DePauw students experience high level of academic challenge

DePauw first-year students and seniors are in the top 10 percent of college and university students nationwide for the level of academic challenge they experience, according to the 2008 National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE).

Recently, the survey ranks DePauw sixth in the nation for study abroad.

Overall, the survey indicates that DePauw provides its students with more academically challenging, interactive and stimulating learning experiences than those found at peer institutions and the national average of all colleges and universities.

Jane Pauley helps celebrate 100th anniversary of SPJ founding

Jane Pauley, former anchor on Today and NBC Nightly News, winner of multiple Emmy Awards and the Edward R. Murrow Award for her contributions to journalism, will help celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ) with an April 17 speech at DePauw. Pauley will speak in McBarr Hall of historic East College, upstairs from the room in which Thomas N. Tunnicliff '80, managing director of Western Reserve Partners, LLC, will give the Management Center Lecture on April 22.

Visitors coming to campus

Samuel Adler, renowned American composer, will be in residence and give a School of Music convocation as part of the annual Music of the 21st Century series Feb. 25-March 1.

Robert B. Brown, vice president and chief marketing and operations officer for Lilly USA, will give the Management Center Lecture on April 28.

Charles D’Ambrosio, fiction writer, will give a reading in the James & Marilou Kelly Writers Series on Feb. 19.

Gareth Evans, former Australian foreign minister, will be the keynote speaker on March 5 for the Humanitarian Intervention Symposium held at DePauw’s Janet Prindle Institute for Ethics. Other participants include Karen Koning Abszay ’63, commissioner-general of the United Nations Relief and Work Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East; Catherine Dumaite-Harper, board member for the Global Policy Forum and former U.N. representative of Doctors Without Borders; Jerry Fowler, executive director of the Save Darfur Foundation; Anne Orford, professor and director of the Institute for International Law and the Humanities at the Darfur Foundation; Anne Orford, commissioner-general of the United Nations Relief and Work Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East; Catherine Dumaite-Harper, board member for the Global Policy Forum and former U.N. representative of Doctors Without Borders; Jerry Fowler, executive director of the Save Darfur Foundation; Anne Orford, professor and director of the Institute for International Law and the Humanities at DePauw, University, Australia; and Amos Sawyer, former president of the interim government of Liberia.

Rick Fairless, owner of Strokers Dallas, Strokers IceHouse operations officer for Lilly USA, will give the Management Center Lecture on Feb. 5.

Mark A. Filipell ’75, managing director of Western Reserve Partners, LLC, will give the Management Center Lecture on Feb. 24.

Kimiko Hahn, poet, will give a reading in the James & Marilou Kelly Writers Series on April 3.

Amber F. LaRue ’00, treasurer manager for Wellpoint, Inc., will give the McDermond Center Lecture on Jan. 27.

Ander Monson, recipient of the 2008 Great Lakes Colleges Association award in creative writing, will give a reading in the James & Marilou Kelly Writers Series on April 15.

David Plouffe, presidential campaign manager for Barack Obama, will give the Timothy and Sharon Ubben Lecture Series at DePauw on Feb. 2.

Janet Risi ’81, president and CEO of Independent Purchasing Cooperative, will give the Management Center Lecture on April 7.

Thomas N. Tunnicliff ’80 and Scott K. Shelbourne ’03, senior vice president and vice president, respectively, of Grubb & Ellis/Krombach Partners, will give the Management Center Lecture on Feb. 19.

Report ranks DePauw sixth in nation for study abroad

DePauw ranks among the top 10 baccalaureate institutions in the nation for the total number of students who studied abroad in 2006-07, according to the Open Doors 2008 report. DePauw is sixth among baccalaureate institutions in the report published annually by the Institute of International Education with funding from the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

Recent visitors to campus

Emily Abt, activist documentary filmmaker, screened and discussed her award-winning film, All of Us, on Nov. 10.

Allison Bechdel, graphic novelist, winner of the 2007 Will Eisner Comic Industry Award and a finalist for the 2006 National Book Critics Circle Award, spoke Sept. 24 as part of Women’s Week.

David B. Becker ’75, CEO and chairman of First Internet Bank of Indiana, gave the Robert C. McDermond Honorary Lecture on Oct. 30.

Gael Le Caer, Mexican poet, gave a reading as part of ArtsFest 2008: Arts & Borders on April 28.

McDermond Center Lectures included John M. Cassidy ’91, director of government affairs for Ohio Rural Electric Cooperatives, Inc., on Oct. 16; Dr. Thomas P. Cooper ’66, partner with Aperture Venture Partners and adjunct professor at Columbia Business School, on Nov. 4; Jacob J. Cay ’03, Retail Policy & Themes Division of The Financial Services Authority, London, on Nov. 6; Sarah Smith Moore ’01, deputy executive director of the Indiana chapter of Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, on Sept. 9; Richard Mountard, Indiana state treasurer, on Oct. 7; Dale S. Portillo ’91, vice president and chief actuary for Kemper, A Unum Business, on Nov. 11; Jennifer E. Vance ’00, founder, vice president and general manager of LeadJen, on Sept. 30.

The James & Marilou Kelly Writers Series featured readings by Rich Cohen, acclaimed nonfiction author and contributing editor to Vanity Fair and Rolling Stone magazines, on Sept. 17; Dagoberto Gilb, fiction writer and winner of the 1993 Hemingway/PEN Award, on Nov. 6; Michael Martone, fiction writer, on Oct. 1; Lynne Thompson, poet and winner of the 2008 Great Lakes Colleges Association New Writers Award in poetry, on Oct. 14.

