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Recent DePauw graduates doing well, survey shows

A survey of the Class of 2006 conducted by DePauw’s Career Services Center indicated:

- 90.9 percent of the class members were either employed full-time or attending graduate school full-time. Other class members were attending graduate school part-time or working part-time. Only 2.4 percent were seeking employment.

- 75 percent of the graduates completed at least one internship while at DePauw.

- Approximately 36 percent of those working were employed at a company or organization where they previously worked or interned during a semester, summer or Winter Term at DePauw.

- Graduates indicated that their most successful job strategies were networking and personal contacts.

DePauw Discourse 2007: Sustainability and Global Citizenship

Robert F. Kennedy Jr., environmental activist, author and subject of TIME magazine’s Heroes for the Planet, will be a featured speaker for DePauw Discourse 2007: Sustainability and Global Citizenship, Oct. 4-6. DePauw Discourse participants also will include: 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; Andy Miller, Indiana Department of Agriculture director; Wallace J. Nichols ’89, senior researcher for Ocean Conservancy and founder of WILDCOAST; Kay Pashos ’81, vice president for regulatory strategy at Duke Energy; Glenn Prickett, senior vice president for Conservation International; Greg Watson, vice president for sustainable development and renewable energy, Massachusetts Technology Collaborative; and Cristina Mittermeier, executive director for the International League of Conservation Photographers. There will be a special screening and discussion of The 11th Hour, a new environmental documentary produced and narrated by Leonardo DiCaprio.

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.

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

- Patrick Dougherty, environmental sculptor, and DePauw volunteers will build an installation as part of ArtsFest 2007; Art & the Environment, Oct. 25-Nov. 4.

- Tony DiSora, winner of the 2007 GLCA New Writers Award, will give a reading in the James and Marilou Kelly Writers Series on Dec. 5.

- Frank Hagaman, president of Partners in Housing Development Corp., will give the McDermond Honorary Lecture on Sept. 13.

- Kent Haruf, award-winning novelist, will give a reading in the James and Marilou Kelly Writers Series on Oct. 3.

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

- Jeffrey Jacobs ’78, principal in Bessemer Trust, will give the McDermond Center Lecture on Nov. 1.

- Maurice Manning, award-winning poet and author, will read from his new book of poems in the James and Marilou Kelly Writers Series on Nov. 17.

- Barbara Ras, award-winning poet, will give a reading in the James and Marilou Kelly Writers Series on Oct. 29.

- Paul Sweeney, partner in PS Capital Partners LLC, will give the McDermond Center Lecture on Oct. 11.

- Leonard Sweet, founder and president of Spirit Venture Ministries, author of the blog, FaithQuakes and operator of the Web-based preaching resource, Wikiletics, will give the Mendenhall Lecture on Oct. 9.

- Andrew Thayer ’02, manager of financial planning for ATA Airlines, will give the McDermond Center Lecture on Sept. 6.

New dean of the School of Music is Caroline Jetton

Caroline K. Jetton was appointed dean of the DePauw School of Music, effective July 23. A member of the DePauw faculty since 1996, Jetton previously served as associate dean. Her predecessor as dean, Cleveland T. Johnson, resumed his duties as a full-time faculty member in the School of Music.

Jetton has been a presenter at state and national conferences on music-related topics, and she has been a guest clinician for numerous graduate and undergraduate class sessions on topics such as Orff-Schulwerk, the Kodaly Method, and Teaching Music in the Inner City, and Planning Instruction for General Music Classes. Jetton serves on the executive board of the Indiana Orff Schulwerk Association.

Founded in 1884, the DePauw School of Music is one of the oldest in the nation and has an established tradition of educating leaders in virtually every facet of music, including performers, educators, composers and administrators. It is located in the new Judson and Joyce Green Center for the Performing Arts, which will be dedicated on Thursday, Oct. 25, during Old Gold Weekend.

DePauw still one of America’s best value colleges

Students who graduate from DePauw “will leave with a strong liberal arts education and will have endured a challenging, heavy workload,” according to America’s Best Value Colleges, 2008 Edition. The book, published by the Princeton Review, again lists DePauw as one of 165 colleges offering excellent academics, generous financial aid packages and relatively low costs. For a second consecutive year, DePauw’s historic East College is pictured on the front cover of the publication, which cites the University’s demanding academics and highly selective admission standards.

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Sports shorts

Head softball coach Bonnie Skrenta and assistant Clyde Spencer were named the Central Region Coaching Staff of the Year by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association. They were recognized for leading the DePauw women’s softball team to a record-setting 37-7 season, including a regional title in the program’s first-ever appearance in the NCAA Division III Championship.

DePauw’s women’s golf program is the best of any NCAA Division III college in the nation for students seeking a “balanced” experience, according to Golf Digest’s third annual College Golf Guide. A “balanced” program is for students who place equal emphasis on school and sport. The women’s golf team, which finished second at the NCAA División III championships in 2007, has placed in the top four each of the previous five seasons.

Bolstered by a women’s basketball national championship and a second-place showing in women’s golf, DePauw’s athletics program finished the 2006-07 year ranked 15th in the U.S. Sports Academy’s Directors’ Cup standings. The Directors’ Cup recognizes institutions maintaining a broad-based program and achieving success in both men’s and women’s sports. During 2006-07, DePauw teams posted a 232-80 record for a .744 winning percentage.

The Monon Bell Classic – one of America’s oldest and most-storied college football rivalries – will be telecast nationally on HDNet for the next three years. The DePauw football rivalries – will be telecast nationally on HDNet for the next three years.

