

Graduate Focus

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GRADUATE PROGRAMS

We offer 19 degrees in the following 6 academic areas.

- Accounting - MS
- Business - MBA, EMBA
- Education - MSED
- Nursing - MS, Certificate
- Physician Assistant - MS
- Microbiology - MS

For more information please contact the Admissions Office at 718-390-3411.

A MESSAGE FROM THE GRADUATE DEAN

We have ushered in two new graduate programs: a Master's Degree in Information Systems and an Advanced Certificate Program in Educational Leadership. Both programs are under consideration by the State of New York for final approval.

Masters in Information Systems

Much thanks to Dr. Adrian Ionescu and his department for their enormous work in developing this program. The Information Systems (IS) Masters program is designed for IT professionals to provide them with the tools necessary in a competitive marketplace. The program focuses on the technical issues surrounding the selection, design, and implementation of information systems affecting businesses. The Masters in IS program is taught by full-time and adjunct faculty, all of whom bring considerable academic experience and real-world expertise into their classrooms and labs. Many of the Information Systems courses provide hands-on experience in our labs. Students are required to maintain a cumulative grade average of B (3.0/4.0); more than two grades of C are unacceptable. Once entered in a degree program, students are expected to complete the degree in not more than five years. The

Masters in IS program offered by the department is intended for computer science and information systems professionals who desire to extend their knowledge and experience in information systems. Students who wish to enter the graduate program without a Bachelor's degree in computer science or information systems will be required to complete the supporting courses as prescribed by the department. Prerequisites are required in the areas of undergraduate computer science/information systems and business administration. Students may be admitted to the program in either the fall or spring semesters. Ten graduate courses (30 credit hours) are required for completion of the graduate program in IS. One or more of the prerequisite courses (IS 501, IS 522, MG 411) may be waived at the time of admission based on prior academic experience. As a result students entering this program will complete between 30 and 40 credit hours depending on their background. All graduate students are required to take five core courses and then can choose five electives from the main course offerings (with at



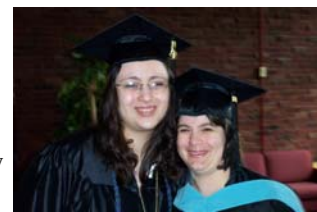
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Commencement: 'Graduate Class of 2005'

Friday, May 20th, 2005 marked Wagner College's 118th Commencement ceremony. On this day one hundred and sixty graduate students received their degrees from our six master's programs. Commencement was a very special event that included guest speakers Mayor Michael Bloomberg, Reverend Terry Troia and Dr. James Oliver Horton. The New York Police Department Pipes and Drums Band kicked off the ceremony leading the academic procession. Then Wagner College President Dr. Richard Guarasci gave a

warm welcome and distributed honorary degrees to our special guests. College Provost Dr. Devorah Lieberman and Graduate Dean Dr. Jeffrey Glanz followed with the presentation of the master's degrees to this year's graduating class.

Wagner College alumnus, Dr. Albert Bernard Accetola (Class of 1940) was pre-



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2005 Graduate Reception

On Monday, May 2nd Wagner College honored the 2005 graduating class at the annual graduate reception. College President Dr. Richard Guarasci kicked off the night congratulating this year's 160 graduates. Honors and Awards were given to students from each of the six graduate programs for their significant accomplishments throughout their graduate studies. In addition, Tanya Brown (Coordinator of Graduate Studies) was given a farewell and honored by the Graduate Student Association for her dedication and contributions to the GSA in her time here at Wagner College. GSA President Sarah Scamardella presented the recognition award to Tanya Brown on behalf of the organization.

Dr. Kathleen Ahern of the Nursing Department was this year's recipient of the 'Graduate Professor of the Year' award. This award is sponsored by the Graduate Student Association and is chosen by the current graduate student body. It is granted to the professor who has taught in

a graduate program for at least three years; in addition, exemplifies superior class preparation, knowledge, student commitment and creates a dynamic and exciting learning experience. Dean of Graduate Studies, Dr. Jeffrey Glanz said "The 2005 Graduate Reception was outstanding in every way. We honored graduate students who were among the very best Wagner College has ever graduated. As a group they are articulate, intelligent, committed, and enthusiastic." Dr. Devorah Lieberman, Provost and Academic Vice President, then closed the event with remarks to encourage future graduate students and to ensure that graduating students always keep Wagner College in mind as they pursue their careers. Overall, this year's graduate reception was a great event and celebrated the many accomplishments of the 160 graduating students. You can view the photo archive of the reception that is posted on the Wagner College website: (<http://www.wagner.edu/prostud/gradstud>)



