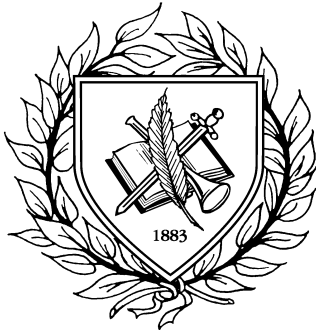


STUDENT DEVELOPMENTS

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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. As we get ready to celebrate Wagner College's 125th Anniversary, we have many exciting things happening, some of which we will share in this issue of Student Developments.

We have been working closely with Harry Jackson, President of Student Government Association on a new Student Planner and Handbook for 2008-2009 that will be issued to all new students. Orientation planning is also underway and the Orientation Coordinators, Jennifer Lewis and Michael Pinto have been working hard to develop a program that welcomes our incoming new students to the College and to New York City. The new residence hall construction is underway with lots of noise and dirt!

We have been working with offices across campus to think about better ways to support you—our students—both in and out of the classroom. Therefore, keep an eye out for some new initiatives: the Wagner GPS program for new students, the Intercultural Awareness Workshops, Safe Zone Workshops, and a Civility Campaign. This is also year for national changes with the elections soon approaching. Be sure to get involved, nationally and locally, and make your voice on campus count!

This issue also contains information about new and returning staff in the Division of Campus Life, move-in information for resident students and updates about the student online system of WWAM and FERPA regulations. You'll also find great snapshots of how to get involved in campus life during the first month of the academic year: there will be a multitude of opportunities. 125 Years of Memories: Make Yours Count!

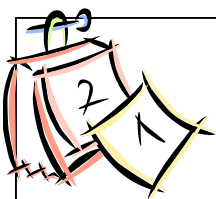
If you have any questions about any information in this issue of the newsletter, please call the Dean of Campus Life Office at 718.390.3423. We look forward to seeing you soon in August as you begin your new academic year. Have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

Ruta Shah-Gordon
Dean

Sofia Bautista Pertuz
Associate Dean

Catharine McGlade
Associate Dean



Save the Date!

**Join us for
Family Weekend 2008**

Friday, September 26-Sunday, September 28
www.wagner.edu/familyweekend

Highlights include

- Football game
- Family game night in the Coffeehouse!
- Tours in NYC
- Interfaith service

Meet the Staff in the Division of Campus Life

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Ruta Shah-Gordon	<i>Dean of Campus Life</i>	Curtis Wright	<i>Director</i>
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Catharine McGlade	<i>Associate Dean of Campus Life</i>	Joe Domante, Dana Helyer	<i>Graduate Assistants</i>
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Health Services:	Campus Hall 127 (718) 390-3158	Tristan Tosh	<i>Assistant Director</i>
Kathleen Oberfeldt	<i>Director</i>	Letty Romero	<i>Administrative Assistant</i>
Barbara Birstler	<i>Associate Director</i>	Matthew Hollingshead	<i>Resident Director for Towers</i>
Betty Volsario	<i>Secretary</i>	Sabrina Slater	<i>Resident Director for Harborview</i>
Fran Essex	<i>Nurse</i>	Liane Ortis	<i>Resident Director for Guild Hall and the Apartments</i>
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Laura Ancona, M.D.	<i>Director</i>	John Atti	<i>Assistant Resident Director, Harborview</i>
Sharon Kiuahara, Psy.D.	<i>Associate Director</i>	Aaron Hurd	<i>Assistant Resident Director, Harborview</i>
		Melanie Van Hoogt	<i>Assistant Resident Director, Guild Hall and the Apartments</i>



Meet the New Members of the Campus Life Team!



Liane Ortis-Resident Director

Liane has an M.A.T. in Secondary English both from Manhattan Ville College. She worked in Residence Life at Manhattan Ville for three years.

John Atti-Assistant Resident Director

John is from Ramsey, NJ. He attended Ramapo College Of New Jersey and majored in Economics. His most recent Job was working as Assistant Resident Director at Ramapo College.

Aaron Hurd-Assistant Resident Director

Aaron is from Staten Island, NY. He has previously worked In the Department of Residence Life at Gettysburg College in PA.

Melissa Silva-Assistant Resident Director

Melissa Silva was born and raise in the Bronx, where she majored in Nursing at Grace Dodge Career and Technical High School.

Brian Crichlow-GA, Dean of Campus Life Office

Brian worked at Abercrombie & Fitch for one year after he graduated from Hofstra University where he played lacrosse. He graduated with a BA in Psychology.

Dana Helyer-GA, Co Curricular Programs

A native of Milford, CT, Dana earned dual undergraduate degrees in elementary childhood education and students with disabilities. She was a member of the Wagner College swim team.

