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From The Director

Hi Everyone,

I love this time of year! I'm constantly amazed at the accomplishments of our seniors at this time of year, as it seems that every day I'm receiving news about a wonderful job accepted, or a prestigious award received. Our seniors are certainly getting off on the right foot as they move into their "real lives" and leave the campus. It's always so bittersweet watching them go; remembering when they were freshmen just learning their way around....time goes so quickly, doesn't it? We'll have a complete list of awards in next month's newsletter – the list grows every day!

So all of you seniors: we hope you will always cherish the time you had here at UC, value the experiences you had as part of the Lindner Honors-PLUS Program, and will always, always keep in touch to let us know where you are, and how you are, and what you are up to. You will be missed much more than you know, and you will always be remembered. So please, please keep in touch.

Our pre-juniors are halfway through their international trip, and having a great time. When the students misbehave, Raj Mehta (our Academic Director who organizes these trips and travels with them every year) refers to them as "Jeri's kids"; when they behave he refers to them as "my kids".....and he's still claiming them as his kids.....so that's a great sign that the trip is going well. They've been studying in France, but are leaving this weekend (Memorial Day here) for Geneva. Regina Schneider (Class of '03) who is now working with P&G in Geneva is going to host the class at her home in Geneva on Monday evening, and all of the students are looking forward to that, as well as to the remainder of the trip. I wish I could be there! Jen Schuster has contributed some info on the trip...please read the article in this newsletter!

Ben Hines, one of our seniors, has also contributed an article about his recent mission trip to South Africa, which I'm sure you'll find interesting. Ben was named one of five Presidential Leadership Medal of Excellence winners

recently (a campus-wide senior leadership award), and when you read his account you'll understand why. Jessica Kinnemeyer was also honored with a PLME award, and we had two other senior Lindner Honors-PLUS students make it to the finals: Adhruca Apana and Anna Godby. I'm so proud of all of them.

Have a safe and peaceful Memorial Day Weekend!!

Jeri Ricketts

CSP Conference, Spring 2006

by: Brian Delaney

A few weeks ago, Drew and I flew to Washington D.C. to attend our follow-up conference with the *Center for the Study of the Presidency*. We thought this trip would be similar to last; however, it was anything but the same. The Center used the spring conference as a platform to celebrate Dr. David Abshire's long career in public service, as well as his 80th birthday. Each spring conference has a dinner banquet to honor the fellows and present their annual Publius Award and awards for the two best essays. This year, however, was a day long celebration of Dr. Abshire's career.



(l to r: Dr. Abshire, Brian Delaney)

Thursday morning began on Capitol Hill, where we had the privilege of hearing some *very* prestigious speakers. Long time Senator and Chairman of the Armed Services Committee, John Warner, spoke to us on the progress and issues surrounding Iraq and Afghanistan. He was followed by former long time Senator Lee Hamilton of Indiana and three more former Congressmen. Because it was Dr. Abshire's 80th birthday, most of his old friends and colleagues were in attendance.

After Senator Warner and the Congressmen spoke, the topic then transitioned into issues surrounding the intelligence community. Former CIA and FBI Director Bill Webster, as well as former FBI Director Bill Sessions

(father of Alabama Senator Jeff Sessions) made a few speeches followed by Q&A. During Honorable Sessions' speech, I happened to look over my shoulder and see legendary Secretary of State and National Security Advisor Henry Kissinger walk into the room. As he did, the whole room hushed and turned to recognize him. At intermission, I was even able to shake his hand and tell him how much I admired him. It was an awesome experience to be in the presence of such great minds and policy advocates. To be able to meet so many of the men and women I have read about in newspapers and books was fascinating.

The rest of the day included panels at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, one of the most well-respected think tanks inside the Beltway (also founded by Dr. Abshire) and a trip to the Eisenhower Building for a session with the Council of Economic Affairs. The real event everyone was waiting for, however, was that evening at the famous Mayflower Hotel. Unofficially known as the "Residence for the President's" it is one of the most beautiful, elegant hotels I've seen. We arrived to a *meet and greet* with some of Washington's elite power brokers. Sprinkled amongst the crowd were Congressmen, Senators, former Chiefs of Staff, Secretaries of Defense, etc. Needless to say, I think Drew and I created some excellent contacts that evening.



