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THE GSP STUDENT EXPERIENCE

As the GSP has evolved as a program, what it means to be a GSP scholar, and a member of the GSP community, has evolved and flourished as well. GSP students not only receive competitive financial aid packages with more grant money than loans, but they also join the growing GSP family which is comprised of current students, donors, and staff.

The commitment to the program displayed by the current GSP students makes all of us who work with the program proud. As Drew Peterson (SFS '10/GSP '77) says, "Our task as GSP recipients is to devote our efforts to expanding the scope of this program and empowering its members to do good work."

The Student Leadership Committee (SLC) was founded last year by Amy Hang (COL '09/GSP '80) to serve as a resource to GSP students and to help the program grow and expand. Every entering GSP student last year was assigned a mentor

from the Class of 2009. The mentors hosted activities for their mentees, including study breaks, trips into D.C., and coffee check-ins. The mentors also encouraged their mentees to attend GSP functions and to reach out to their donors.

Last semester, the SLC sponsored an "as good as it gets" home-cooked meal made by the sophomore mentors. Over 40 GSP students attended the party and shared stories of freshman year with each other. Events such as this show that the GSP students take pride in their affiliation with the program and enjoy getting to know each other outside of GSP sponsored events.

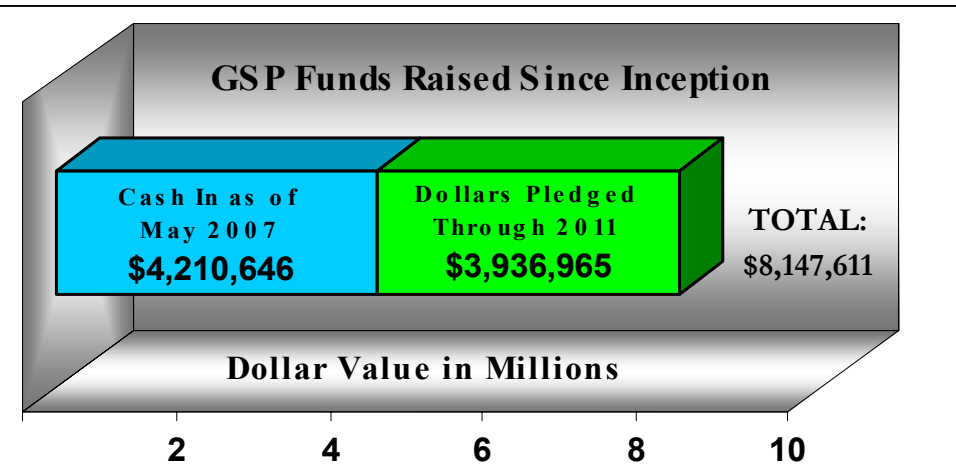
The SLC was also the central force behind the GSP career luncheon this past spring. GSP donors from fields such as business, health, government, law, and the non-profit sector met with GSP students over lunch and shared career information. The keynote speaker of the event was Cristina McGinniss, Executive Vice

President of Broadway Video/NBC.

Jeff Schlapinski (SFS '10/GSP '71) said of the event, "I believe events like the career luncheon speak to one of the goals of the GSP: to create a program in which students receive not only scholarships, but also the support and advice of alumni who have excelled professionally. I felt thankful that GSP donors would take time out of their presumably busy lives, not to mention commit their financial resources, in order to attend GSP events and spend time with GSP Scholars."

Finally, students have created *The Gazette*, a GSP newsletter written by and for GSP students. The newsletter can be found on the GSP website and articles include student reflections on campus activism, community service, and upcoming events.

GSP students have made the program a better and more personalized experience. When the GSP was created three years ago, no one could have known how proactive and resourceful the students would prove to be. The GSP will continue to grow in the future and, with Georgetown students at the helm, the possibilities for the program are limitless.



To provide a GSP scholarship to an incoming freshman, please make your contribution before June 30th.

GSP STUDENT PROFILE: ARTHUR WOODS (MSB '10, GSP '85)

Arthur Woods decided to come to Georgetown when he was 9 years old, after meeting a Hoya who worked in the California State Governor's office. It was just a matter of how.

A graduate of Chester High School from Lake Almanor, CA, Arthur's classmates mostly went to community college – if to college at all. “One other person in the history of my school went to a school of Georgetown's caliber.”

“Growing up,” he says in a distinctly Californian accent, “I constantly heard: ‘I really want to go to a four-year school, but my parents want me to go to community college because it's so much cheaper.’ People don't focus on the fact that the degree is worth so much more than you pay.” His parents, however, understood that a degree from a school like Georgetown would open a lot of doors for him.

Not much has changed since Arthur was a precocious child. While his peers at Georgetown spent most of their freshman year adjusting to college life, navigating the precarious experience of sharing a dorm room with a total stranger, and joining every club on campus, Arthur founded his own business.