Pamela Coppola receives the Katherine & Egon Wendel Award in Education



Professor of the Year: Dr. Kathy Ahern (left) with

Graduate Student Valerie Dolan

Omicron Delta Kappa Inducts Two

The Wagner College Circle of ODK inducted 2 graduate students to their honor society this semester. Gina Ferreri of the MBA program (Management) and Frank Marelli Jr. of the Education program (Adolescent Education) join this elite group of students throughout the

country. Omicron Delta Kappa is a national honor society that recognizes student leadership in areas of scholarship, athletics, campus/community service, journalism and creative and performing arts. Students are invited to apply to

ODK based on their GPA. Graduate Students must have completed at least half of their program and have a GPA in the top 35% of the graduate student body. The Division of Graduate Studies congratulates Gina and Frank for their accomplishment.

Executive MBA Takes the Classroom to Ireland

"A truly memorable and successful trip for the EMBA Class of 2005", said Dr. Donald Crooks, Director of the Executive MBA program. This year's EMBA class took their studies this semester to Ireland from February 13th thru 20th. Overall, it was an excellent educational experience. The team made a visit to Connolly's Red Mills to visit the very large manufacturing company that produces feed products for race horses and dogs. Further travels brought the students to Trinity College where they met with professors to participate in a live debate on the European Union. Another milestone of the trip was their visit to the Bank of Ireland. The team met with a managing partner of the

bank and his chief economist to discuss the development of the Irish economy in an interactive question and answer session.

The students took their travels to visit Deloitte and Touche, an elite worldwide accounting firm. They were entertained by the managing partner and had the opportunity to discuss the challenges faced with the fall out of Enron and Arthur Anderson. The team finished up their journey throughout Ireland with a visit to the Guinness factory. They took a private tour inside the factory and got a glimpse of their secret brewing process. Overall, this was a delightful trip and a great experience for the Executive MBA class.



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least six courses at 600+ level). Students have the option of writing a thesis (6 credit hours), in which case another elective may be used for the thesis credits.

Advanced Certificate in Educational Leadership

Thanks to the Education Department members and their school partners for putting together this unique program that hopes to attract Wagner alumni back to the College. Below is a detailed description of program:

Purpose:

Leads to New York State certification as an assistant principal and principal (School Building Leader program), and/or as a school district administrator; e.g., superintendent (School District Leader program)

Admission requirements:

- A master's degree with a minimum average of 3.0 ("B")
- Evidence of three years teaching experience in an accredited school or equivalent.
- Professional recommendations (3)
- Essay on Leadership (rubric assessment by two faculty members)
- An interview with faculty of the program and region partners (purpose: to demonstrate leadership potential)

Curriculum:

Students who complete both the School Building Leader and School District Leader programs complete:

Seven (7) Core Courses = 21 credits

EDL 700 ORGANIZATIONAL THEORY AND SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION (3 credits)

EDL 701 FOUNDATIONS OF EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP I (3 credits)

EDL 702 SUPERVISION AND INSTRUCTIONAL IMPROVEMENT (3 credits)

EDL 703 EVALUATING INSTRUCTION (3 CREDITS)

EDL 704 ACTION RESEARCH SEMINAR IN EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION AND SUPERVISION (3 credits)

EDL 705 LAW, POLICY, AND FINANCE IN SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION (3 credits)

EDL 706 FOUNDATIONS OF EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP II (3 credits)

Two (2) Additional Courses Specific to the School Building Leader = 6 credits

EDL 707 SCHOOL BUILDING LEADERSHIP: TRANSLATING THEORY TO PRACTICE

EDL 708 LEADERSHIP THAT PROMOTES STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

AND/OR**Two (2) Additional Courses Specific to the School District Leader = 6 credits**

EDL 709 SCHOOL DISTRICT LEADERSHIP: TRANSLATING THEORY TO PRACTICE

EDL 710 LEADING SYSTEMIC SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT: CHANGE AND SCHOOL REFORM

Plus one (1) Course of Internship = 3 credits

EDL 711 FIELD STUDY IN ADMINISTRATION AND SUPERVISION

TOTAL OF THIRTY-SIX (36) CREDITS FOR BOTH PROGRAMS or 30 for EACH

Note that candidates may complete the School Building Leader program without opting to complete the School District Leader program, and vice versa.

