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DePauw is a leading producer of Fulbright grant recipients

In each of the last two years, three DePauw seniors and one recent graduate have been selected as recipients of international graduate study and research grants through the Fulbright U.S. Student Program competition. For 2007-08, DePauw ranks 16th among the nation's leading, bachelor's degree-granting institutions for producing students who receive Fulbright grants. The 2007 graduates – **Jeyson H.**

Florez, Michael R. Roberts and **Nishita Trisal** – are using their Fulbright grants to teach and study in Costa Rica, Germany and Indonesia, and **John P. Porter '02** is studying in Japan. Fulbright grants are intended to provide future American leaders with an international perspective through the unparalleled opportunity to study, conduct research and teach in other nations.

National award will support women in computing at DePauw

A DePauw program, “Leveling the CS1 Playing Field,” is one of four college programs nationwide to receive an inaugural Academic Alliance Seed Fund award of \$10,000 from the National Center for Women & Information Technology. Administered by **Gloria Childress Townsend**, Herrick E. H. Greenleaf Professor of Computer Science

and director of the Science Research Fellows Program, DePauw's program is designed to engage first-year women students through role modeling, dispelling myths about computing, and showcasing a broad variety of computing careers and lifestyles. Initial funding for the Seed Fund was provided by Microsoft Research.

Visitors coming to campus

- **Angie Hicks Bowman '95**, founder and chief marketing officer of Angie's List, will give the McDermond Center Lecture on Nov. 15.
- **Patrick Dougherty**, environmental sculptor, and DePauw volunteers will use natural materials to construct a sculpture on campus as part of ArtsFest 2007: Art & the Environment, Oct. 25-Nov. 4.
- **Tony D'Souza**, winner of the 2007 GLCA New Writers Award, will give a reading in the James and Marilou Kelly

Writers Series on Dec. 5.

- **Jeffrey Jacobs '78**, principal in Bessemer Trust, will give the McDermond Center Lecture on Nov. 1.
- **Sterling Plumpp**, award-winning poet and writer, will give a reading in the James and Marilou Kelly Writers Series on Nov. 17.
- **John Weiss**, well-known photographer, author and photo safari leader, will be in residence Nov. 13-15.

Spingarn Medal on display in the Julian Center

A replica of the Spingarn Medal awarded by the NAACP to Percy Lavon Julian '20, internationally known chemist and entrepreneur, in 1947 was installed as a permanent display in the atrium of the Percy Lavon Julian Science & Mathematics Center on Sept. 14. Another DePauw alumnus received the award in 2001: **Vernon E. Jordan, '57**, senior managing

director of Lazard Frères & Co., attorney, civil rights leader and author. The NAACP has awarded the Spingarn Medal every year since its inception in 1913 to an African-American in recognition of outstanding achievement. Other recipients of the Spingarn Medal include George Washington Carver, W.E.B. DuBois, Alex Haley and Colin Powell.

Recent visitors to campus

- **Maxwell Anderson**, director and CEO of the Indianapolis Museum of Art, spoke on Oct. 8.
- **Brenda Baker '86**, artist, activist and museum curator, spoke on Oct. 29.
- **Majora Carter**, executive director of Sustainable South Bronx and recipient of a McArthur Prize, was the keynote speaker for the Boswell Symposium Sept. 23-25.
- **Mitch Daniels**, governor of Indiana, gave the Gertrude and G.D. Crain Jr. Lecture on Oct. 24.
- **Lisa Kuhn Fraioli '98**, senior technical adviser for microfinance for Freedom from Hunger and leader of the organization's initiatives in Latin America, spoke on Oct. 11.
- **Frank Hagaman**, president of Partners in Housing Development Corp., gave the McDermond Honorary Lecture on Sept. 13.
- **Kent Haruf**, award-winning novelist, gave a reading in the James and Marilou Kelly Writers Series on Oct. 3.
- **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.
- **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 Bechdol**, deputy director of the Indiana State Department of Agriculture; **Juliet Eilperin**, environmental reporter for *The Washington Post*; **Bill McKibben**, environmentalist and author of *Deep Economy*; **Cristina Goettsch Mittermeier**, executive director for the International League of Conservation Photographers; **Wallace J. Nichols '89**, senior researcher for Ocean Conservancy and founder of WILD COAST;

Kay E. Pashos, vice president for regulatory strategy at Duke Energy; **Glenn T. Prickett**, senior vice president for Conservation International; and **Greg Watson**, vice president for sustainable development and renewable energy, Massachusetts Technology Collaborative. There also was a special screening and discussion of *The 11th Hour*, a new environmental documentary produced and narrated by Leonardo DiCaprio.

