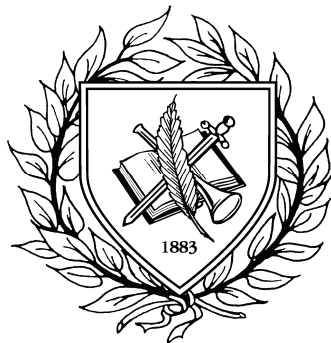


# STUDENT DEVELOPMENTS

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## Welcome Back!

Dear Wagner Community,

It is the beginning of a New Year, a new semester at Wagner, and a new beginning for our country. This is a time when many of us make resolutions and changes both in our individual lives and become more involved in our communities. We hope that you will commit to become more engaged in the various dialogues across campus and become a part of the change process to make a difference both here at Wagner as well as in the world.

Many of you have already started to participate in our community during the Spring semester. 50 of you participated in the trip to the Inauguration of our new President and we hope that he inspired you in ways that will allow you to motivate others. 15 of you participated in the Emerging Leaders Institute this past November and will assist in planning a Transitions Workshop for other students. David Norman said about his experience, "In one busy weekend, I learned new things about myself, my friends, and Wagner. I'd recommend it to any motivated leader." 19 of you met last week to start an International Club and are planning many activities in the upcoming weeks. We applaud your involvement and encourage you to continue to pass along your enthusiasm to strengthen the culture of Wagner College.

So, how can you be involved in making changes? Studies show that students who are involved outside of the classroom feel a better connection to the institution and a greater feeling of belonging. Here are some options on how to get involved. It's almost time to apply to be a Peer Leader for Orientation or a Resident Assistant for next year. You can also become a leader with W.A.G.C.A.R.E. or enter the student competition where you can win money, gain great experience, and get a TV AD on NY1. Preparations are underway for fraternity and sorority recruitment, Black History Month, Women's History Month, Songfest, Greek Week, Wagnerstock, and a host of other events. There will be many opportunities to cheer on Seahawk sports teams, see performances on the Main Stage and Stage One, and listen to senior music recitals and senior theses presentations.

You will also have the opportunity to participate in the national CORE Alcohol and Drug Survey this spring so we can work on better programming and awareness around these issues. Floors that have the highest attendance will win pizza parties!

In this edition of the newsletter, you will also find information about room selection, study abroad opportunities (Application Date is February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009), learn more about the great things your fellow students are doing and other ways that you can continue to be involved at Wagner College and your surrounding community. We hope that you have a successful and engaged semester!

Sincerely,

Ruta Shah-Gordon  
Dean  
of Campus Life

Sofia Bautista Pertuz  
Associate Dean  
of Campus Life

Catharine McGlade  
Associate Dean  
of Campus Life

*Wagner College Celebrates  
the Life and Legacy of  
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*



*January 28th, 2009  
8pm  
Keynote Speaker: JJ Leyden*

**See inside this issue for details!**

# Updates and Announcements

## **WAGNER COLLEGE CELEBRATES THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. WITH HOPE, ACTION AND CHANGE.**

**"Make a career of humanity - and you will make a greater person of yourself, a greater nation of your country, and a finer world to live in."  
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**

### Hope

January 20, 2009

2009 Presidential Inauguration

50 Students attended. Read about their experiences: <http://www.wagner.edu/news/node/1108>

### Action

February TBA

Community Service

Join the office of co-curricular programs as we perform a community clean-up of Frederick Douglass Memorial Park. To sign up contact Curtis Wright at [curtis.wright@wagner.edu](mailto:curtis.wright@wagner.edu).

### Change

January 28, 2009

Agent of Change Celebration

7pm Spiro 2 featuring keynote speaker TJ Leyden



TJ Leyden, former neo-Nazi Skinhead takes you on the tough but fulfilling journey from a world of hate into a world of hope. As a leading recruiter, organizer and propagandist for the white supremacist and neo-Nazi movement, Leyden spent 15 years promoting hate, bigotry and racism. After turning his back completely on the white power movement, Leyden worked for nearly seven years with the Task Force Against Hate at the Simon Wiesenthal Center, then on his own promoting tolerance with StrHATE Talk Consulting. A true agent of change, Leyden will speak about turning away from hate and how each of us have the power to make a difference.



### **WIN MONEY & GAIN GREAT EXPERIENCE!!!**

You can win \$200 while you build your resume if you enter the student competition "IT'S YOUR NY, IT'S YOUR HEALTH".

