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CELEBRATING THE MANY GIFTS OF GSP

Christmas and the holiday season bring out the best in so many of us, and even as the quieter time of exams transitions into the eerie calm of break on the Hilltop, the spirit of giving still permeates the air for students, faculty, staff, and alumni. That spirit is part of the larger commitment we share to be men and women for others, and it is the same spirit that animates the GSP.

GSP celebrates its third Christmas having experienced tremendous growth over the first two years and with ambitious plans to continue that growth into the future. To date, over \$1.3 million in pledges and gifts have been committed for FY07, a testament to the importance of GSP to those who have become involved already. Even so, the Executive Committee has set a goal of raising between \$3 and \$3.5 million in order to be able to fund over 100 new students in the class of 2011 while maintaining a commitment to the 128 students already on campus.

To achieve that goal, GSP must both broaden the donor base and continue to

work with those who have given before. GSP class leaders are soliciting over \$800,000 from those who have given single year gifts.

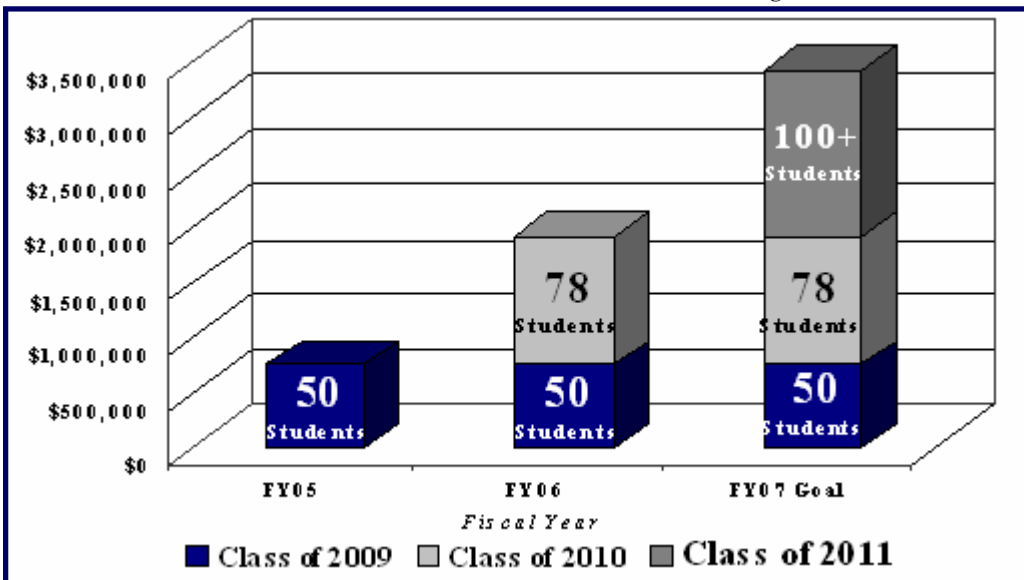
Students like Nereida Jaime, profiled on page 2 by Melissa Foy, are the reason why GSP is so important. Schools like Cristo Rey and students like Nereida need to know there is an option for them at Georgetown, and GSP is what allows admissions to reach out to them. It is through the support of the program that we are able to bring such fine young people to campus, and having them here makes Georgetown both a better place for current students and a more desirable place for others like Nereida in the future.

Patricia McWade, Dean of Student Financial Services, understands better than anyone at Georgetown just how much GSP support means to students and families— she and her staff see the impact every day. Her article on page 3 begins to explain the complexities of the financial aid process, clarifying just how these funds are benefiting students.

Lisa Gentil, national co-chair for GSP, was one of the first alumni to respond to the dramatic need for such a program, signing on before GSP even had a name and playing an instrumental role in its growth. Her initial enthusiasm for a good cause has turned into a commitment to building an infrastructure, and her reflections on page 3 show how the program has impacted her and her classmates and alumni friends. GSP is creating connections and making Georgetown a stronger community.

Building and maintaining that community requires the committed service of everyone who is able to lend their support. Only with that support can we make Georgetown a place for all talented students to strive for, regardless of their financial situation. If you are ready to help Georgetown achieve that goal, please read on, and look especially to the next page for information about how you can join GSP now.