Following the *meet and greet*, everyone was shuffled into the ballroom where the Fellows were placed at different tables to mingle with the other guests. Significant guests included the Honorable David Gergen, the Honorable Bill Sessions, Bill Webster, Tom Ridge, Undersecretary of State Nicolas Burns, Secretary Kissinger, and a whole slew of political elites and business magnates. After dinner, we enjoyed a presentation following the life of David Abshire and his family. I could go on about the banquet and name drop forever, but I will cut it short due to length restrictions. I left out plenty of the trip, but if anyone is interested in the fellowship and/or our trip, please contact Drew and/or me. We would love to answer any questions or to expound upon our experiences there. The Center's website again is www.thepresidency.org and my email address is delanybg@email.uc.edu. Drew's is jandesam@email.uc.edu.

Brian Delaney
Class of 2007



(All Center Fellows in front of the White House)

International Trip, Spring 2006

by: Donna Fisher & Jennifer Schuster

The Class of 2008, is off on their Pre-Junior International Trip to Europe. After several months of classes and planning, they boarded their plane for Paris on Thursday, May 11th, at 4:30pm. Accompanying the students were Raj Mehta (Associate Professor of Marketing & Assistant Director of Lindner Honors-PLUS) and Susan Sadlier (Director of International Business).

In the July newsletter, you will have the opportunity to read articles by the students on each leg of the journey. But, if you are like me, you are wondering how they are doing currently, and would love periodic updates.

Every year I have at least one student who updates me on the trip as they go. This year is no exception. Jennifer Schuster has been communicating with me since she arrived, and has given me permission to share her emails with you. I will share what she has sent to date, and you may be assured there will be more in the June newsletter.

Monday, May 15, 2006

Bonjour!

After 3 amazing days in Paris I'm here in Nantes at Audencia. We're meeting our host families in about 30 minutes so I'm eager to spend some time absorbing the french culture and utilizing the 6 years of French courses I've taken. Not to mention actually have the chance to sit down for more than 10 minutes. We've been going non-stop since we got here, but hey we're in Europe so no complaints here.

As I said, Paris was absolutely wonderful. Of course I saw all the monuments and museums, but what was really nice was having my two high

school friends, Rachel and Dave, in Paris with me to show me all the "local" places. They've been studying at the Sorbonne since January and have become quite acclimated to the city and the culture. They've really perfected the french language and it was nice to listen to them converse with the French locals. On our second night in the city we went to the Pont des Arts (a pedestrian bridge) and sat drinking wine and talking with one another and some French students. As soon as the French students heard us speaking English they couldn't talk to us quick enough. It was so much fun being able to talk to them and explain things about our culture (mainly why President Bush won the last election) and learn about theirs. This was probably one of my favorite moments in Paris because for one night I felt more like a local than a tourist and felt I could truly experience the French culture.

We're starting classes tomorrow and visiting a company that manufactures sailboats, which should be very interesting. I'm eager to explore another city and have more fun with my classmates (don't worry I'll share all the stories soon).

We'll be in Nantes until next Wednesday and I'll have access to a computer daily so I'm going to try to respond to people as quickly as time allows. Thanks to everyone for keeping me updated on what's going on back home.

I hope all is well with you!

Au revoir,
Jen

Tuesday, May 16, 2006

Bonjour Again!

It's only our second day in Nantes, but it was such a great one. First, I have to

tell you what a relief it is to figure out how to change the french keyboard to English. We all sat here yesterday pecking at the keys because the letters were all jumbled, but don't worry we figured it out (way to go H+).