### **You can also have your own TV AD on NY1!**

For more information please go to the Wagner website:  
[http://www.wagner.edu/campus\\_life/itsyournyitsyourhealth](http://www.wagner.edu/campus_life/itsyournyitsyourhealth)

**Call the Dean of Campus Life Office at 718.390.3423**

Peer Leader Applications are **NOW AVAILABLE**

on the Wagner website:

[http://www.wagner.edu/campus\\_life/peer\\_leader\\_resources](http://www.wagner.edu/campus_life/peer_leader_resources)

**BECOME A  
LEADER  
TODAY!**

**Reminder:** The correct addressing format to students at Wagner is:

Student Name

Mailbox #

Wagner College

One Campus Road

Staten Island, NY 10301



# Hats Off...

## Greek Leaders of 2008

Hosted by Dr. and Mrs. Guarasci at Nicolais House on October 24, 2008

Award for Outstanding Leadership  
**Jennifer Leslie (Tau Kappa Sigma)**  
**Kristen Long (Alpha Delta Pi)**

Outstanding Academic Achievement  
**Troy Dollard (Theta Chi)**  
**Francesca Landolina (Alpha Delta Pi)**

Community Development:

- Jennifer Lewis (Panhellenic Council & Alpha Sigma Alpha)
- Kevin Callaghan (Inter-Fraternal Council & Theta Chi)
- Alison Razetti (Greek Senate & Alpha Omicron Pi)
- Victoria Gillette (Greek Senate & Tau Kappa Sigma)
- Andrew Mizerek (Greek Senate & Theta Chi)
- David Rao (Greek Senate & Tau Kappa Epsilon)
- Madison Kidwell (Alpha Delta Pi)
- Courtney Perez (Alpha Omicron Pi)
- Laura Acquazzino (Alpha Sigma Alpha)
- Jennifer Leslie (Tau Kappa Sigma)
- Mat McCloskey (Alpha Sigma Omega)
- Jeff Lennon (Kappa Sigma Alpha)

Tavis Doucette (Theta Chi)

- Angelo D'Amico (Delta Nu)
- Dan O'Neill (Tau Kappa Epsilon)

Academic Leadership:

- Adam Park (Delta Nu)
- Jennifer Lewis (Alpha Sigma Alpha)
- Robin Feder (Kappa Sigma Alpha)
- Francesca Landolina (Alpha Delta Pi)
- Katrina Stec (Tau Kappa Sigma)
- Michael Maresca (Tau Kappa Epsilon)
- Gabriella Messina (Alpha Omicron Pi)
- Michael Avallone (Alpha Sigma Omega)
- Troy Dollard (Theta Chi)



...to the **organizers of Up 'til Dawn** for another successful fundraising event for

...to **Project Sunshine**, new student organization, and this year's Club Fair Display Contest Winners!

... to **Panhellenic Council** for hosting two Consulting Teams this year for leadership, education, & support

...to the Homecoming King **Tavis Doucette** representing Theta Chi fraternity & Homecoming Queen **Madison Kidwell** of Alpha Delta Pi sorority!

...to **Tau Kappa Sigma** for volunteering over 1,000 hours this fall semester



...to **Inter-Fraternal Council** for working to bring Agent of Change Leydon, anti-hate speaker, to Wagner College

...to **Kathryn Chaffee**, for a terrific performance as Coffeehouse Manager.

...to Athletes of the Month of December: **Joey Mundweiler** and **Andrea Reed**

Track and Field Senior **Alaina Alfano** claimed the top spot in two events at the Gulden Relays



# Wagner College Upcoming Events



## WAGNER COLLEGE CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH

February 1, 2009  
Movie: Miracle at St. Anna  
Spiro 4, 7pm

February 4, 2009  
Relationship Forum  
Gatehouse Lounge, 9pm  
Sponsored by the Nubian Student Union.

February 6, 2009  
Social Justice Dialogue  
Union 201, 12 noon

Movie: Soul Men  
Spiro 4, 7pm

February 7, 2009  
African American Alumni-Student Celebration  
Wagner College Union  
12pm-4pm  
For more information contact Natalie Johnson at  
njohnson@wagner.edu

February 9, 2009  
Dr. Wesley Hogan  
Spiro 4, 3pm  
*Many Minds, One Heart: The Student Nonviolent  
Coordinating Committee and the Dream for a New  
America*

February 11, 2009  
Movie: Miracle at St. Anna  
Spiro 4, 9pm

February 12, 2009  
Read Aloud  
Union Atrium, 12pm  
To schedule a reading slot or for more information  
contact: Dorothy Davison at ddavison@wagner.edu.  
Sponsored by Horrmann Library, The Coterie Book  
Club and The Nubian Student Union.