- **Erin Livingston '04**, slam poet and two-time Austin Ego's Slam team finalist, performed at DePauw on Oct. 25 as part of the “Cubicle Workers Unite!” Free Range Poetry tour.
- **Maurice Manning**, award-winning poet and author, read from his new book of poems in the James and Marilou Kelly Writers Series on Sept. 20.
- **John F. McWethy '69**, former ABC News chief national security correspondent and Pulliam Visiting Professional, gave the Media Fellows lecture on Oct. 8.
- **Ralph Nader**, consumer advocate, presidential candidate for the Green Party and author, met with students and gave the Timothy and Sharon Ubben Lecture on Sept. 27.
- **Travis S. Nelson '93**, managing director of TowerBrook Capital Partners, gave the McDermond Center Lecture on Sept. 14.
- **Orpheus Chamber Orchestra**, Grammy Award-winning ensemble recognized as one of the world's great orchestras, presented a concert on Oct. 25 in conjunction with the dedication of the Judson and Joyce Green Center for the Performing Arts.
- **Barbara Ras**, award-winning nature poet, gave a reading in the James and Marilou Kelly Writers Series on Oct. 29.
- **Thomas A. Shannon**, assistant secretary of state for western hemisphere affairs for the U.S. Department of State, spoke on Oct. 7.

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Sports shorts Recent visitors to campus *(continued)*

- ☛ **S. Page Cotton**, DePauw men's soccer coach since 1969, announced he is stepping down as head coach at the end of the season. He will continue to serve as the Theodore M. Katula Director of Athletics at DePauw. Cotton ranks ninth in career victories among active NCAA Division III coaches. As DePauw's soccer coach, his teams have not had a losing season since 1981, and they have reached the NCAA Championships eight times.
- ☛ **Paul Sweeney**, partner in PS Capital Partners LLC, gave the McDermond Center Lecture on Oct. 11.
- ☛ **Leonard Sweet**, founder and president of Spirit Venture Ministries, author of the best-selling *FaithQuakes* and

operator of the Web-based preaching resource, Wikiletics, gave the Mendenhall Lecture on Oct. 9.

- ☛ **Andrew Thayer '02**, manager of financial planning for ATA Airlines, gave the McDermond Center Lecture on Sept. 6.

Latina-oriented sorority now has Psi Chapter at DePauw

- ☛ Omega Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated (OPBSI) has granted a charter for a new collegiate chapter at DePauw, which fulfilled specific national and campus standards in order to be recognized as the Psi Chapter. A Latina-oriented sorority, Omega Phi Beta works to create and cultivate a campus community in which women of distinct backgrounds

can come together to support one another. DePauw's Psi Chapter is the first OPBSI chapter in Indiana and the sixth in the Western Upstate New York and Midwest Region. Omega Phi Beta was colonized at DePauw in 2006 by four students: **Veronica D. Diaz '08**, **Gloris Estrella '09**, **Melyna Hernandez '07** and **Norma L. Villanueva '07**.

Student news highlights

- ☛ The research of three DePauw students and one faculty member was featured at the 119th annual meeting of the Geological Society of America held Oct. 27-31 in Philadelphia. Approximately 6,300 geoscientists attended, and the DePauw students were among a very small number of undergraduates presenting at the professional conference. Senior **Benjamin A. Gibson** presented a project he worked on with junior **Allison C. Barnes** and **Tim D. Cope**, assistant professor of geosciences. Their project was titled "Mesozoic Structural Evolution of the Yanshan Fold-Thrust Belt, Northeast China." Senior **Lauren A. Weir** collaborated with two University of Idaho professors on her project, which dealt with "The Lung as an Air Sampler."
- ☛ DePauw is a leader in providing opportunities for students to gain an international perspective through study abroad. During the fall semester, 82 DePauw students are studying in 23 countries, including: Argentina, Australia, Austria, British West Indies, China, Czech Republic, Costa Rica, Denmark, Ecuador, England, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Northern Ireland, Poland, Spain, Turkey and the United States.
- ☛ The DePauw chapter of the Timmy Foundation organized its annual medical service trip to Quito, Ecuador, during fall break. Approximately 100 students participate in the
- ☛ The softball team was named a National Fast Pitch Coaches Association All-Academic Team for 2006-07. The team posted the ninth-highest team grade point average in Division III at 3.45.
- ☛ The volleyball team earned the 2006-07 Team Academic Award from the American Volleyball Coaches Association for having at least a 3.30 cumulative grade point average for the year.
- ☛ During the fall, four DePauw teams have been ranked in the top 25 in NCAA Division III, including men's and women's soccer, women's golf and women's cross country.