My host family is absolutely wonderful!! It's just our host mom, Alyette, and her 9 year old son, Maximillian. They live in a small house just outside of downtown Nantes with a beautiful garden out back. Carly and I are living on the 2nd (what we would consider a 3rd) floor with our own rooms and bathroom. It's like our own little apartment. I will say the shower takes a bit of getting used too since its quite small, and by small I mean that I have to bend a little to get under the shower head and you can't bend over...but we've both adapted quickly. Maximillian can speak both French and German and is learning English now so he was practicing with us and is so cute. He just got a cell phone (yes shocking a 9 year old with a cell phone) and he left his voicemail message in English so he kept erasing and trying to say it again until he got it right. We gave him his t-shirt last night and he was so excited that he wore it to school today. Alyette enjoyed her candy jar as well.

We had a 2 hour class about European business this morning, which was definitely different than any class back home. Here professors tend to talk and lecture most of the time and use overhead slides (very few at that). There isn't much discussion or debate so it takes us a little getting used to such a change. After class we split into 2 groups and had a brief French lesson...thank goodness I've taken French for 6 years. By no means have I perfected the language and it was amusing listening to everyone attempt to speak, but at least we're all trying! We have a few more language classes this week so hopefully people will be

Int'l Trip, cont.

able to communicate more with the locals. Today we also got to meet our French buddies who provided a typical French lunch for us (baguettes, ham, cheese, juice, fruit, cola, chips, cake, and sooooo much more...we're all eating quite well).

Then it was off to Beneteau for a company visit. They're the #1 manufacturer of sailboats in the world. We were able to see the entire process of one model they make (the Oceanis 523) and at the end got to walk onto one and go underneath where they have a full kitchen, 3 bedrooms, and 2 bathrooms. They only cost 400,000 Euro or \$500,000...well that's without options, like the \$15,000 teak wood they can put on the boat. We were trying to convince Raj that H+ needed to buy one...such great marketing don't you think? It was fascinating though. As we concluded our trip the President of the company happened to just walk past us and stopped to talk. She was one of the first female company leaders in France and such a respected figure so it was great to meet her.

Some of you asked how the weather has been...it has been sunny and warm (not too warm) the entire time except today. It rained for most of the morning, but by this afternoon the sun was out and it had warmed up. Soon I'll get on the tram and go back to my host family for dinner...they don't eat until 7:30 or 8:00pm. Then I think a lot of us are meeting in downtown Nantes around 10:00 to see the city. It should be fun.

Hope you're all having a great day!

Jen Schuster

(Watch for more updates from Jen as the trip progresses)

Volunteer Opportunities



(Cincinnati Public Library)

Hello everyone!

I hope spring quarter has gotten off to a great start for you! If you would like to volunteer, or just happen to need some last minute service hours as we wrap up this school year, Friends of the Public Library needs you! We are putting on our annual sale downtown, this year at the Main Library (800 Vine Street). The suggested shifts are:

Sunday, June 4:

8am-1pm (set-up)
1pm-4pm (Friends members
preview sale)

Monday, June 5:

8:30am-noon
10:30am-2pm
noon-3:30pm
3:00pm-6:30pm
5:00pm-8:30pm
6:00pm-9:30pm

Tuesday, June 6 & Wednesday,

June 7:

same as Monday shifts.

Thursday, June 8:

shifts from 8:30am to 6:30pm.

Friday, June 9:

shifts from 8:30am to 3:30pm.

Email me back if you would like to help. The shifts above are only guidelines; we would be happy to have you any time you can help.

Be sure to wear comfortable clothes and shoes, and try to keep money and other valuables in pockets in lieu of carrying a purse. Parking is limited, so I will be compiling a spreadsheet of all who have signed up so you can coordinate rides (or use the Metro). Also, if you need any directions, bus routes, parking maps for downtown, or anything else, please don't hesitate to contact me. We hope to see you at the sale!

Regards,
Stefanie Dressler
Class of 2007

Mamelodi, South Africa - Mission Trip

by: Ben Hines

Over the course of 74 days the soles of my shoes walked the ground on 5 of our world's continents. Not quite the life I lived wondering if I'd ever be on a plane.

A combination of co-op work and mission work led me on this journey. Should any of you, have interest in talking or questions about this experience, I will gladly talk with you and ask that you email me at hinesbp@email.uc.edu. However, I would like to share one portion of this incredible journey with you at this time.