February 13, 2009  
Black Fine Arts Show and Dinner  
5pm, \$20, bus leaves Wagner at 4pm, sign-up in  
Union 215

February 15, 2009  
Movie: Soul Men  
Spiro 4, 7pm

February 18, 2009  
NSU Speak Out  
9pm, Gatehouse Lounge

February 20, 2009  
Movie: The Express  
Spiro 4, 7pm

February 23, 2009  
NJ Nets Vs Philadelphia 76ers  
7:30pm, \$15, bus leaves Wagner at 6pm, sign up in  
Union 215

February 24  
Tribute to Black Music  
Featuring the Wagner College Choir  
9pm, Campus Hall Music Performance Center

February 25, 2009  
Movie: Cadillac Records  
Spiro 4, 9pm

### **Broadway Shows**

(Watch your Wagner e-mail for ticket sale  
information!)

**February 11**  
Billy Elliot

**February 25**  
West Side Story

**March 11**  
Phantom of the Opera

**March 26**  
Chicago

**April 9**  
South Pacific

*Broadway show tickets are sold on a first come,  
first-serve basis. For more information, contact  
Dana Heyler at dhelyer@wagner.edu*

## Need Information about Housing Lottery?

\*\*Proof of payment to the Wagner College Business Office of #300 Housing  
Deposit is due with all Housing Applications\*\*

### Information Sessions

**Tuesday, February 3**  
Themed Community Information Session  
Gatehouse Lounge  
8 - 9 PM

**Tuesday, February 10**  
General Housing Information Table  
Union Atrium (outside of Dining Hall)  
11 AM - 1 PM

**Tuesday, February 24**  
General Housing Information Table  
Gatehouse Lounge  
6:30 - 7:30 PM

**Thursday, March 5**  
General Housing Information Table  
Union Atrium (outside of Dining Hall)

### Application Deadlines

**Friday, February 20**  
Themed Communities Application **Due at 4:30PM**

**March 2 - 23**  
Same Room Sign-Up Period

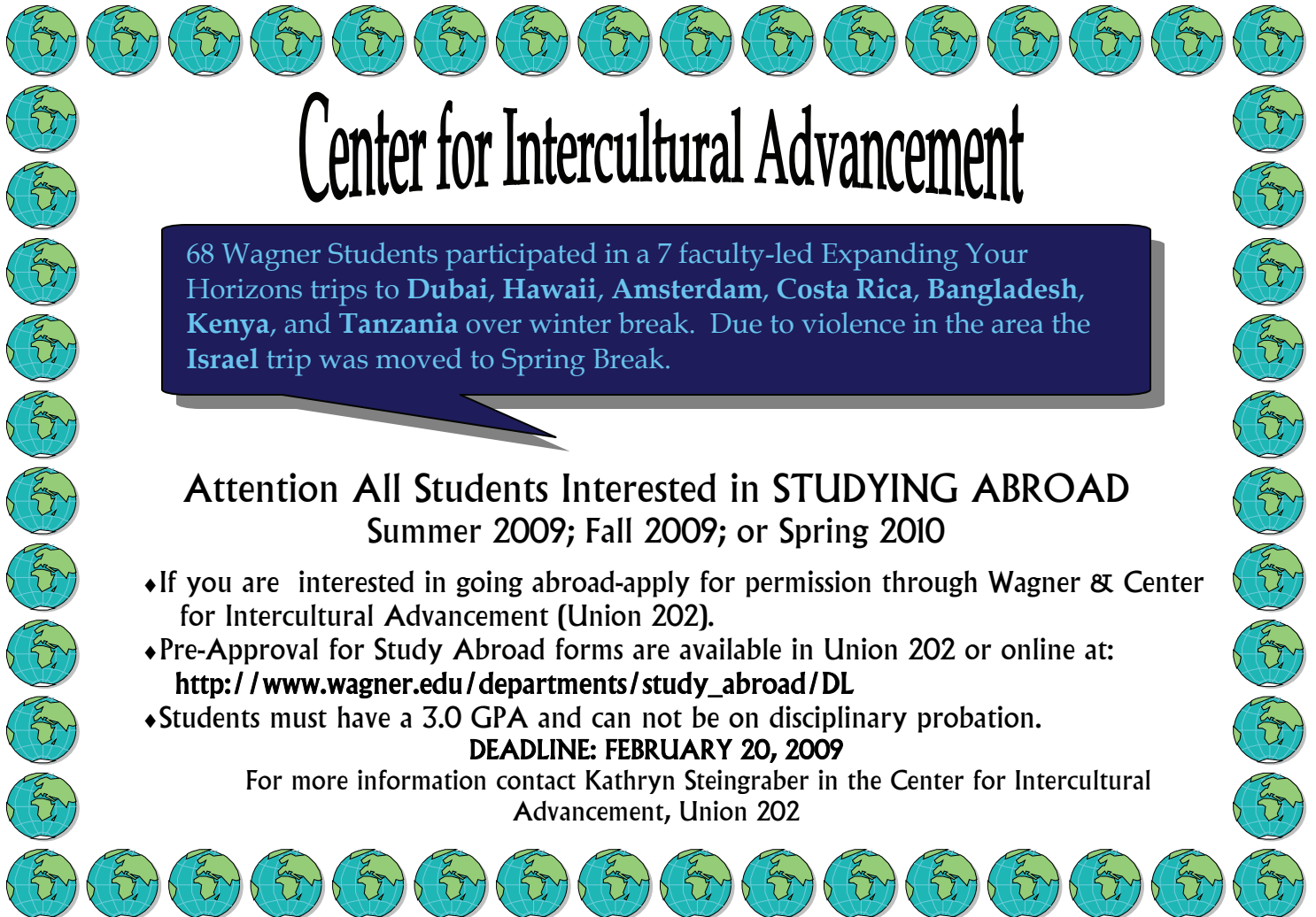
**Friday, March 27**  
Traditional Housing, Medical Placements, and  
Greek Housing Applications **Due at 4:30PM**