- John Nagle, Senior Assistant Director



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JOINING THE GSP

The many friends and alumni of Georgetown who have become involved with the GSP find it a wonderful way to reconnect with old friends, stay connected with students on the Hilltop, and, most importantly, keep G.U. competitive in the ever-competitive world of financial aid.

If you are interested in becoming involved, we encourage you to visit our website at gsp.georgetown.edu. While there you can read about current GSP students, see who else from your class is involved, and even join the GSP by making a pledge or donation.

The GSP is a part of the Georgetown annual fund, and as a result gifts are tabulated based on the fiscal year which ends June 2007. GSP members have until then to complete their gifts and count toward the annual total.

Even so, it is important that any potential donors make a pledge for their gift as soon as possible. Those pledges allow the University to know how many students can be funded by GSP gifts in 2006-07.

Some donors will wish to give their gift as soon as possible in order to take advantage of tax deduction benefits at the end of the calendar year. Others may prefer not to give the full amount immediately, but often think of the needs of others during the holiday season and wish to make a pledge. Whatever the course taken, the University and the students are extremely grateful for your participation.

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GSP STUDENT PROFILE: NEREIDA JAIME, NHS '10 GSP CLASS OF 1960

It's funny what you miss the most from home. For Nereida Jaime, it's her mom's homemade *chilaquiles* – a dish of fried tortillas with hot sauce, a meal she prepared when Nereida was home over Thanksgiving. But it's not as though she hasn't received a proper Hoya welcome. In fact, it seems nothing short of destiny that landed Nereida on the Hilltop today.

Ten years ago, Father John Foley, a Georgetown graduate from the Class of 1957 and a Jesuit, was summoned from his service in Peru to start a school to aid the Latino population of Chicago. But in an era where private Catholic grade and high schools are being shut down due to a lack of funding, the school (to be named Cristo Rey Jesuit High School) needed money to support the students' tuition. The creative answer was a Corporate Internship Program, which would enable students to pay their own way.

Araceli Gomez, the guidance counselor at Cristo Rey and a native of the immigrant neighborhood in southwest Chicago where the school is located, remarked to me last fall on my recruiting trip through the Midwest, "Cristo Rey has completely changed this area." The little school that could went from a 75% drop-out rate a few years after its inception (due to strict rules such as absolutely no fraternization with gang members) to a 1% drop-out rate in 2004, and now boasts an incredible 100% college-bound senior class.

While Nereida's older sisters both attended college, they stayed at schools in Illinois. And her mother, a housekeeper who works the nightshift at Union Medical Center, and her father, who works construction, did not attend college. So when Nereida received her acceptance letter to Georgetown, it did not come without a pause. Even with the overwhelming support of G.U. grads working at Cristo Rey, she had many other factors to consider.

Her decision was particularly difficult when faced with a full-ride to Loyola University in Chicago. But Marty LaFalce, C'03 and one of Nereida's teachers at Cristo Rey, encouraged her to consider

her offer more seriously. Then the GSP Scholarship arrived, and the rest is history.

Nereida, a freshman in the School of Nursing and Health Studies who is supported by the GSP Class of 1960, is considering pursuing her Masters in Nursing or even medical school after graduation. Her internship with the Loyola University Medical Center during high school inspired her to work in Pediatrics in some capacity.

On campus, Nereida keeps busy as a Spanish tutor and avid performing-arts supporter while juggling a load of courses such as Chemistry and Human Functioning.

In between, she entertains invites from Hoyas everywhere she turns. Octavio Gonzalez (COL '06), who currently works at Cristo Rey, invited Nereida for coffee while on campus for Homecoming — even though he'd never met her before. She's also met up with Marty LaFalce, her former teacher and current G.U. Law student, to catch up. Her dorm's Chaplain has even cooked Chicago-style pizza on Nereida's dorm floor, and Dr. Dan Porterfield (C' 83) invited her to dinner with his family in his on-campus residence.

As for Cristo Rey, the original of the what will be a network of 19 Cristo Rey schools across the country next year, it just received the second of two generous grants by the Gates Foundation, totaling \$16 million dollars. And while you have waited eagerly for the latest GSP newsletter, a deserving Cristo Rey senior will be eagerly awaiting his Georgetown acceptance letter.

