letty Romero	<i>Administrative Assistant</i>
Fran Essex	<i>Nurse</i>	Matthew Hollingshead	<i>Resident Director for Towers</i>
Randi Loncle	<i>Nurse</i>	Sabrina Slater	<i>Resident Director for Harborview</i>
Counseling Services:	Campus Hall 126 (718) 390-3158	TBA	<i>Resident Director for Guild Hall and the Apartments</i>
Laura Ancona, M.D.	<i>Director</i>	Gareth (Shui) Shumack	<i>ARDs for Parker Towers Hall</i>
Sharon Kiuahara, Psy.D.	<i>Associate Director</i>	Sonya Watts	<i>ARD for Parker Towers Hall</i>
		Audra Goodman	<i>ARD for Harborview</i>
		Melanie Vant Hoogt	<i>ARD for Harborview</i>
		Aquabah Gonney	<i>ARD for Guild Hall and the Apartments</i>



## Shape Your Community= Free Breakfast

Open invite to join the “Quality of Life” committee to talk openly to your peers and members of the Wagner Community about life on campus and your experiences at Wagner: e-mail [catharine.mcglade@wagner.edu](mailto:catharine.mcglade@wagner.edu); free breakfast will be served!



## Meet the New Members of the Campus Life Team!



**Catharine McGlade**, Associate Dean of Campus Life, comes to us from Fordham University where she worked at the Bronx and Manhattan campuses for ten years in a variety of roles within Residential Life and Judicial Affairs. Her professional background includes student advisement, senior transitions programs, judicial affairs, teaching and counseling. She has two master's degrees: one in Teaching and one in Counseling & Personnel Services and earned a B.A. in English Literature from Fordham University. Prior to her Higher Education experience, Catharine taught in New York City and in South Korea. She's a New York City native, and loves to travel. Brooklyn is her new home and she's excited to learn more about Wagner and Staten Island communities.

**Sara Klein**, Director of Residential Education, comes to us most recently from New York University as a Community Development Educator in the Department of Residential Education. Her areas of professional expertise include first-year student programs, living-learning communities, and community development. Sara earned a master's degree in Higher Education Administration from New York University and a bachelor's degree in Psychology and Musical Theater from Washington University in St. Louis.

She is currently completing her PhD coursework at NYU in Higher Education Administration. Before working in higher education, Sara was an analyst at Goldman, Sachs & Co. She was born and raised in Livingston, NJ and recently married Ben, a clinical psychologist.

**Sabrina Slater**, is the new RD for Harborview and is very excited to be at Wagner! She is originally from WA state and went to school at Lehigh University in PA where she studied Cognitive Science and Health & Human Development. Most recently, she's been working in northern CA at Humboldt State University. She's thrilled to be back on the East coast and made a solo trip from CA to WA to see her brother recently graduate from college. From there, she drove to NYC! She believes college is a great place to be because of the energy and drive for knowledge of the people in the community and she looks forward to getting to know everyone. She's passionate about hearing what people have to say, knowing resources on campus and advocating for a society that is just. She encourages everyone to stop by her office and wants to share that she loves to smile and laugh-even if it's a corny joke or two.

# Department News and Highlights

In the age of globalization, an intimate understanding of a foreign culture is both a valuable academic asset & an enriching personal experience. Now Wagner College is offering three new exchange programs for the spring 2008 semester. These three programs will allow students to study abroad & keep their Wagner Scholarships!



## Rome, Italy



Seize the opportunity to study in **Rome, Italy** at the **St. John's campus** where you will take courses (all in English) with St. John's students and students from partnering universities, taught by the St. John's international faculty. Have the chance to participate as part of the Rome campus community and with service-learning initiatives abroad



## Almeria, Spain



Situated in Southeastern Spain, is the city of Almeria where you can now study for a full semester. Strategically located on the Mediterranean coast, the **University of Almeria** offers all classes in Spanish; therefore, a minimum fluency level will be required.



## Lyon, France



Mid-way between the sea and the mountains, at the heart of a flourishing region, close to many European cities, **Lyon, France** is an ideal starting point to discover Europe. Wagner students now have the opportunity to study at **Lyon 2** which offers a wide variety of courses for all majors.

Study Abroad Office (Parker Hall) or Union 221.

