



GEORGETOWN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

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Race to the Finish Line

As the campus slows for the summer, the Georgetown Scholarship Program (GSP) races ahead toward June 30, 2008, the last day to make a gift in support of next year's GSP scholarship recipients.

The program has now granted scholarships to 262 talented students who will, for the first time, represent all four undergraduate classes at Georgetown University. When the fourth year of GSP comes to a close, we will cheerfully reflect on the program's continued success. The record-earning year of 2007-2008 will include an anticipated \$3.5 million in current-use support as well as an additional \$4.1 million in endowed scholarship commitments. The growth of GSP is truly staggering when you consider that only four short years ago neither a single donor nor a single student identified themselves with this now-prominent program.

Since GSP began in July 2004, committed alumni, parents, and friends of Georgetown University have given their time and philanthropic contributions to make a top-tier education affordable for all students, no matter their socioeconomic status. If you would like to join these efforts and help continue building this wonderful tradition of supporting the next generation of Hoyas, please contact: Katy Herbert at (202) 687-6916.



GSP students toast another great year on the Hilltop with an ice cream sandwich study break

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Impact of GSP on Incoming Class of 2012

In an incredibly competitive year in admissions, the Georgetown Scholarship Program (GSP) was once again a critical part of Georgetown's efforts to bring the best students to the Hilltop. The impact of this award on securing talented students cannot be underestimated.

Currently, the program supports 194 scholarship recipients. An additional seventy newly-admitted GSP students will join Georgetown in the fall, a result of the fact that 56% of students awarded a GSP grant accepted their admissions offer. The strength of this yield is especially apparent when compared to the 41% yield from all students who requested financial aid.

GSP is an essential tool in our efforts to give students of all backgrounds access to a top-tier college education. For example, **57% of the incoming class of GSP students will be the first generation in their families to graduate from a four-year college.** *(Article continued on back page)*

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The students primarily come from public schools (60%), but also from Catholic and specifically Jesuit schools (23%). GSP freshmen will hail from all over the country and the world, including Israel, Japan, and the Virgin Islands. California, New York, Pennsylvania, and Illinois will account for the greatest number of freshmen GSP students, followed by Massachusetts, New Jersey, and Texas.

Of the students who provided information on their ethnicity, 25% are Hispanic, 18% are Asian-American, and 15% are African-American. In addition, several of the incoming GSP students and their families immigrated to the United States after leaving behind political turmoil in countries such as Albania, Russia, Kazakhstan, and Vietnam.

The new GSP Class of 2012 is talented academically (the

average scholar is in the top 3 percent of his or her high school class), and is involved in a host of extracurricular activities, including athletics, scientific research, student government, and the performing arts. One is even a nationally-ranked debater. Scholars have been hospital volunteers, worked with their city councilmen, and contributed to their community in a vast array of other experiences.

As we welcome the class of 2012 to Georgetown, GSP is proud to have helped ensure a dynamic, talented, and diverse group of incoming students.

Kamilah Holder

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GSP Student Receives Prestigious Truman Scholarship



Amy Hang (COL '09, GSP '80) was recently awarded \$30,000 from the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation to fund a graduate degree in public service. She was one of only 65 students in the country to receive the award this year; this group represents the top students in academics, leadership, and community service.

As Amy says, "GSP and the Truman scholarships are living embodiments of the Jesuit tradition of

men and women living for others. Both programs recognize that we all represent something bigger than ourselves, and for that, I'm incredibly proud to be a part of both programs."

Originally from Minnesota, Amy is a Hmong American and plans to study leveling the educational playing field for this group, as academic achievement in the Southeast Asian community lags considerably behind other Asian groups.

The issue of equity and access is close to Amy's heart as her parents are political refugees with little formal schooling who sold vegetables and egg rolls at farmers' markets to support the education of their children.

If you remember Amy Hang as the founder of the thriving GSP Student Mentoring Program, you may not be surprised by this incredible distinction. "My involvement in GSP helped position me for the Truman because it taught me what it means to be a person for others," Amy recently stated.

According to John Glavin, the University Fellowship Secretary, Amy embodies, "John Carroll's mission for Georgetown, training leaders for the nation and the world." Her combination of leadership and service is all the more impressive, according to Glavin, given that she had to overcome considerable hardship. He rightly concludes that Amy will be an "outstanding representative of Georgetown in [her] future endeavors."

We have the Georgetown Scholarship Program to thank for being able to count Amy as a Hoya. As she says: "If it wasn't for the GSP, I would be at the University of Chicago. GSP made the difference in my decision to enroll at Georgetown."

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SAVE THE DATE!

GSP members are invited to attend the 2nd Annual GSP Tailgate on October 18, 2008 on main campus. Watch for details this summer.

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