- Melissa Foy, Admissions Officer



For more information on Cristo Rey, please visit www.cristorey.net.

A WORD FROM THE DEAN OF STUDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES

As Paul Goodrich (Chairman of the GSP Executive Committee) and I were discussing the many exciting things happening in the financial aid office at Georgetown, he asked if I would be willing to write a column for the GSP Newsletter sharing information about the financial aid office and the programs we administer.

As we all know, financial aid administration is complicated, often made more so by myriad federal laws and regulations. Students and their parents are required to complete lengthy aid applications each year. The process produces anxiety and stress. Although we do all we can to help students and their parents complete these dreaded forms, there remains a certain mystery about the administration of financial aid.

This mystery even extends to our alumni and GSP members as they try to understand how financial aid works at

Georgetown. Paul's idea to have a financial aid column is a good one and as often as possible I will report on some aspect of financial aid that I hope will be helpful to you and will demystify the process of this complicated business called financial aid. In the future, I plan to discuss what I know about how federal aid may change now that the Democrats control Congress.

In this first installment I thought it important to explain how the GSP has made a difference to our students and to the folks who work in the aid office. Now that we have GSP funds available to replace loans for 128 of our students, the aid office staff has a slightly easier job explaining our aid packages to parents and students. We can now tell newly admitted GSP recipients and their families about how Georgetown provides an aid package that allows the student to borrow

less than those without the GSP offer must borrow. It gives us great pleasure to explain that GSP recipients will graduate with \$6,000 of indebtedness instead of the \$18,000 they otherwise would have accumulated.

It makes our jobs that much easier because Georgetown has this new program that allows our offers to be more competitive and to win students who otherwise might have enrolled elsewhere. The GSP awards and the 50 John Carroll Scholarships are what we call our incentive awards, that is, they provide \$3,000 more in scholarship and less in loan and work. We look forward to the day when all of our 2,500-3,000 aid recipients will have this improved aid package and we believe that the GSP has the ability to reach that goal in the not so distant future.

-Patricia McWade

Reflections from GSP Co-Chair: Lisa Gentil

As I sit here on the Hilltop after a day of GSP Executive Committee meetings and a Hoya basketball game last night, I am struck by how often the thought of the gift of the opportunity to give back to Georgetown seems to run through my mind. 'Tis the season to give thanks and make wishes, and so I am thankful for our many generous and committed GSP donors, and I am also wishing for many new pledges to GSP in the New Year! My New Year's resolution is to renew my efforts to help us achieve our primary goal for next year: the addition of 100 GSP Students with the Class of 2011! Although this may seem like a daunting objective at first glance, a look back at all we have already accomplished gives me confidence that we can do it!

We have come a long way since Dean Deacon made his first GSP presentation on the Hilltop to the reunion of classes in June 2004. His message was compelling, and out of it grew the network of energetic, dedicated alumni that exists today. Sitting in that room in Reiss with my roommate JoAnn Palazzo (C'73), we exchanged glances of disbelief as Dean Deacon summarized Georgetown's current need for financial aid. The road from idea to reality for the GSP has been personally rewarding on many levels. I have had the opportunity to band together with classmates (some of whom I had lost touch with for some time) to become engaged in the GSP. We organized and hosted regional receptions in our homes, in clubs, in restaurants throughout the country, and on campus to get out the message; the result has been an overwhelming commitment by all who have joined. In my opinion, the main reason for our continued success has been the donors' collective pride in and respect for the GSP recipients. Many of the students have shared their thoughts and experiences with us. For example, the GSP Class of '74 donors received a heartwarming email from Ellie Gunderson the week before Thanksgiving that read:

"The financial assistance not only made it a possibility for me to attend Georgetown, but seeing how caring Georgetown alumni are makes me respect the university even more! I love it here so far- I live on the Justice & Diversity in Action floor, and everyone is so welcoming and supportive. I love my professors and my classes are really interesting. I'm also tutoring some of DC's youth in the juvenile justice system through the After School Kids program. Georgetown is such a great place, and I want to sincerely thank you for helping to provide me with the opportunity to attend such a wonderful school."