Mamelodi, South Africa is a township located just outside of Pretoria, the capital city of South Africa. It is estimated that 50% or more of the population in this township is HIV positive. This squatter-style shantytown, where people often live 5, 6 or more to a tin box called a home, is a result of the negative affects of apartheid.



A few years ago, the senior pastor of the church I started attending while going to school here in Cincinnati met with the pastor of the Charity & Faith Church of Mamelodi during a convention in Chicago. A partnership was formed, and over the years a vision, a team effort, and a good bit of faith resulted in 300 of my fellow Crossroads Community Church go'ers

and myself heading to Africa on a two week mission trip to build homes, plant gardens, support the sick, teach kids and most importantly pray and fellowship with the people of this community.

Although I rejoice that even one life was changed, it has come to my attention that the President of the nation of Africa, took notice of this partnership and the incredible impact of our work, and has requested that the pastor of the Mamelodi church meet with his staff in an effort to learn how such amazing results were accomplished. South African press said that the model might be used for the entire nation. This is a testament to me of the true impact we can have on our world's impoverished people by working towards a vision, remaining faithful and freely giving of ourselves.



(left; Ben with some of the Mamelodi children)

I was truly blessed to be part of such an incredible and revolutionary

movement.

I received support in many forms from self-sacrificing people, many of which are part of our UC community, and I thank them for having open hands and hearts.

This experience, like many others over the course of my 5 years here at UC, has carved deep lines into my development and character. I was able to learn new things about my life and my existence. The people of Mamelodi were the most grateful and appreciative I've ever encountered, and I am humbled by their faithfulness. I've experienced poverty before, but there is something even more mysterious about Africa.

One thing I learned is that you don't need to be in Africa or some third world country to serve people. You don't have to be in Over the Rhine or in a 'bad' part of town. A new perspective of service was affirmed within me, and it can be done every single day in any situation. **People need to be loved, no matter who or where they are.** Any encounter is an opportunity to build into someone or allow him or her to do so for you. Community is a critical part of the 3 foundational things that I believe are required to achieve true growth.

I'm certainly grateful that I was able to be part of this revolution and encourage each of you to take the time today and appreciate your position in life; it can be a very healthy thing!

Ben Hines
Class of 2006

Items of Interest

On Sunday, May 7th, four graduating seniors woke up bright and early to run the Flying Pig Half Marathon. Brent Cengia, Adam Hildebrand, and Jessica Sharts completed their first Half Marathons ever after training for the last several months. This was Anna Godby's 2nd half marathon since she's been in college.



(l to r: Anna Godby, Adam Hildebrand, Brent Cengia & Jessica Sharts)

The following students were tapped into *Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honorary* in April:

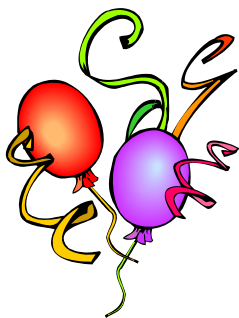
- Brian Meyers, Class of 2008
- Nick Furtwengler, Class of 2008
- Krista Detmer, Class of 2008
- Sarah Harvey, Class of 2008
- Jessica Vater, Class of 2007

Alumni News



Ashley Dugan, Class of 2006, (she graduated December of '05, so she is an official alum), married Richard McFarland on Friday, May 5, 2006 at Sharonville United Methodist Church. After a beautiful wedding and reception, Ashley & Richard spent a wonderful week in Punta Cana on their honeymoon. They just purchased a house and are now residents of Florence, KY. Ashley works for BASES in Covington and Richard is a firefighter/paramedic for Covington Fire Department.

We can't print it if we don't hear from you! It's really important to us to keep in touch and hear how you are doing after you leave the program. You were not just a part of a program at UC, but a part of the Lindner Honors-PLUS *family* at UC. You've made a lasting impact on our lives, and we want to keep that relationship going. Make sure to send any news or updates to: donna.fisher@uc.edu



June Birthdays

Vladimir Leytus	June 4
Daniel Larsen	June 18
Tyler Bertke	June 19
Jaime Lindemann	June 26
Kiana Herron	June 30

