Four from DePauw to go abroad through Fulbright Program

Three DePauw students and one recent graduate received 2008 grants from the prestigious Fulbright Program to study, conduct research and teach abroad, and another student is an alternate. This is the third consecutive year that three DePauw students and one recent graduate have received Fulbright grants to go abroad.

DePauw ranks 31st among liberal arts colleges nationally

DePauw is 31st among the nation’s liberal arts colleges, according to rankings released by the Center for College Affordability & Productivity (CCAP). Published in the May 19 issue of Forbes magazine, CCAP’s rankings are based on results, such as whether or not students like their courses and how successful they are after graduation.

Visitors coming to campus

DePauw Discourse 2008: America’s Role in the World is scheduled Sept. 18-20. The fifth annual DePauw Discourse will feature distinguished speakers, including Bret Baier ’92, chief White House correspondent for FOX News; Pamela Carter, president of Gannett Distribution Business; Sally smear Covel ’66, vice president of Population Services International; Nisreen El Shamyatieh ’04, Saudi Channel KS2A correspondent in Jordan; Doug Frantz ’71, Portfolio senior writer; Lee H. Hamilton ’52, former congressman and Iraq Study Group co-chair; Kathy Fortune Hubbard ’74, founder of Bridges of Understanding; Ernest Lee Vinson, director general of the Canadian International Development Agency; Robert M. Steele ’69, DePauw’s Eugene S. Pulliam Distinguished Visiting Professor of Journalism; John E. Tedstrom ’84, executive director of Global Business Coalition on HIV/AIDS; Don Wydloff; University of Notre Dame associate vice president for public affairs and former public editor of the Chicago Tribune.

Student news highlights

All six DePauw applicants who received an interview—five seniors and one 2007 graduate—were accepted to participate in the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Program. Administered by the Japanese government, JET brings native English speakers into public and government offices to teach and translate. Accepted from DePauw are Kelly M. Gagnon, Kim R. Harper, Jeremiah T. Lee, Lauren E. Li ’07, Corinne McWilliams and Madison B. Murphy. They will travel to Japan this summer for orientation sessions before heading to their respective communities and locations throughout the nation.

The DePauw, student-managed newspaper, received second place for best overall publication in the Indiana Collegiate Press Association competition for Division II schools. Student staff members won first place in nine categories: Best stand-alone/pullout section, staff; best in-depth story, feature page, sophomore; best special section front cover, senior writer; best entertainment column, junior Troy A. Montigney; best sports feature story, sophomore Jonathan C. Batuello; best special section front cover, Elizabeth A. Staton; best feature page, sophomore Marina R. Nicholson; best in-depth story, Michael S. Morris ’07, junior Andrew J. Bruner; best opinion column, senior Elin P. Raun ’04; and best breaking news reporting, junior Courtney M. Hime and senior Leid M. Goeker.

Some of the visitors to campus in 2007-08


Tony Blair, prime minister of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from 1997-2007, gave the Timothy and Sharon Ubken Lecture on March 3. Blair is the fifth British prime minister to speak at DePauw, and it was his first speech in the United States since stepping down as prime minister.

Angie Hicks Bowman ’95, founder and chief marketing officer of Angie’s List, gave the McDermont Center Lecture on Nov. 15.

Majora Carter, executive director of Sustainable South Bronx and recipient of a MacArthur Prize, was the keynote speaker for the Boswell Symposium Sept. 23-25.

Chinonye O. Chukwu ’06, filmmaker, spoke and screened some of her work on Nov. 16.


David Caxton Taylor, Peabody Award-winning producer of more than 100 documentary films and television programs, gave the Gertrude and G.D. Crain Jr. Lecture on March 5.


Patrick Dougherty, environmental sculptor, and DePauw volunteers used natural materials to construct a sculpture on campus as part of ArtsFest 2007: Art & the Environment, Oct. 25-Nov. 4.

The James and Marilou Kelly Writers Series featured Tony D’Souza, winner of the 2007 GLCA New Writers Award, on Dec. 5; Kent Haruf, award-winning novelist, on Oct. 3; Jay Hopler, author of Green Squall and winner of the Yale Younger Poets Prize, on April 2; Maurice Manning, award-winning poet and author, on Sept. 20; Susan Schafer Neville ’73, award-winning author of creative nonfiction and short stories, on Feb. 20; Sterling Plump, award-winning poet and writer, on Nov. 17; Barbara Ras, award-winning nature poet, on Oct. 29; Satram Upadhyay, the first Nepali-born fiction writer writing in English to be published in the West, on March 5.