**The Center for Academic & Career Development (CACD) Student Success Seminars** will start the second week of classes. The topics will be: Major Explorations, Time Management, Healthy Lifestyles, Stress Management, Relationships, Career Exploration and Money Management. All students are welcome. Look for our flyers in the Fall. For more information, call 718.390.3416

**Peer Tutoring** will open the third week of school. For more information, please check the CACD website.



**STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES**  
**CAMPUS HALL – ROOM 127**  
**TEL (718) 390-3158**  
**FAX 718-420-4170**  
**E-MAIL bbirstle@wagner.edu**

**ALL STUDENTS:**

**Insurance Waivers** were due June 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have not submitted a waiver, please do so **NOW!**

**“Welcome to Wagner College!” Health Records** are due by August 15<sup>th</sup>. If we do not receive your records **you will not be permitted to attend class!**

**COUNSELING SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE:**

A psychiatrist and a psychologist are available during the Fall semester. Appointments are made through the Health Service Office.

**HEALTH SERVICES WILL BE OFFERING:**

**FREE Flu Shots** In the beginning of October; time, date, and place will be announced. Please check your E-Mail

**Health Awareness:....“GET THE FACTS”  
 Come & See Us**

## WAGNER COLLEGE POLICY AND FACILITIES NEWS

Our facilities staff has been hard at work over the summer preparing the campus for fall term. Listed below are just a few of the facilities upgrades, directly affecting faculty and students, that are waiting for your return **or** are in the project queue to be addressed in the near future:

- The new Writing Center in Horrmann Library
- Peer Tutoring Center in Horrmann Library
- Alarms and sprinklers installed throughout Harborview
- The Horrmann Library Roof rehabilitation.
- New IT desk installed and restructured in the lower level of Horrmann Library.
- The Photo Darkroom in Main Hall
- The new NMR machine installed in the Chemistry Depart., Megerle Hall.
- The renovated Chemistry Labs in Megerle Hall

- Safety work throughout the exterior of Main Hall.
- Main Hall 43 renovation-- a new adjunct office space, a new Art Department Secretarial space and two new faculty offices.
- The Old Darkroom in Main Hall renovated to be a traditional classroom.
- The Tennis Court resurfaced.
- Furniture replaced in the Union Atrium.
- Multi Media rooms installed: Main Hall 6, Spiro 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5, Campus Hall 104, 201, 207, 217 & 228
- A new bathroom in the Nursing Resource Center/ Campus Hall.
- First floor Parker Hall--creating a new men's bathroom and an additional space
- Renovating Union 201 and Gatehouse Lounge.





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**2007-2008 SGA Executive Board**

President:  
**Morgan Scott**

Vice President:  
**Kelly Byrd**

Vice President for Finance:  
**Kevin Richard**

Vice President for Communications:  
**Harry Jackson**

Vice President for Campus Events:  
**Sara McLaughlin**

**Notes from the Student Government Association**

**Welcome Back from SGA!**

I trust that everyone had a relaxing, yet productive, summer and you are now ready to get back into the school year with a bang. I am particularly excited about this year as we prepare to celebrate the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Wagner College's founding. Keep your eyes open for a number of events that will take place to commemorate this milestone.

This summer the members of Student Government have been working hard to prepare for the upcoming year. We are excited to officially introduce the Honor Code this fall. Please take a moment to read it over and prepare to sign a statement that will be attached to every test and paper. Copies of the Honor Code can be found in every classroom and on the SGA web page. We are also installing a new suggestion box-- please use it and let us know what you would like to see this year!

I strongly encourage you to become involved in our Senate, which works on a number of projects throughout the year that are both entertaining and academically important. To learn more about what we do in SGA, please view our web page; a link can be found on the Co-Curricular page on [wagner.edu](http://wagner.edu). Election packets will be available in the SGA office in September, so be on the lookout!

If you have any questions or need any information, please feel free to stop by our office on the second floor of the Student Union near the entrance to the dining hall. You can also feel free to call (718-390-3276) or email ([sga@wagner.edu](mailto:sga@wagner.edu)). Take advantage of every opportunity you get this year; your college experience is truly what you make of it. Enjoy the sun on the oval before the cool fall weather comes in-- see you at Homecoming on September 15<sup>th</sup>!