Timmy Foundation at DePauw, and about one-fifth of them traveled to Ecuador where they distributed much-needed medications to impoverished communities. Project officers included senior **Lauren E. Auld**, trip leader; senior **Jac A. Cooper**, medical recruitment director and treasurer; senior **Taron R. Davis**, public relations; senior **Staci L. Hollar**, fundraising and donation chair; senior **Alicia M. Keck**, president and trip leader; and junior **Elizabeth A. Lambert**, pre-professional director.

- ☛ More than 200 students work on the staff of WGRE, which was founded in 1941 as the first 10-watt college FM radio station in the country. Directors this fall include: senior **Katherine N. Birge**, news director; sophomore **Jonathan V. Brubeck**, assistant news director; sophomore **Tiffany L. Camhi**, production director; sophomore **Elizabeth D. Elliott**, assistant news director; junior **Hannah L. Harp**, assistant music director; senior **Jessica A. Hemmelgarn**, station manager; sophomore **John R. Herrick**, production director; senior **Charles M. Lee**, music director; senior **Daniel P. Lucero**, sports director; senior **Marisa L. Mokodean**, promotions director; senior **Katharine A. Rasmussen**, assistant promotions director; junior **Alex R. Spangler**, program director; and junior **Justin D. Weiner**, assistant sports director.

Open doors for DePauw students with gifts to Annual Fund

- ☛ The DePauw University Annual Fund opens doors for students each year. 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.
- ☛ The 2007-08 Annual Fund goals are \$5.78 million and 39 percent alumni participation. When making a gift, alumni

can indicate their 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.

- ☛ You can make a gift online at www.depauw.edu/development, or you can call the Annual Fund staff at 800-446-5298.

Faculty news highlights

- ☛ **James A. Beckel**, adjunct professor of music and principal trombonist for the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, composed a new piece of music, "Musical Masque (of the Seasons)," in honor of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Brown County Art Colony at Nashville, Ind. Beckel's compositions have been played and recorded by most of the nation's major orchestras and concert bands.
- ☛ **Nancy J. Davis**, Lester Martin Jones Professor of Sociology, is a co-recipient of the 2007 Distinguished Article Award from the American Sociological Association's Sociology of Religion section. Davis and Indiana University's Robert V. Robinson were recognized for their article, "The Egalitarian Face of Islamic Orthodoxy: Support for Islamic Law and Economic Justice in Seven Muslim-Majority Nations," published in the *American Sociological Review* in 2006.
- ☛ **Hilary Eppley**, associate professor of chemistry, is one of seven inorganic chemists from across the United States who have been awarded a National Science Foundation Phase I Course, Curriculum, and Laboratory Initiative grant. The \$150,000 award, for 2008-09, will fund their work at seven different, primarily undergraduate institutions in the development of a "community of practice" for the teaching of inorganic chemistry, called the interactive Online Network of Inorganic Chemists. Eppley's inorganic chemistry research projects at DePauw – using non-traditional solvent systems to synthesize coordination

polymers with transition metals and lanthanides – have involved more than 20 students in the last eight years.

- ☛ **Kevin Howley**, associate professor of communication, wrote a chapter, "Reading Reality Television: Cultivating Critical Media Literacy," that was included in a new book, *Lesson Plans for Creating Media-Rich Classrooms*, published by the National Council of Teachers of English.
- ☛ **Carl A. Huffman**, professor of classical studies, presented a lecture on "Reason and Myth in Early Pythagorean Cosmology" to the Catholic University of America's School of Philosophy on Sept. 28.
- ☛ **Erik J. Wielenberg**, associate professor of philosophy, is the author of a new book, *God and the Reach of Reason: C.S. Lewis, David Hume, and Bertrand Russell*, published by Cambridge University Press.
- ☛ **Valarie H. Ziegler**, professor of religious studies, served as historian for the new opera, *Julia*, which was presented Sept. 26 and 29 at Symphony Space in New York City. The libretto for the opera, presented by Underworld Opera Productions, is taken from the letters of Julia Ward Howe (1819-1910), an abolitionist and advocate for women's suffrage. Ziegler's book, *Diva Julia: The Public Romance and Private Agony of Julia Ward Howe*, won the inaugural Trinity Prize. Ziegler worked with the director to research the production notes that were printed in the program, and she wrote a biography of Howe that also appeared in the playbill.