Also note that the program will be delivered in a unique format that includes a cohort model with courses offered on Friday afternoons and Saturdays or Sundays, excluding hours required during the school week for completion of field based experiences.

Course delivery:

Each course runs for three (3) Saturdays/or Sundays (8:30am-4:30pm) and two (2) Fridays (3:30-6:30pm) with a week off after each Saturday/Sunday class. Three courses run per fall and spring semester.

FOR CERTIFICATION AS A SCHOOL BUILDING LEADER

Fall (9 credits): Friday afternoons and Saturdays - EDL 700, 701, 702 (including 100 hrs. of leadership experiences in field work) Spring (9 credits): Friday afternoons and Saturdays - EDL 703, 704, 705 (including 100 hrs. of leadership experiences in field work)

Summer (9 credits): June session - EDL 706 (including 30 hrs of leadership experiences in field work) July – August session: EDL 707 and ED 708 (including 130 hrs of leadership experiences in field work)

Fall (3 credits): EDL 711 – field study 12 hrs./wk for 15 weeks= 180 hrs.

Total Field hrs. = 540

COURSE PROGRESSION FOR SCHOOL BUILDING LEADER AND SCHOOL DISTRICT LEADER (36 credits total)

Fall (9 credits): Friday afternoons and Saturdays - EDL 700, 701, 702 (including 100 hrs. of leadership experiences in field work)

Spring (9 credits): Friday afternoons and Saturdays - EDL 703, 704, 705 (including 100 hrs. of leadership experiences in field work)

Summer (9 credits): June session - EDL 706 (including 30 hrs of leadership experiences in field work) July – August session: EDL 707 and ED 708 (including 130 hrs of leadership experiences in field work)

Fall (6 credits): Friday afternoons and Saturdays - EDL 709 and EDL 710 (including 60 hrs. of leadership experiences in field work)

Spring (3 credits): EDL 711 – field study 12 hrs./wk for 15 weeks= 180 hrs.

Total Field hrs. = 600

PLEASE NOTE that all information above is contingent upon State of New York approval. We hope to work with our partners to develop other graduate programs to meet the needs of the Wagner Community.

GRADUATE ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Name: Michele DiNapoli

Program: Executive MBA

Graduation: May 2004

Bio: Michele is a recent alumnus of the Executive MBA program here at Wagner College (2004). Prior to Wagner, Michele received a Bachelor of Science degree from the College of Pharmacy & Allied Health at St. John's University in Jamaica, NY. She then went on to receive her Physician Assistant Certificate from St. Vincent's Hospital in Staten Island. Michele holds a National Commission Certification in Physician Assistant. Michele currently works at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center as Quality Management, Executive Office.



Q: In your time at Wagner what was your most memorable experience?

A: "Graduation was definitely my most memorable experience. Both the honorable ceremony and recognition of the completion of my advanced degree left me with extreme confidence and enthusiasm. I am very proud to hold an Executive MBA degree from this great institution."

Q: What professor has made the biggest impact on your Wagner experience?

A: "Professor Mary Lo Re has given me the knowledge which has given me the upper hand at my upcoming position. Dr. Lo Re taught the class 'Applied Data Analysis' with great detail, which has proved to be extremely beneficial to me in my profession."

Q: How has the Executive MBA program helped your professional career?

A: "The past five years I have been practicing medicine as a Physician Assistant at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, and I was recently granted a promotion to Quality Management, Executive Office. My Executive MBA degree has given me this opportunity to take my clinical skills and put them to work with the management side of medicine."

Q: What was your biggest accomplishment in your time at Wagner?

A: "I feel my ability to balance a full time career, a family, and most of all an advanced degree was my greatest accomplishment throughout my studies. It was difficult to manage at the time, but I am very proud of my success."

Q: What are your professional goals, and where do you see yourself in 10 years?

A: "My professional goals are to continue growing in the corporate field of medicine, as well as continuing my educational growth. Someday in the future, I will likely move on to earn my PhD."

Q: What did you enjoy most about the Executive MBA program?

A: "The convenience of the Executive MBA program was by far the most important and enjoyable aspect for me. This program is ideal for someone with multiple responsibilities. Attending classes on weekends allowed me to continue with my work and family."