Ellie's gift of Georgetown is, of course, a gift to us all. In the joy of the spirit of the season, let us all be grateful for our many fond memories of Georgetown and our gift of sharing that experience with deserving young individuals. Merry Christmas!

GSP ON THE ROAD: COAST TO COAST

Dean Deacon, the Office of Advancement staff, and several GSP students, have recently traveled from the east to west coast attending several alumni-hosted GSP receptions. There has been an excellent response to the program and alumni across the country are joining the GSP because they understand how important it is to the future of Georgetown. Details of the receptions, as well as the Executive Board meeting, can be found below:

Los Angeles, CA

Hosted by Peggy-Jo and Jim Clark at their home. GSP student Mark Valtierra, sponsored by the class of 1971, attended the event.

San Francisco, CA

Hosted by Maureen Brown, Bud Colligan, Dick Fredericks, and Lynn Fritz at Kuleto's Trattoria. GSP student Justin Chen, sponsored by the class of 1964, attended the event.

Colts Neck, NJ

Hosted by Karen and Brian Torpey at their home.

Summit, NJ

Hosted by Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Dinsmore and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Harte at the Canoe Brook Country Club.

Executive Board Meeting

The GSP Executive Board met on campus the last week in November and had a productive all-day meeting followed by dinner. Most of the Board were in attendance as well as staff from the Office of Advancement. It was a successful meeting with board members reflecting on the current state of the program and preparing for future goals.



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Chair: Paul Goodrich

Co-Chair: Lisa Christiansen Gentil

GSP Executive Board:

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| Jane Carey '79 | Paul Goodrich '65 | Eileen Harte '77 |
| Jennifer Coia '91 | Jim Eisenstein '80 | Carl Liggio '63 |
| Bud Colligan '76 | Lisa Gentil '74 | Sean McCarthy '82 |

GSP Class Chairs:

<u>Class</u>	<u>GSP Class Chair</u>
1961	Bill Moore
1963	Carl Liggio
1964	Joe Cassin, John Werwaiss
1965	Paul Goodrich
1967	Jean Colrick
1968	Paul Maloy, Ed McManimon
1969	Joe Lonardo
1970	Jim Clark
1971	Richard Delbello, Kevin Moynihan
1972	Philip George
1973	Cristina McGinniss, JoAnn Palazzo, Joe Toce
1974	Mark Alexander, Carol Cooke, Lisa Christiansen Gentil, Nancy Joyce
1975	Barbara Crocker
1976	John (Bud) Colligan, Brian Devaney, Rob Wall
1977	Ed Finneran, Eileen Harte
1978	Judith Donahue, Ray Esposito
1979	Jane Carey, Andrew Murray, Nancy Vincent
1980	Jim Eisenstein, Rick Klein, Dena Reger
1981	John Cleary, Peter Henderson
1982	Alan Leahy, Sean McCarthy
1983	Diane Brand, Greg Kelly
1985	Michael Mahoney
1986	Kerry Zochowski
1988	Michele Balfour
1989	Elizabeth Moley
1990	Regina Fay Gannon
1991	Jennifer Goodrich Coia
1993	Robert Wallace
1994	Loretta Goodrich Fehm, Kevin Meagher
1997	Alexander Loucopoulos, Mehmet Kirdar
2000	Katherine Deacon, Erin Duffy
2001	Himanshu Kothari
2003	Fred Flather, Elena McKee
2004	Kathryn Lindsay, Anne Liggio
2005	John Dionisio, James Duffy

If your graduating class is not listed, and you would like to become a chair, please visit our webpage for additional information at:

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Are you curious about who in your class is involved in GSP? Interested in learning more about the interests & goals of the students who've received GSP scholarships? Or maybe you heard that a GSP reception is being held in your city and want to learn more details. All of this information, and more, can be found at the GSP website. It is a resource intended to keep you connected, involved, and informed. Below is a sampling of the kind of information that is available to you online, as a GSP member or prospective donor:

- *Contact information for class leaders
- *Honor roll of donors
- *GSP mission statement
- *Profiles of the more than 100 current GSP scholars
- *Information on how to join