Mission Three (for Health, Community & Environment) serves as the intermediary between a local farmer and consumers – Georgetown students. The result is fresh fruit delivered weekly to a student's dorm room at a reasonable cost, while supporting a farmer whose marketing and distribution is

managed entirely by students. Arthur constantly refers to Mission Three as “a team effort. It's a *Georgetown* owned and operated company.”

On a campus where Safeway seems like an eternity away and students subsist almost entirely on the Wisey's Chicken Madness Diet, it's no surprise that Mission Three has been so successful.

This summer, Arthur is headed to Canada for Round Two of a worldwide student business contest. Eight hundred teams applied from North and South America. Mission Three is one of two selected from the U.S. to go this far. “If we make it through this, we go to Taiwan for the final round,” he adds eagerly, if a bit surprised.

Before Arthur left campus for the summer, he stopped by my office to ask if he could get more involved with the GSP. This is a welcome prospect considering his attendance at a recent reception in Greenwich, CT, inspired a flurry of emails praising the speech he gave on the importance of scholarship. His talent for creating new and innovative businesses is trumped only by his incredible public speaking skills.

The GSP is a cause that is close to his heart. The financial aid he received through the program made it possible for Arthur to attend the school he “just fell in love with.” Georgetown's package trumped that of Boston College and many California schools offering in-state tuition, making it “a really easy decision” to attend Georgetown.

He says, “I love talking about what an incredible program the GSP is and how important it is to Georgetown.”

As for the recipients, “These decisions to attend Georgetown are ultimately changing people's lives.”

And as for the path his *own* life has taken since he came to Georgetown, he says, “I would not trade it for anything.”

-Melissa Foy, Admissions Officer



For more information, please visit:
<http://www.missionthree.com/>

GUEST COLUMNIST: JOSEPH PARKER (COL'10, GSP'87)



It turns out that the reality of living alone 1,500 miles from home doesn't set in until you actually *are* alone and 1,500 miles from home. The first couple of weeks were good, but oh so awkward! Channeling some strange brand of summer camp, packs of students moved from dorm to dining hall to party. Once at the party, we all stood agog, clumsily betraying our freshman status (as though the fact that we'd arrived in a group of 20 hadn't been enough).

Classes were fascinating. I was fortunate enough to participate in the Liberal Arts Seminar, an experience that truly helped define my first year at Georgetown. One thing they don't emphasize enough about any class, however, is the academic rigor. As I eyed each roomful of teenage geniuses, a little voice in my head kept repeating, “Toto, we're not in Kansas anymore.”

And then there was this behemoth Gothic edifice (Healy) that seemed to underscore my miniscule stature as I walked to class each morning. It was all a bizarre metaphor that could only mean one thing: I was doomed to fail.

But instead I became involved on campus – specifically with the Georgetown Solidarity Committee (GSC.) With a commitment to protecting workers' rights, the GSC provided an outlet for the activist in me and introduced me to some amazing student leaders. Although we had many victories throughout the year, our proudest accomplishment came when the administration agreed to a \$2.50/hour raise for the DPS officers on campus. In conjunction with a fledgling union, we had rallied hard for this. This success gave me faith that the administration was willing to stand behind the Jesuit ideals upon which Georgetown was founded.

Second semester, I was braver: I explored the city and took part in two protests, each comprised of tens of thousands of people (neither of which included a drug-induced attempt to levitate the Pentagon). What *was* present was the knowledge

that I could not participate in anything like that anywhere else in the world! And of course we mustn't forget that fateful March day when our beloved Hoyas beat the Tarheels to advance to the Final Four. After the game, as though controlled by some Jedi-like force, the student body gravitated toward N Street. From the top of Lauinger steps and continuing for what seemed like three blocks, we were packed like sardines. Very, very loud sardines. There were raucous cheers as fireworks seared the sky and thunderous applause as someone presented an enormous 'G' from the second floor window of a townhouse.

Then the party was moved to M Street. Better yet, the party *was* M Street. We stopped traffic for blocks, but - apart from one rogue killjoy - no one seemed to care. Horns beeped triumphantly, people rolled down their windows to shout or slap hands. Even the firemen hung from the sides of their trucks, pumping their fists and high-fiving as we bolted past.

Finally amid the pandemonium, a voice rang out: "Let's go to the White House!" It made no sense. That night, however, it made all the sense in the world. And so we rounded out the celebration at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. Apart from a few students peeled off the fence by Secret Service agents, no one managed to pose any serious threats to our national security. Half expecting him to walk out in a Hoya jersey, we even tried a few rounds of "We want Bush!" Alas, he never came. I guess all those rumors of an early bedtime are true after all. Oh well, his loss, I suppose...

No one big thing sticks out in my mind as the best part of the year. Rather, when I look back, it is the little things that I will remember the most: my first birthday away from home, the onset of delirium with friends in the library, nights spent lounging in the dorm, other nights spent out dancing, getting to know my roommate perhaps too well, pasta nights in my dorm floor's common room, late night conversation on Healy lawn, ultimate Frisbee, getting to know fascinating people in and outside the classroom, midnight swimming in the fountain during finals, and so, *so* much more.