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2005 GRADUATE AWARDS

ACADEMIC HONORS FOR OUTSTANDING
ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT**BUSINESS DEPARTMENT**

Accounting: Theodore Garatziotis

Executive MBA: Darlene Torres

Finance: Debra Class

Healthcare Administration: Vanessa Perry

Management: Adam Rosenfeld

Marketing: Danielle Leyfert

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Adolescent Education: Lauren Cardone

Childhood Education: Sarah Scamardella

Early Childhood Education: Kristin Abbatantuono

Middle Level Education: Joanna Paladino

Teaching Literacy: Jennifer King

MICROBIOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Microbiology: Jessica Vega

NURSING DEPARTMENT

Nursing Education: Shirley Zacharia

Family Nurse Practitioner: Deborah Gianfortune

ADVANCED PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES

Advanced PA Studies: Alexandra K. Pantelios

HIGHEST ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Accounting Program: Richard Ortado

Business Program: Debra Class

Education Program: Jessica King

Microbiology Program: Michele Belliveau

Nursing Program: Teresa Torsney

PA Program: Natalya Kusheleva

ACADEMIC AWARDS

Delta Mu Delta Prize: Laura Shur

Leadership Challenge Award:

John Kasprzak & Phyllis Torres

Leadership Development Award: Joe Mathis

Executive Team Work Award: Scott Salinardi

The Education Department Chair Award:

Marissa Meduri & Jamie Connor

Katherine and Egon Wendel Award in Education:

Pamela Coppola & Carmella Valles

Microbiology Award: Michelle Belliveau

Constance Byron Award: Lyndis Mills-Jude

FACULTY AWARD

Graduate Professor of the Year Dr. Kathleen Ahern

ALUMNUS HOSTS FINANCIAL
PLANNING SEMINAR

On Wednesday, March 30th the Graduate Student Association sponsored special guest speaker and alumnus Stuart Plotkin from Merrill Lynch. The former Wagner College baseball standout discussed the many facets of financial planning in the world today. He discussed everything from 401K plans to building your credit scores. Stuart gave both the undergraduate and graduate students in attendance great insight to the today's financial world. Active GSA member Denise Franzakis said, "The Grad Student Association's Financial Planning Seminar was a very successful event. Stuart gave some very insightful and valuable information regarding future planning and job interviews. I think that all the students benefited from the advice given by such an experienced and knowledgeable person." Overall, this seminar was a great opportunity for both graduate and undergraduate students to further their knowledge about the financial world in a very interactive atmosphere.

COMMENCEMENT: 'GRADUATE
CLASS OF 2005' (CONT. FROM P. 1)

mented with the Wagner College Lifetime Achievement Award for all his achievements and contributions at our college.

To conclude this wonderful celebration, President Guarasci encouraged the graduates saying, "You are prepared, you have a bedrock of solid values and strong personal skills to take away with you from Wagner that will serve you well in your careers and in your relationships." Overall, this was a great ceremony honoring the many accomplishments of the 'Class of 2005' graduate students.

**Upcoming Events: Fall 2005**

- August 25th: Graduate Orientation and Registration
- August 26th: EMBA Orientation
- August 29th: First Day of Classes
- September 5th: Labor Day Holiday (No Classes)
- October 10th & 11th: Fall Break (Columbus Day Monday)
- October 24th - November 18th: Graduate Registration
- November 4th: Last Day to Withdraw from a course
- November 6th: Graduate Open House
- November 23rd-25th: Thanksgiving Holiday (No Classes)
- December 5th: Last Day of Classes
- December 7th-9th & 12th-13th: Final Examinations
- December 13th: Semester Ends
- December 15th: Provost/Graduate Studies Holiday Party

GRADUATE STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Name: Jessica Vega

Program: Microbiology

Graduation: May 2005

Bio: Jessica is a familiar face around the Wagner community. She earned her bachelors degree from Wagner with a double major in Biology and Microbiology. Just this past Fall Jessica was inducted into Omnicron Delta Kappa National Honor Society. In her free time, Jessica volunteers as a Crisis Counselor at a local walk-in clinic. She works one on one with those in are in need of various types of counseling. Next year, Jessica will take her studies to Sarah Lawrence College for their prestigious Human Genetics program.



Q: Which graduate professor has made the biggest impact on your Wagner experience?

A: "There are two professors who have equally made a big impact on my experience here. Dr. Bobbitt was a great professor and mentor to us students. She is always available to meet with and to answer any questions. She made my experience here great. Also, Professor Alba was very influential. She taught us to interact with our peers through speaking and teaching projects. She had us present information and lecture classes on various topics. This significantly helped the learning process and built our knowledge on these subject matters. This was a great element that she brought to the classroom."

Q: What do you enjoy most about the field of Microbiology?