David Hackett Fischer, Pulitzer Prize-winning historian and acclaimed author of Washington’s Crossing and Albion’s Seed, gave the Walker Horizon Lecture on Feb. 21.
Sports shorts (continued)

The award-winning Broadway composer-lyricist team of Nancy Ford ’57 and Greetchen Cayer ’57 met with students April 1-2 and participated in call-back auditions for one of their musicals that will be performed by DePauw Theatre in the fall.

Lisa Kuhn Fraioli ’98, senior technical advisor for microbiology for Freedom from Hunger and leader of the organization’s initiatives in Latin America, spoke on Oct. 11.

Aaron M. Gross ’05, an associate with Developing World Markets, gave the McDermond Center Lecture on Feb. 15.

bell hooks, scholar, feminist, social activist and author of more than 20 books, was in residence Sept. 17-21 as the Elizabeth P. Allen Distinguished University Professor.

Jeffrey H. Jacobs ’78, principal in Bessemer Trust, gave the McDermond Center Lecture on Nov. 1.


David Keene, chairman of the American Conservative Union, and Jules Witcover, veteran journalist and author, gave the Gertrude and G.D. Crain Jr. Lecture on April 9.

Robert F. Kennedy Jr., environmental activist, author and one of TIME magazine’s Heroes for the Planet, was the keynote speaker for DePauw Discourse 2007; Sustainability and Global Citizenship, Oct. 4-6. DePauw Discourse participants also included: Beth Bechdel, deputy director of the Indiana State Department of Agriculture; Juliet Eilperin, environmental reporter for The Washington Post; Jay S. Hosler ’89, assistant professor of biology at Juniata College and author of graphic novels on biology topics; Bill McKibben, environmentalist and author of Deep Economy; Cristiana Goetzcht Mittermeier, executive director for the International League of Conservation Photographers; Wallace J. Nichols ’89, senior researcher for Ocean Conservancy and founder of WILDCOAST; Kay E. Pashos ’81, vice president for regulatory strategy at Duke Energy; Glenn T. Prickett, senior vice president for Construction International; and Greg Watson, vice president for sustainable development and renewable energy, Massachusetts Technology Collaborative.

Lawren K. Mills ’91, policy director for human services in the Office of Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels, gave the McDermond Center Lecture on April 10.

Ralph Nader, consumer advocate, presidential candidate for the Green Party and author, met with students and gave a speech on democracy, the future of the Left, Sept. 27.

Travis S. Nelson ’93, managing director of TowerBrook Capital Partners, gave the McDermond Center Lecture on Sept. 14.


Bobby Seale, a legendary figure in the civil rights movement who co-founded the Black Panther Party for Self Defense 40 years ago, spoke on Feb. 28.

Anne E. Sellers ’83, managing principal for Sensory Technologies, gave the McDermond Center Lecture on April 24.

Thomas A. Shannon, assistant secretary of state for western hemisphere affairs for the U.S. Department of State, spoke on Oct. 7.


Ronald L. Stiver ’96, commissioner of the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles, gave the McDermond Center Lecture on April 15.


Chen Yi, a distinguished Chinese-American composer, was composer-in-residence for Music of the 21st Century, the DePauw School of Music’s annual program, Feb. 13-17.

High percentage of 2008 graduates will Teach for America

Thirteen members of DePauw’s Class of 2008 committed to spend the next two years participating in Teach For America (TFA), serving in urban and rural public schools across the nation. Seventeen DePauw seniors were accepted for the program, and a record 72 applied — which, according to TFA’s Indiana recruitment director, Lee Anne McEvely ’05, is “a tie for fourth in the country for the largest percentage of the senior class that applied — above Harvard, Yale and many other top tier schools.”

We can make the Annual Fund participation goal, but Not Without You

Tuition that students pay accounts for less than half of the total cost to educate DePauw students; the balance comes from generous alumni and friends. Alumni gifts of any amount add up to help reach the 2007-08 Annual Fund goal of 35 percent alumni participation. When making a gift, you can indicate a priority area of interest: student scholarships, faculty support, Winter Term and off-campus study, diversity initiatives, creative and performing arts, technology and library support, athletics and unrestricted support.

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Faculty news highlights


A syllabus for an Honor Scholar seminar prepared by Julia C. Bruggemann, associate professor of history, was selected as one of the top syllabi in the second biennial H-German Syllabus Competition. Their syllabus was formatted after Catastrophe: Germany and the Legacy of World War II.

Gabriel Crouch, director of DePauw choral ensembles and a member of the King’s Singers from 1996-2004, returned to England to help celebrate the 40th anniversary of the world-renowned ensemble. He participated in a concert at Cadogan Hall in London on April 30 and at King’s College Chapel in Cambridge on May 1. Crouch is one of only 19 members of the King’s Singers since the group was founded at King’s College in 1968.