This, for me, was freshman year at Georgetown. And as I reflect on it now, a smile spreads across my face. I think I realized how much I loved Georgetown when it took me a period of seven days to say goodbye to my friends in May. And even then, it was with a certain sadness that I left. These past eight months were more unbelievable than I could imagine. If they are at all a harbinger of the three years ahead, bring them on!

GSP CONTINUES TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

BY PATRICIA MCWADE

DEAN OF STUDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES

As another admissions season comes to a close, it is gratifying to know that the GSP award has once again made a difference in many of our newly admitted students' lives. Each year our competition offers fewer loans and more scholarship to their admitted students. It is a dream come true for Georgetown to have the GSP available for so many needy students.

This year the GSP awards committee offered students from across the country an increased scholarship to replace what otherwise would have been a loan in their aid packages. GSP recipients, therefore, graduate with \$5,500 of indebtedness compared to the \$17,500 of typical debt for a four-year Georgetown student. This difference will give GSP graduates the opportunity to take jobs in the public and non-profit sectors -- jobs they might have had to forego if they had a larger loan balance to repay. Scholarship recipients will also be in a better position to give back to Georgetown.

As financial aid counselors, it makes our jobs so much easier to have additional scholarship and reduced loan in the aid packages. Thanks to all of the GSP donors for making it possible to offer better, more competitive awards to our highly qualified students with financial need.

REFLECTIONS FROM THE GSP 1982 CLASS CHAIR by Alan B. Leahey

For the last twenty years, I have had the privilege of interviewing applicants to Georgetown, and they have been an amazing group of bright, articulate, and personable high school seniors from every socioeconomic background. When these students are accepted, I always hope the financial aid package offered by Georgetown is comparable to that given by other universities offering the student admission. If we are not competitive in this aspect, it becomes very difficult to maintain our goal of fulfilling the full financial need of all accepted applicants.

Georgetown always attempted to offer strong financial aid packages, but they often came out weak compared to the Ivies, especially those with larger endowments. It is extremely frustrating to see a high school senior fortunate enough to be granted admission to his or her number one choice - Georgetown - and then declining admission because of the cost.

Three years ago, when Dean Deacon proposed the Georgetown Scholarship Program (GSP) to the AAP, I was thrilled and excited that Georgetown would be taking a giant step to ensure that any accepted student would be able to afford to attend Georgetown. The concept is fantastic: having alumni join their classmates to give a gift to the GSP for at least five years, and then helping this group identify with current scholarship students. I cannot think of a more important place to give my donation to Georgetown.

Please grant these talented students the same opportunity to attend Georgetown, no matter their ability to pay the tuition. These students, some of the best in the nation, will be the brick and mortar Georgetown bases its enlarging foundation on. They will be the successful alumni that come back to continue funding this University, and this exceptional scholarship program.

GSP ON THE ROAD

GSP Current Events

GSP students enjoyed pizza in **White Gravenor** as they phoned future scholarship recipients to tell them about their experiences at Georgetown and what it means to be a part of the GSP.

The scholars then took a well-deserved break during finals week with an ice cream sandwich social to celebrate the end of another great school year.

On April 21st, Lisa Christiansen Gentil (SLL '74) hosted a reception in **Greenwich, CT**. Deans Charles A. Deacon and Patricia McWade joined two GSP scholarship recipients, Arthur Woods (MSB '10) and Justin Chen (MSB '10), to speak to attendees about the importance of financial aid and GSP.

As Reunion Weekend commenced in early June, the GSP Executive Committee met to review the year and to define the programmatic goals and strategy for 2007-2008.

GSP volunteers, donors, and reunion attendees later joined the Alumni Admissions Program volunteers to celebrate their return to campus with a reception on June 1 on the Leavey Esplanade. All current and future GSP scholarship recipients (nearly 200 GSP students now!) were invited to network and share their experiences with the alumni.

GSP will continue to travel around the country bringing students, alumni, contributors, and volunteers together. Please see our website for more information: gsp.georgetown.edu

GSP STUDENTS AND DONORS



Justin Chen (B'10), Lisa Gentil (SLL'74), Arthur Woods (B'10)

Katherine Deacon (C'00), Dean Charles Deacon (C'64, G'69), Tom (B'77) and Molly Bianco



From Left: Justin Chen (B'10), Tom Galvin (B'83), Derrick Wenger (B'83), Paul Donlin (B'83), Ana Maria Salazar Wenger (F'83), John Kelly (F'83), Chris Hoeffel (B'83), Liz McGeady O'Brien (N'83), Arthur Woods (B'10), and Pamela Shea Donlin (B'83)

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1986	Kerry Clancy Zochowski
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1988	Michele Balfour
1989	Elizabeth T. Moley
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1992	Christopher James Muse, Jr.
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