A: "The most interesting aspect of this field is the fact that people do not understand how much microbiology plays a role in our everyday lives. Every industry has an aspect of microbiology in it. It is very important and it is everywhere in our world. Often microbiology gets overlooked in everyday lives, people are not aware of it."

Q: Why did you decide to enter the field of Microbiology?

A: "The summer before I came to Wagner as an undergraduate I worked at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. This is where I figured out I wanted to get into the field of microbiology. This was such a great experience for me, that it gave me direction for my future endeavors."

Q: What was your biggest accomplishment (Graduate) in your time at Wagner College?

A: "I am most proud of my GPA (3.95) and well rounded knowledge of the field. Microbiology is a difficult field, so I feel my success here at Wagner with my GPA is among my greatest accomplishments. I have learned so much from the program that I can take away with me. I have written papers on Bacetrio-Phage Therapy and taken classes in Parasitology and 'Immunobiology & Immunochemistry'.

Q: What are your professional goals and where do you see yourself in 10 years?

A: "My first professional goal was to get accepted to the Human Genetics program at Sarah Lawrence College. I have recently achieved this goal and I will begin my studies next Fall. I am very excited, but I will miss Wagner and the faculty here very much. After Sarah Lawrence I want to get into the field of Prenatal Genetic Counseling. I am from Orange County, NY and at the current time this services is not readily available in that area. Usually, patients from this area will be sent to either Westchester or Manhattan to receive such services. My goal is to give back to my community by bringing this service to Orange County."

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GRADUATE HOUSING AVAILABLE

Housing is now available for graduate students in the Grymes Hill Apartments. Availability is limited. For more information and to have your name added to the waitlist, contact the Graduate Studies Office at 718-390-3106.

GSA SPRING FUNDRAISER

The Graduate Student Association raised over \$140 in their Spring semester fundraiser. The money will be used to fund future GSA events. The 50/50 raffle winner was Sue Rosenberg from the Education Department. Congratulations Sue and we would like to thank the rest of the Wagner Community for their support.

CALLING ALL GRADUATE STUDENTS

The Graduate Student Association welcomes all new members for the upcoming Fall 2005 Semester. This semester's events include: special guest speakers, community service events and exciting fundraising activities. Remember, our mission is to ensure that all graduate students, both full-time and part-time are represented in matter of common interest to the student body; promoting the social, economic and academic goals that we have as graduate students. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to better our academic experience! For more information on the GSA, please contact the Graduate Studies office at 718-390-3106 or email graduate@wagner.edu.

GSA HOSTS NBC UNIVERSAL EXECUTIVE

On Wednesday February 2nd, 2005 the Graduate Student Association welcomed guest speaker Erica Conaty Vice President of NBC Universal Cable. Erica discussed "The Multiple Dimensions of Marketing" and its impact the entertainment industry. Erica gave the graduate students in attendance great insight to her marketing experiences at NBC Universal, in addition she expressed valuable tips about how to succeed in the corporate world. Active GSA member Gene Bazzarelli said, "It was fantastic to get a real-life perspective on the various types of marketing, you can tell Erica Conaty has been through the trenches and has come out a success by thinking outside the box". Overall, this was a great event for all graduate students to understand the many facets of marketing outside of the classroom environment.

GRADUATE STUDIES MISSION STATEMENT

The Division of Graduate Studies (DGS) supports the mission and goals of Wagner College through graduate education. Committed to the "learn by doing" philosophy embodied in the Wagner Plan based on experiential learning and interdisciplinary study, the DGS offers high quality select yet comprehensive graduate programs. These exclusive programs strive to foster core competencies, cutting-edge technologies, and critical thinking. Committed and competent faculty prepare eager and reflective individuals for life and work in an increasingly complex, diverse and global society. Students in the DGS receive personal attention as they work closely with faculty in small classes. Graduate programs at Wagner College remain responsive to the needs of the external community, and in turn provide the most innovative and highest caliber graduate education in the region.

GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION WALKS FOR MARCH OF DIMES

For the second straight year the GSA participated in the March of Dimes Walk. On May 1st, 2005 GSA members marched 10 miles to support this cause. The March of Dimes Walk is a 'walk that saves babies'. It supports research into the cause of premature birth, which affects 1,305 babies a day in the United States. The Graduate Student Association raised \$240 which will help fund the research into stress and other factors that may cause pre-term labor, programs to educate pregnant women of preterm labor warning signs, and tools to aid doctors in finding better ways to detect women at risk of preterm labor. Overall, the walk was a great success and the Graduate Student Association would like to thank everyone for their support.



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