DePauw Discourse 2008: America’s Role in the World was held Sept. 18-20 on campus. The fifth annual DePauw Discourse featured distinguished speakers, including Madeleine K. Albright, former U.S. Secretary of State; Bret Baier ’92, FOX News chief White House correspondent; Pamela L. Carter, president of Cummins Distribution Business; Catherine Collins, nonfiction author and former reporter covering Turkey for the Chicago Tribune; Sally Smerz Cowal ’66, vice president of Population Services International; Newton F. Crenshaw ’85, president of The New York Times Company; and Jerry Norman, director of government affairs for the American Management Association.

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Gifts to the DePauw Annual Fund support student scholarships

Now more than ever, alumni gifts to the Annual Fund are needed to help provide scholarships that deserving students have the opportunity to experience a DePauw education. Tuition paid by students covers less than 50 percent of the cost of a DePauw education. Your gifts to the Annual Fund help close the gap. You can make a gift online at www.depauw.edu/give, or you can call the Annual Fund staff at 800-446-5298.

Sports shorts

Presession polls ranked the women’s basketball team third in the nation in NCAA Division III. Both the men’s and women’s swimming and diving teams were ranked in the top 20 at midseason. The men were 15th and the women 18th in the Division III coaches poll.

The women’s cross country team, which was ranked 18th in the nation, earned an at-large spot in the NCAA Division III championships. It is the 14th consecutive year a DePauw team reached the national championships. Paced by junior Lauren Reich’s all-America performance, the Tigers totaled 528 points and finished 20th at the national championships. Reich covered the 6K course in 21:35.0 and finished 27th.

Junior defensive end Alex Fish was selected to the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America® College Division Football Second Team by the College Sports Information Directors of America. An economics and mathematics double major, Fish had a 3.98 cumulative grade point average through four semesters.

Kori Stoffregen was named the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference Women’s Cross Country Coach of the Year for the sixth consecutive year and seventh overall. In all, Stoffregen has earned 25 conference coach-of-the-year honors in men’s and women’s cross country and track and field since he joined DePauw in 1996.

Recent visitors to campus (continued)


Paul Gipe, prolific author about renewable energy and recipient of the 2008 World Wind Energy Award, spoke on Sept. 10.


Judy O’Bannon, former Indiana first lady, was the keynote speaker at the University’s third annual Hunger Banquet on Nov. 20.

Miguel A. de la Torre, associate professor of social ethics and director of the Justice and Peace Institute at Iliff School of Theology, gave a Mendenhall Lecture on Nov. 5.

Cornel West, author, Princeton University professor and civil rights activist, was the keynote speaker for the Boswell Symposium on Ethics and Global Education held Sept. 14-15.

William A. Wolf, computer scientist and former president of the National Academy of Engineering, was the Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar Sept. 11-12.

Kiplinger’s rates DePauw among best values

DePauw is among the nation’s top 50 liberal arts colleges that combine “outstanding economic value with top-notch education,” according to Kiplinger’s Personal Finance. The magazine’s 2009 “best values” list places DePauw number 38 among the nation’s liberal arts colleges. The list includes colleges that provide exceptional education at outstanding economic value, emphasizing academic quality while remaining affordable.

DePauw team to compete in National Ethics Bowl

For the fourth time in five years, a DePauw team won the Central States Regional Ethics Bowl. DePauw sent two teams to the competition. Team One – comprised of senior David M. Cylkowski, sophomore Elizabeth “Nikki” Howell, senior Lauren C. Lefebvre, sophomore Hallie M. Meborg and senior Todd J. Schmid – won the event and earned the right to compete in the National Ethics Bowl, which is scheduled March 5 in Cincinnati. Team Two, Lauren C. Lefebvre, Hallie M. Meborg and Hallie M. Meborg, were required to prepare five arias representing at least three composers. The Chamber Symphony also performed at Salzburg’s famed Mozarteum, one of the world’s leading music conservatories. DePauw assistant professors of music Nicole M. Brockcek and Marka M. Chow accompanied the Chamber Symphony.

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Faculty news highlights


More than 200 students work each semester at WGRE, DePauw’s student-managed radio station. Many students have the opportunity to work as disc jockeys, while others work in news, sports, music, programming, promotions, production, Web site and other aspects of radio business. The WGRE board of directors this spring includes senior Alex R. Spangler, program manager; sophomore Tyler A. Archer, program director; junior Hannah L. Harp, music director; and senior Samantha A. Crispin, news director.

Student news highlights

Thirty-one student members of the DePauw Chamber Symphony made an international concert tour during Winter Term in January to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the death of classical composer Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809). Under the direction of Orcens G. Smith, the DePauw Chamber Symphony traveled to Vienna and Salzburg, Austria, from Jan 8-15. The DePauw ensemble gave one of the first performances of the 2009 Haydn Celebration Year at Esterházy Palace in Vienna – where Haydn spent nearly 30 years of his life producing many compositions. The Chamber Symphony also performed at Salzburg’s famed Mozarteum, one of the world’s leading music conservatories. DePauw assistant professors of music Nicole M. Brockcek and Marka M. Chow accompanied the Chamber Symphony.

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