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From The Director

Hi Everyone –

Heads up....winter is almost over !!! So, Juniors and Seniors, that means that if you haven't been in to see me about your academic planning and/or contracting for graduation, you need to get on my schedule asap. I think I've seen most of you, but I still need to see Eric Deller, Regina Hoell, Chris Parker, Ryan Beck, Josh Kaufman, Tim Metzner (ok you can wait until you're back from California), Zach Van Hart, and True Treanor.

For those of you on the job market, either co-op or permanent, please keep in touch with Judy and let her know your plans. She has regular interaction with recruiters, and may know of opportunities for placement. Also along career lines, you need to take your PD 222 class (freshmen) either this spring or next fall. Pre-juniors and juniors, you should take the PD 502 class the first quarter of your junior year. Otherwise, you're likely to miss valuable information about working with the UC placement office. They have some great new staff in the office who are really trying to make a difference in

College of Business placement, so don't overlook their help in your job search.

This is the time of year when the university solicits nominations for the Presidential Leadership Awards, C-Ring Award, Mr. Bearcat, and Just Community Awards. Please consider putting yourself up for one of these awards, if appropriate, or talking to me about being nominated if it's something that is better done by a faculty or administrative person. You all have accomplished so much, and I'm sure there are a lot of you who would be top contenders for these honors.

Please see the information on the next HPSA meeting that Greg has included in the newsletter. HPSA is only as good as you make it, and your participation counts. There are lots of opportunities, whether in event planning, recruiting, service activities, or other roles within the organization. Please give back to the program by supporting HPSA...it's a great way to make a great program even better. Remember that all of the H+ staff go above and

beyond **for** you....please return the favor by supporting the program through HPSA. I would personally appreciate your efforts to get involved.

Next year's incoming class is going to be another phenomenal one, judging by the interviews so far....this year's freshmen internship placements are going extremely, well with rave reviews from the employers interviewing our students....the pre-juniors are only ten weeks away from their international trip....and we have another bumper crop of graduates winding up their college careers. Great work, everyone. I'm proud to be associated with Lindner Honors-PLUS...you guys make us look so good !!!

Jeri

Project Safe Place

by: Lisa Morris

Winter is a busy time for **Project Safe Place**. Working with the Honors-PLUS Student Association, and anyone else interested in volunteering, **Project Safe Place** will begin to train employees at participating businesses, with a focus on area Kroger and Dairy Queen locations. These businesses are already members of **Project Safe Place**, yet new managers and employees may not be familiar with what to do when a lost, abused, or runaway child arrives at their establishment for help. This is where the volunteers come in!



If you're interested in training employees, we welcome your assistance. If you would rather contribute to **Project Safe Place** in another way, consider signing up to be a driver. Drivers are available on certain days and may be called to take a child from a business to the appropriate destination, such as a hospital or **Lighthouse Youth Services**.

To find out more about volunteering with **Project Safe Place**, please contact Nancy Gannon at GannonNL@email.uc.edu or (513) 556-8523, or Lisa Morris at MorrisL2@email.uc.edu or (513) 556-8296.

HPSA News

by: Greg McElfresh, President

HPSA finally has something it has longed for quarter after quarter... MONEY! A representative attended the mandatory Treasurer's Workshop on February 5, making our organization eligible for a huge sum of \$7,000! In the past, there was some concern on getting funding since our organization is often times seen as "closed" to everyone who is not a member of Honors-PLUS. We were able; however, to convince the Undergraduate Funding Board (UFB) that our organization was indeed open to all members of the University giving us the much needed funding. For those of you curious about exactly how this money can be spent, we have \$350 that is deemed "Operating Funds." This money can be used at any time on anything, without proposal, as long as we have our advisor's signature on the receipt. The rest of the \$7,000, (I can't say it enough! \$7,000!) can be used with proposal to UFB. Proposals must be sent in at least two weeks before the event, and there are also some other stipulations on using the funds, however most of them are pretty standard. The good news is, all of the ideas we have spoken about in meetings are fully capable of being funded. At our next meeting, we'll really open up the floor to ideas that had been previously limited because of funding. It will be quite exciting to see what the money brings to our organization. On a closing note, I'd like to encourage everyone involved in HPSA to attend the monthly meeting. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday February 19 at 6pm in the 3rd floor student lounge. Our meetings are often times limited by attendance, so I ask that you do your best to attend. The HPSA agenda for late winter/spring holds the kick-off for Peer-

Recruiting, the planning of an HPSA Formal, and service events such as The *March of Dimes* and *SparkStock*. See you on the 19th!

If you have questions about how you can get involved or plugged into HPSA, contact Greg McElfresh at: mcelfrgl@email.uc.edu

HPSA Get Involved!

Young Patriot's Leadership Conference

by: Donna Fisher

On Saturday, January 31, 2004, the first annual *"Pride in Cincinnati" Young Patriot's Leadership Conference* was held at the Vernon Manor Hotel. There were over 40 area high school students in attendance. They were junior and seniors from 14 different schools, both public and private. This all-day leadership conference was sponsored by the Cincinnati Chapter of the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge. The Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge's mission statement is "To teach Cincinnatians about America – its history, its ideals and to encourage their patriotism, support of our free enterprise system and to recognize local heroes."

The program was designed to teach young adults about the history of Cincinnati and encourage them to consider making Cincinnati the place to live and work when it comes time to choose their professional careers.

There were many activities throughout the day, including "Remembering Heroes of the Queen City's Past, with cameo appearances, in period costume by: George Washington, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Gen U.S. Grant, 1st Lady, Mrs. Rutherford B. Hayes, Wm. Howard Taft, Neil Armstrong, and appearing as himself, City Councilman, Sam Malone. This was followed by a tour to see some of the Jewels of the Queen City.