### Housing Selection Nights

**Monday, April 6**  
Themed Communities and Displaced Students Only

**Tuesday, April 7**  
General Housing Selection

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)



## Center for Intercultural Advancement

68 Wagner Students participated in a 7 faculty-led Expanding Your Horizons trips to Dubai, Hawaii, Amsterdam, Costa Rica, Bangladesh, Kenya, and Tanzania over winter break. Due to violence in the area the Israel trip was moved to Spring Break.

### Attention All Students Interested in STUDYING ABROAD Summer 2009; Fall 2009; or Spring 2010

- ◆ If you are interested in going abroad-apply for permission through Wagner & Center for Intercultural Advancement (Union 202).
- ◆ Pre-Approval for Study Abroad forms are available in Union 202 or online at:  
[http://www.wagner.edu/departments/study\\_abroad/DL](http://www.wagner.edu/departments/study_abroad/DL)
- ◆ Students must have a 3.0 GPA and can not be on disciplinary probation.

**DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 20, 2009**

For more information contact Kathryn Steingraber in the Center for Intercultural Advancement, Union 202

# LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

## Emerging Leaders Institute

Congratulations to the Fall 2008 Emerging Leaders Participants:

Perna Bhatia  
Chelsea Fodero  
Max Gardner  
Britney Remini  
Meghan Carbone  
Gretchen Jacobs  
Emily Boyd  
Natalie Wagner  
Andrea Deloney



Shannon O'Neill  
David Norman  
Crystal Blake  
David Hammill  
Alvin Grant  
Erica Vuolle  
Michael Pinto  
Carolyn Susino

"The Emerging Leaders Institute was a fantastic experience. I interacted with my peers, made new friends, and reflected on my experiences." ~David Norman

"I have to say that the "Emerging Leader's Experience" was by far the best thing I have done so far at Wagner College. I am only a freshmen and feel like I have known that group of students for years rather than three days." ~Chelsea Fodero

"It has been one of, if not the best experience that I have had at Wagner. It's a great opportunity to grow as young men and women and learn from others how to become better leaders. I loved every aspect of the ELI and I haven't stopped talking about it since" ~Andrea Deloney

## RA Selection Process

Starts in Spring 2009 to hire students for employment Fall 2009. Looking for students who have demonstrated a commitment to their residential community as well as Wagner College.

Applicants will be required to:

- minimum of a 2.5 GPA (cumulative)
- must have lived on campus for at least one semester
- must have sophomore, junior, or senior status when returning to campus for Fall 2009 semester

If you have any questions about the process or the RA position, do not hesitate to contact us. Matt Hollingshead, the RD of Towers Hall, coordinates the RA Selection process so you may contact him directly with questions at 718.390.3495 or [matthew.hollingshead@wagner.edu](mailto:matthew.hollingshead@wagner.edu).

For more information please refer to their website:

[http://www.wagner.edu/campus\\_life/residential\\_education](http://www.wagner.edu/campus_life/residential_education)