Athletics program finishes year as No. 15 in the U.S. Sports Academy’s Directors’ Cup standings. The Directors’ Cup recognizes institutions maintaining a broad-based program and achieving success in both men’s and women’s sports.

Student news highlights

A record 56 seniors in the Class of 2007 applied to participate in Teach for America, the national corps of outstanding recent college graduates of all academic majors who commit two years to teach in urban and rural public schools. Of those, 19 were accepted and 15 will join the corps – also both records. The acceptance rate for DePauw seniors is well above the national average, which was 17 percent last year. This year 33.9 percent of DePauw applicants were accepted. Since 2003, the number of DePauw students applying to Teach for America has doubled.

Media Fellows seeking firsthand experience through internships this fall include: juniors Andrew J. Bruner, Summit Daily News, Frisco, Colo.; Ladan S. Nekoomam, assistant-woman magazine, Austin, Texas; Amber K. Peckham, Bay Gazette, San Francisco; Laura B. Sahm, London Program; Zachary G. Stockton, Touchstone Pictures, Los Angeles; and Elizabeth L. Tobin, ThreeView, Munich, Germany.

The Alpha Chi Omega chapter at DePauw is the 2007 recipient of the sorority’s National Council Trophy, given annually to the collegiate chapter or chapters best exemplifying the ideals and mission of Alpha Chi Omega. DePauw’s Alpha chapter is the lone recipient of the 2007 trophy, the sorority’s top national award. Among the reasons the DePauw chapter received the award are its academic success, its leadership, and its campus involvement.

More tablet PCs in DePauw classrooms through HP grant

DePauw is one of 10 colleges and universities in the nation selected by HP to receive a 2007 HP Technology for Teaching Leadership Award designed to transform and improve learning in the classroom through innovative uses of technology. Value at more than $120,000, it is an additional, higher-value grant awarded to previous HP grant recipients whose projects demonstrated success in their first year of implementation. Directing the second year of the project is to incorporate a greater number of tablet PCs into DePauw classrooms as are David A. Berque, Tanner Family University Professor in Instructional Technology and professor and chair of computer science; Terri L. Bonebright, associate professor and chair of psychology; Thomas S. Dickinson, professor of education studies; and Carol L. Smith, associate chief information officer for instructional and learning services.

Two visiting professors focus on ethics issues

Alyssa Bernstein, an assistant professor of philosophy at Ohio University, is the recipient of the first Nancy Schaeen Visiting Scholar Award for residency at DePauw’s Janet Prindle Institute for Ethics. While at DePauw, Bernstein will write a book on contemporary philosophical conceptions of human rights, focusing on John Rawls’ Law of Peoples and its main competitors.

John K. Roth serves as the Robert and Carolyn Frederick Distinguished Visiting Professor of Ethics at DePauw during the 2007-08 academic year. Roth is the Edward J. Sexton Professor Emeritus of Philosophy at Claremont McKenna College, where he served as the founding director of the Center for the Study of the Holocaust, Genocide, and Human Rights. He also serves on the faculty of Claremont Graduate University.

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David N. Gellman, associate professor of history, and Jeffrey T. Kenney, associate professor and chair of religious studies, are the seventh and eighth recipients of the Edwin L. Minar Jr. Scholarship Award, which recognizes exceptional scholarly achievement.

Douglas E. Harms, professor of computer science, will serve as DePauw’s Fulbright Program advisor for the 2007-08 academic year, assisting students in preparing applications. Three DePauw seniors received Fulbright Awards in spring 2007 to support their teaching of English and further study in Costa Rica, Germany and Indonesia. As a recipient of a 2004-05 Fulbright Award, Harms taught courses in the computing department at the University of Rousse, Bulgaria.

Kevin Howley, associate professor of communication, wrote a chapter about “Community Media and the Public Sphere” that was printed in a new book, Media Studies: Key Issues and Debates, published by SAGE Publications.

Orcenith Smith, professor of music and director of DePauw orchestras, served as a member of the adjudication jury at the 35th International Youth and Music Festival in Vienna from July 6-10. Smith was the only American on the five-member panel.

Record 9,667 alumni donors to Annual Fund

Thanks to a record number of 9,667 alumni donors, the 2006-07 Annual Fund received a record $35,555,925 to support students and faculty members. Thirty-seven percent of alumni participated.

Kathryn Fortune Hubbard ’74 is national chair of the 2007-08 Annual Fund. When making a gift, alumni can indicate their priority area of interest: student scholar- ships, 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

David P. Alvarez, assistant professor of English, has been awarded a fellowship by the UCLA Center for Seventeenth- and Eighteenth-Century Studies at the William Andrews Clark Memorial Library. His two-month fellowship during summer 2008 will support his book project, The Aesthetics of Toleration in the English Enlightenment.

David A. Berque, Tanner Family University Professor in Instructional Technology and professor and chair of computer science, is co-editor of a book, The Impact of Tablet PCs and Pen-based Technology on Education: Beyond the Tipping Point, published by Purdue University Press. One chapter was written by Terri L. Bonebright, University Professor and associate professor of psychology; and DePauw students Joel A. Dart ’07, Zachary J. Koch ’09 and Shawn R. O’Banion 07. Another chapter was written by Mary P. Dixon, Q.G. Nebbitt Professor of Economics and Management; Kerry E. Pannell, associate professor of economics and management; and Michele T. Villinski, associate professor of economics and management.

Pedar W. Foss, associate professor of classical studies, is co-editor of a new book, The World of Pompus, published by Routledge that features chapters written by 40 international scholars.