Best,

*Morgan Scott*  
President  
Wagner College Student Government



**Hats Off...**

**Tau Kappa Sigma sorority:**

raised over \$2,000 for Breast Cancer Research and the March of Dimes philanthropies involved in the formation of the Night Light campaign member **Amy Polumbo**, recently crowned Miss New Jersey 2007! **Amy** won the talent competition and will spend the next year traveling the State of New Jersey speaking about her platform, Internet Safety. This was only Amy's second pageant and she beat out 27 other women and will represent New Jersey at the Miss America Scholarship Pageant and host the Homecoming 2007 Pep Rally as the Mistress of Ceremonies.

**Nubian Student Union & Alpha Omicron Pi sorority:**  
Songfest first place winners

**Theta Chi fraternity:**

coordinated an on-campus clothing drive for the Salvation Army, raised money for Habitat for Humanity and Breast Cancer, volunteered for Take Back the Night event, Songfest King: Joe Gilmore

**Kappa Sigma Alpha fraternity:**  
adopted Special Olympics as official philanthropy, participated in the Polar Bear Swim as an organization, Served as scorekeepers for bowling events, Songfest: Doug Kruger Award for outstanding energy, dedication, motivation, and organization in his memory

Congratulations to all who participated in **Up Til Dawn** letter writing campaign; **\$51000** was raised for the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital & is this year's # 1 Up Til Dawn chapter in NY

**Alpha Sigma Omega fraternity:**  
involved in the formation of Night Light campaign, restructured internal procedure and crossed a class of 12

**Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority:**

co-sponsored Wagnerstock raised money for the fight against Muscular Dystrophy and Breast Cancer co-sponsored several events with Co-Curricular Programs including an ice-skating outing

**Delta Nu fraternity:** raised \$35,000 toward the construction a War Memorial in the courtyard of Spiro Sports Center participated in the Staten Island waterfront cleanup

**Kimberly Cantoni**, has been a volunteer ambassador for the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network for more than two years and went to *Celebration on the Hill* this past Sept. to lobby for more funding in cancer research. Kim was recently honored by the American Cancer Society at their annual dinner for all of her work within cancer research & education.

**Alpha Delta Pi sorority:**  
participation in Take back the Night Songfest third place winning routine

Wagner receives **Inaugural award from NEC/NCAA** for student athlete GPAs!

**Homecoming Queen 2006** Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority sister, Whitney Brannan

**Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity:** raised money for and awareness of the Alzheimers foundation, raised money for Breast Cancer Research, participated in the Staten Island waterfront cleanup, Songfest routine won second place school-wide Homecoming 2006

# Move-In Information from the Office of Residential Education!

**We are very excited for the upcoming year at Wagner College. The Residence Education staff has been working hard this summer to prepare for your arrival and we are eager to have you join us in your home away from home!**

To prepare for the fall, there are several things you should know:

- ✦ Please arrive at your assigned move-in date and time (information was provided with the room assignment letter).
- ✦ Please remember **not** to bring the following as they are not permitted in the residence halls: Open heating coils (toasters, etc.), Fireworks, Weapons, Candles or incense, Halogen and lava lamps, Any pet (except fish, which are permitted in a 2 gallon max. tank), Extension cords without surge protectors, Illegal drugs and/or paraphernalia, Traffic and street signs, Amplifiers and large speakers

For questions, please call the Office of Residential Education at 718-390-3420, Mon.-Fri. 8:30am-4:30pm

## Important Move-In Dates and Times:

**First Year and Transfer Students** arrive Friday,

**8/24, 2007** from 9am - 1pm

**Returning students and Graduate students** arrive

**Sunday, 8/26, 2007** from 9am - 5pm



## ATTENTION PARENTS: PLEASE SEND US YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESSES

**In case of an emergency, EMAIL may be the only way to reach parents if phone lines are tied up.** *If you have not updated at least one parent email lately (all first year parents have just been added), please send your information to Tina Migliore at: [tmiglior@wagner.edu](mailto:tmiglior@wagner.edu) in an email in the following format.*

Subject: **Parent email**

Body of message:

**Parent full name, address, email, student full name, class**

*\*(If you have received this newsletter by email as well as hard copy, we have your current email address—please do not update)*



# Important Upcoming Events and Announcements



There are plenty of things to do at Wagner, here are a few to get you started!