Joe Domante-GA, Co Curricular Programs

A native of Brooklyn, NY, Joe majored in Computer Science with a concentration in information technology at Wagner College. As an undergraduate, Joe was an active member of Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity.

Department News and Highlights

Center for Intercultural Advancement

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 programs that will allow you to keep your Wagner Scholarships!

Rome, Italy Almeria, Spain Lyon, France

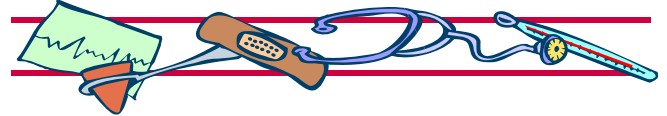
(EYH) Expanding Your Horizons

Under the theme "Expanding Your Horizons", Wagner College is offering ten courses during the winter break and spring 2009. These courses will provide opportunities for experiential learning through 10-14 days faculty-led overseas trips to Bangladesh, Costa Rica, England, Hungary, India, Israel, Italy, Kenya, Peru and Tanzania in January 2009. After returning from the overseas trips, the courses will continue through the Spring 2009 semester. Each course will count as one unit in Spring 2009. Whether you are interested in becoming a global citizen, performing voluntary works, or immersing in a new culture, these courses have the potential of truly expanding your horizons beyond traditional class room lectures. We hope you will take advantage of these off-campus learning opportunities. The DEADLINE for application for these courses is October 3, 2008. Please consult course leaders for information regarding application, travel cost, pre-trip orientation and course requirements.

For more information visit [Union 202](#)

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 infor-



mation, 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:

Please stop by the Student Health Service Office for a Free "Gift" for you from us!

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!

Welcome New Students!!!

New Student Orientation is Friday, August 22nd through Sunday, August 24th

To view the full schedule for new students and their families please see our website:

www.wagner.edu/new_students



GREEK SENATE

Every semester, the fraternity and sorority governing boards host programs for interested students to learn about the intake processes to become involved in Greek life. If you are interested in becoming involved, please fill out the Greek Life Interest Form at the following link: http://www.wagner.edu/campus_life/Fraternity_and_Sorority_Life/Greek_Senate

You may recognize students wearing "letters" in your classes, or helping to unpack your car during move-in. The first structured opportunity of the fall semester to get to know the different Greek organizations is at the Week of Welcome Toga Party, which is co-sponsored by Greek Senate. This party is an alcohol free social event on Monday, September 1st in the Coffeehouse beginning at 8:00pm. This is not a recruitment event, and any member of the Wagner College community is welcome.

After this social activity, the recruitment and rush events become more formal. On Tuesday, September 2nd, the Panhellenic Council is hosting the General Interest meeting for all undergraduate women who would like to learn about the sororities on campus and the process of becoming involved in sorority life. Panhellenic Recruitment events continue throughout the rest of this week, with a structured schedule that ensures every woman participating in recruitment has an opportunity to get to know every campus sorority. In order to be eligible to become a new member of a sorority, a woman must have earned a minimum of 2.5 cumulative grade point average, already completed 4 Wagner College units, and be a full-time Wagner College student who is considered by the College to be in good disciplinary status. If you are not eligible, please spend the semester focusing on earning top grades so that we may look forward to spending spring 2009 recruitment with you.

On Sunday, September 7th, the Inter-Fraternal Council is hosting the Fraternity Information Night at 8:00pm in the Coffeehouse. All Wagner College students are welcome to learn more about fraternity life. The Inter-Fraternal Council also hosts organized open rush events which take place during the week of September 8th-12th. The schedule will be distributed at the IFC Fraternity Information Night, and you are encouraged to meet all of the fraternities during the week. In order to be eligible to become a new member of a fraternity, you must have earned a minimum of 2.0 cumulative grade point average, already completed 4 Wagner College units, and be a full-time Wagner College student who is considered by the College to be on good disciplinary status. If you are not eligible, please spend the semester focusing on earning excellent grades so that we may look forward to spending spring 2009 rush with you.



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2008-2009 SGA Executive Board

President:
Harry Jackson

Vice President:
Alexa Marin

Vice President for Finance:
Michael Pinto

Vice President for
Communications:
Stephanie Loffredo

Vice President for Campus Events:
Melissa Waterbury

Notes from the Student Government Association

Welcome Back from SGA!

I trust that everyone is having a relaxing, yet productive, summer and you are preparing to get back into the school year with a bang. I am particularly excited about this year as we plan to celebrate the 125th 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 www.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). 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 15th!

Best,

Harry Jackson
President
Wagner College Student Government

Looking Forward to Fall 2008!