Another part of the days activities included presentations on the topic: *"What Young Leaders Can Do to Create a Bright Future for the Queen City."* The students were assisted by **UC Lindner Honors-PLUS** students, Todd Barnes (Senior), Kyle Dearduff (Freshman), and LaVandez Jones (Freshman). The **Lindner Honors-**

PLUS students acted as facilitators for the groups when they broke into teams to formulate and present their wish lists for a better Cincinnati to a panel of judges.



Kyle Dearduff, (L) facilitating planning session

I asked our Lindner Honors-PLUS students for some feedback on the program, and here are their comments on this innovative program: *"The Young Patriots Leadership Conference was a great experience! It was wonderful to see the creativity and the intelligence that the youth of our community--and the future leaders of our community-- possess. I was impressed with the ideas these young men and women came up with to make Cincinnati a city they and others would want to live and work in. I heard discussions revolving around turning the riverfront into an entertainment /shopping district (similar to the Banks project), I heard students talking about using the existing subway infrastructure for a light rail or other public transportation, and I heard them speaking about using tax incentives as ways to attract new [maintain existing] businesses to the city. I was very impressed with the talent that the Freedom Foundation recruited for this event, and I was equally impressed with the Freedom Foundation's willingness to do something like this. I feel that conferences such as this one really help*

in getting younger people involved and active in their schools and communities." - Todd Barnes

"The level of talent, professionalism and creativity that these students demonstrated was impressive." - LaVandez Jones

"I think the Young Patriot's Leadership Conference is a unique experience for students in the Cincinnati area. It gives them a chance to better understand our city's rich culture as well as gain exposure to the job opportunities in Cincinnati." - Kyle Dearduff

The first annual Young Patriot's Leadership Conference was a huge success, and planning for the second conference is already underway for November, 2004. James R. Cobb, President of the Greater Cincinnati Chapter of the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, was impressed with the **Lindner Honors-PLUS** students and their willingness to be involved with the program. He was quick to invite them back as facilitators for the next conference, and judging by the comments of our students, they are delighted with the opportunity to help.



L to R: Lindner Honors-PLUS students: LaVandez Jones, Todd Barnes, Kyle Dearduff, & John Banner, Attorney & adjunct UC Professor

Items of Interest

Christy Benken, Pre-Jr., was awarded the Alpha Kappa Psi Foundation Annual Scholarship for the next academic year.

Brent Cengia, Pre-Jr., was elected President of his fraternity, Sigma Chi.

Matt Mezinskis, Pre-Jr., was elected President of his fraternity, Beta Theta Pi.

Adam Hildebrand, Pre-Jr., was elected President of the Intrafraternity Council.

Mike Rosier, Soph., was elected VP of Communications for the Intrafraternity Council.

Dominic Berardi, Soph., was elected VP of Recruitment for the Intrafraternity Council.

Matt Yung and **Braden Martini**, both Soph., will be participating in the *Inaugural Cincinnati Cornhole Classic* on February 20th at 5:00pm. They also won the UC intramural Cornhole championship.

Rob Reinerman, Sr., coordinated and led efforts to sponsor the boy Scouts of America annual Leadership Training Conference at UC on the weekend of January 21, 2004. They received front-page recognition by the News Record (<http://www.nr.uc.edu/read.asp?ID=14394>)

The following students were recently initiated into the **Student Alumni Council**:

Anna Godby	Kristen Schroeder
Matt Yung	Adam Hildebrand
Sandy Galvin	Adam Eling

Ryann Nobel would like to congratulate all the Delta Sigma Pi winter quarter pledges. Especially the Lindner Honors-PLUS members pledging; Abby Alford, Tony DeBlasio, Jessica Kinne Meyer, Brian Macke, and Sarah Madrigal. She's really excited to have you all in her pledge class!

Starting with this issue of the Lindner Honors-PLUS Newsletter, you will be

able to view the newsletter on-line at:

<http://www.business.uc.edu/?/programs/undergrad/honorsplus>

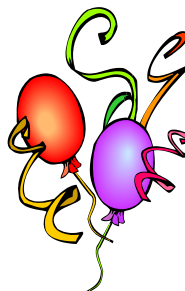
Just go to the web address above, and you will find the current issue, plus past archived issues. This should not only make it easier for everyone to view, but also make the newsletter available to anyone visiting our web site.

Important Reminder: Don't forget to update Judy Magazine on any co-op changes you have. She needs these changes as they occur! Email her at judy.magazine@uc.edu or call her at 556-7187.

February Birthdays

In this issue of the newsletter, we are printing the February & March birthdays. In March we will print April, etc. Since the newsletter doesn't come out until the middle of the month, we realized you were missing the opportunity to wish your fellow classmates a "Happy Birthday" as it may have already past. We will now print them a month ahead!

Abigail Alford	February 1 st
Braden Bennie	February 3 rd
Georgia Polychroniou	February 6 th
Matthew Howe	February 7 th
Zachary Logan	February 8 th
True Treanor	February 9 th
Grant Miller	February 11 th
Kyle Neumann	February 11 th
Benjamin Hines	February 12 th
Jessica Sharts	February 16 th
Joshua Mock	February 16 th
Jason Nickles	February 19 th
Brian Meyers	February 21 st
Paul Bessire	February 25 th



March Birthdays

Jaime Meyer	March 1 st
Danielle Day	March 8 th
Amanda Miller	March 9 th
Jennifer Schuster	March 10 th
Natalie Eshman	March 18 th
Broch Fortman	March 22 nd
Kristin Welsh	March 22 nd
Zach VanHart	March 23 rd
Josh Rowley	March 24 th
Chris Parker	March 25 th
Ashley Vissing	March 31 st