## Fall Movie Schedule

- 8/27, 8:30pm: Spiderman 3
- 8/29, 9pm: Knocked Up
- 9/5, 9pm: Spiderman 3
- 9/7, 7:30pm: Knocked Up
- 9/10, 9pm: 300
- 9/12, 8:30pm: We Are Marshall
- 9/19, 9pm: 300
- 9/21, 7:30pm: We Are Marshall
- 9/26, 9pm: Maxed Out
- 9/28, 7:30pm: Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest
- 10/3, 9pm: Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest
- 10/5, 7:30pm: Maxed Out
- 10/10, 9pm: Breach
- 10/12, 7:30pm: A Mighty Heart
- 10/17, 9pm: A Mighty Heart
- 10/19, 7:30pm: Breach
- 10/24, 9pm: Hostel II
- 10/26, 7:30pm: 1408
- 10/31, 9pm: 1408
- 11/2, 7:30pm: Hostel II
- 11/7, 9pm: Hairspray
- 11/9, 7:30pm: Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix
- 11/14, 9pm: Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix
- 11/16, 7:30pm: Hairspray
- 11/19, 9pm: The Bourne Ultimatum
- 11/20, 9pm: Rush Hour 3
- 11/28, 9pm: Rush Hour 3
- 11/30, 7:30pm: The Bourne Ultimatum
- 12/3, 9pm: Black X-Mas
- 12/4, 9pm: Love Actually
- 12/5, 9pm: Black X-Mas
- 12/5, 9pm: Love Actually



## Celebrate Wagner: Homecoming 2007! Participate and Get Involved!

**September 10:** Club Fair  
4:30-7:30pm, Sutter Oval

**September 11:** 9/11 Memorial  
4:30pm, Trautmann Square

**September 12:** WE ARE MARSHALL  
Sutter Oval, 7pm  
*Free T-shirts, Flags, Footballs, Cups*

**September 13:** Homecoming Block Party and Banner Competition  
6:30pm, Cunard Loop  
*DJ, Free Cups, Hot Dogs, Cotton Candy, Popcorn*

**September 14:** Homecoming Pep Rally  
8pm, Spiro Sports Center  
*Hosted by Miss New Jersey 2007, Amy Polumbo  
Free Giveaways, T-shirts, Flags, Footballs, Tattoos*

**September 15:** Homecoming Coronation  
Breakfast  
9:30am, Faculty Dining Room

Homecoming Game  
1pm, Seahawk Stadium



**ATTENTION:  
SMOKING IS  
PROHIBITED IN  
ALL THREE  
RESIDENCE HALLS:  
We thank you for your  
cooperation.**

## Looking for a few Good Students...

to join the Community Standards Review Board (CSRB). This a student only judicial board that hears disciplinary cases. Applications will be available during the first week of classes. For more information contact Catharine McGlade at [catharine.mcglade@wagner.edu](mailto:catharine.mcglade@wagner.edu)



## Broadway Shows

- 9/18, 7:00pm, \$25.25 Wicked
- 10/3, 8:00pm, \$23.00 Legally Blonde
- 10/25, 8:00pm, \$25.00 Spring Awakening
- 11/8, 8:00pm, \$25.50 Little Mermaid

## Lights, Camera, Action: Wagner Week of Welcome 2007

### Superhero Monday

**8/27: 1-5pm, Sutter Oval**  
Bungee Run, Rock Wall, Inflatable Iron Man, FREE T-Shirts & Key Chains

### 8:30pm, Sutter Oval

Movie: Spider Man III  
FREE T-SHIRTS, KEYCHAINS, COTTON CANDY AND POPCORN

### Action-Packed Tuesday

**8/28: 11am-2 pm, Commuter Student Lounge, Union 227**  
Make your own Aroma Therapy X-Box Tournament- Great Prizes for the winners! FREE T-Shirts & KeyChains

### 12-4pm, Sutter Oval

Football Toss, Inflata- Hoops, Joust Sports Challenge, FREE T-SHIRTS, BANDANNAS & KEYCHAINS

### Music-Filled Wednesday

**8/28: 7-11pm, Union Patio**  
Make Your Ice Cream Sundaes  
CD Recording Booth  
FREE T-SHIRTS AND KEYCHAINS

### Lucky Thursday

**8/30 : 7-11pm, Gatehouse Lounge Casino Night**  
GREAT PRIZES PLUS FREE T-SHIRTS AND KEYCHAINS

### Throwback Friday: 8/31

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**ANNOUNCEMENT:**  
The Residence Life Office has changed its name to...  
The Office of Residential Education!!!