- Monday 8/25:** **Live Music** at 7:00pm on the Sutter Oval
- Tuesday 8/26:** **The Hub's Rock Band Tournament & Japanese Calligraphy** at 7:00 pm in the Coffeehouse
- Wednesday 8/27:** **Capoeira and Yoga** 2:00pm on the Sutter Oval
- Wednesday 8/27:** Free showing of the film: **Sex and the City** 9:00pm in Spiro Hall room 4
- Thursday 8/28:** **Comedy Show** hosted by Soul Joel *Featuring: Kendra Cunningham, Gordon Baker-Bone, & Julian McCullough* at 8:00pm in the Gatehouse Lounge (located in Harborview Hall)
- Friday 8/29:** **Hawaiian Luau** 7:00pm on the Sutter Oval
- Saturday 8/30:** **Wagner 75: Day of Community Service** *sign up ahead of time & e-mail co-curri@wagner.edu*; the first students to sign up (and complete the day's service) will receive one complimentary ticket each and a reserved seat on the bus on Sunday 8/31 to Six Flags' Great Adventure.
- Sunday 8/31:** **Six Flags Great Adventure:** sign up ahead of time by emailing co-curri@wagner.edu; transportation is provided.
- Monday 9/1:** **Toga Party:** an alcohol free party at 8:00pm in the Coffeehouse

Wagner College Homecoming Celebrations:

- Monday, 9/8:** Club Fair & BBQ on the Sutter Oval at 4:30pm
- Wednesday, 9/10:** "drive in movie" outside on the Sutter Oval at 8:30pm
- Thursday, 9/11:** 9-11 Remembrance Service **TBA**
- Friday, 9/12:** Block Party & Banner Competition at 6:30 on Sutter Oval; Pep Rally @ 8:30 in Spiro Gym
- Saturday, 9/13:** Homecoming Football Game: Wagner College v. Iona @ 1pm & 9pm (Gatehouse Lounge) Dr. Bengali the Hypnotist

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 early August).
- ✦ Remember **not** to bring the following as they are not permitted in the residence halls (a complete listing is on our website): toasters, hotpots, coffee pots, weapons, candles or incense, halogen and lava lamps, pets (except fish, which are permitted in a 2 gallon max. tank), extension cords without surge protectors, illegal drugs and/or paraphernalia (includes hookahs), traffic and street signs, amplifiers and large speakers

For questions, please contact the Office of Residential Education at 718-390-3420, email us at resed@wagner.edu, or AIM with us at WwagnerResEd.

Important Move-In Dates and Times:

First Year and Transfer Students arrive Thursday,
8/21, 2008 from 9am - 1pm

Returning students and Graduate students arrive
Sunday, 8/24, 2008 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

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)*

CAMPUS ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR 2008-2009

UPDATES ON WWAM and FERPA:

NOTE TO ALL STUDENTS:

When you signed into WWAM and you answered the FERPA question on Directory Information, if you clicked " NO "; Wagner College will not share your directory information with anyone outside of the College. This means you and your family will not receive information from any outside companies such as: study exam packs; graduation pictures; etc. We may also be limited in being able to certify information for loans and employment. If you wish to change your response to yes, please contact the Registrar ' s Office directly.

FERPA, The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act, is described further on WWAM and within the Student Planner and Handbook for 2008-2009 http://www.wagner.edu/campus_life/

WAGNER GPS...

Purpose: Wagner GPS provides new students with access to support and resources during the first semester transition to College and contributes to the formation of a life long bond between students and the College.

Goals of the program:

- Introduce students to Wagner history and culture
- Encourage students to make social connections beyond other students
- Assist students in finding answers to questions

Help students anticipate and prepare for academic and social milestones (mid-term exams, homesickness, etc.)

Expectations: Each administrator will be responsible for a group of approximately 10 new students during the fall semester. After an initial meeting administrators are asked to maintain monthly contact (via phone, e-mail or personal visit) with each student. Administrators will be asked to provide feedback on their assigned students.

Training and Support for administrators: Each administrator is expected to attend **one** of three training sessions:
July 8 (Tues.), 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

W.A.G.C.A.R.E...
interested in safety issues in NYC? Healthy relationships? Alcohol and Drug Education? Sign up to be a Peer Educator! See applications @ http://www.wagner.edu/campus_life/wagcare

Looking for a few Good Students...

to join the Community Standards Review Board (CSRB). This is a student only judicial board that hears cases involving possible student conduct violations. Applications will be available during the first week of classes. For more information contact the Dean of Campus Life Office at 718.390.3423



**Want to win \$200
for the Wagner Bookstore?
Check out the Competition on
the website at:**

http://www.wagner.edu/campus_life/itsyournyitsyourhealth