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## Entering class includes record number of international students

DePauw community this fall welcomed 747 new students – one of the largest entering classes in the University's 172-year history. The group includes 721 first-year students, 15 transfer students and 11 international exchange

students. The new students come from 31 states and 24 countries, and they include 81 international students, the largest number in DePauw's history.

## DePauw's graduation rate is fifth highest in the nation

DePauw has one of the highest graduation rates among America's institutions of higher education, according to a new national report. "Diplomas and Dropouts: Which Colleges Actually Graduate Their Students (and Which Don't)" was prepared for the American Enterprise Institute on Public Policy based on data from the U.S. Department

of Education. It found that DePauw's graduation rate of 81 percent is the fifth highest in the nation among "very competitive" schools, and it is number two in the Midwest.

DePauw and the University of Notre Dame are the only two Indiana colleges to place in the national top 10 list.

## WGRE is the number four college radio station in the country

WGRE, DePauw's student-managed, award-winning FM radio station, is once again ranked among the top 10 college radio stations in the country. The Princeton Review, in its 2009 issue of *Best 366 Colleges*, lists WGRE as the number four college radio station in the nation. WGRE has been ranked among

the top 10 college radio stations for the past 10 years.

WGRE was the nation's first FCC-licensed educational station when it began broadcasting (then at 10 watts) on April 25, 1949. With a staff of more than 200 DePauw students, WGRE now broadcasts 24 hours a day during the academic year.

## Visitors coming to campus

- Peter T. Allen '67, president of Peter Allen & Associates, will give a McDermond Center Lecture on Oct. 29.
- Ron Carlson, renowned author of 10 books of fiction, will appear in conjunction with ArtsFest 2009: Art & Power and as part of the James & Marilou Kelly Writers Series on Nov. 5.
- Howard Dean, who recently completed a four-year term as chairman of the Democratic National Committee, and Karl Rove, former chief political adviser to President George W. Bush, will give the Timothy and Sharon Ubben Lecture on Sept. 11. They will engage in a debate of "America in 2009: Challenges and Opportunities."
- Jonathan C. Dill '87, chief financial officer and partner with Ampac Packaging, will give a McDermond Center Lecture on Sept. 17.
- Dr. David Fraser, co-discoverer of Legionnaire's disease and a pioneer in the teaching of public and global health to undergraduates, will give the DePauw Global Health Initiative Lecture on Sept. 22.
- Angie R. Hicks '95, founder and chief marketing officer of Angie's List, will give the Robert C. McDermond Honorary Lecture on Oct. 27.
- Thomas M. Kominsky '03 and Lindsay L. Schultz '02,

associates with BMO Capital Markets, will give a McDermond Center Lecture on Sept. 24.

- James A. Layton '55, CEO of Laymac, Inc., will give a McDermond Center Lecture on Sept. 29.
- Khaled Mattawa, a Libyan-born poet and writer, will give a reading in the James & Marilou Kelly Writers Series on Oct. 14.
- Honor Moore, poet, playwright, theater critic and biographer, will give a reading in the James & Marilou Kelly Writers Series on Sept. 30.
- David A. Morris '83, senior vice president and managing director of Grubb & Ellis/Gundaker Commercial, will give a McDermond Center Lecture on Nov. 10.
- Todd R. Steele '90, senior vice president of consumer markets for dunhumbyUSA, will give a McDermond Center Lecture on Oct. 15.
- Matthew Stolick, biomedical ethicist and author, will speak on Sept. 9.
- Joan Tower, first woman to receive the Grawemeyer Award in Composition and hailed as one of the most successful woman composers of all time, will be composer-in-residence during Music of the 21st Century hosted by the DePauw School of Music from Feb. 17-21.

## Recent visitors to campus

Carrie Newcomer, acclaimed national recording artist, performed a free concert in the amphitheatre of the DePauw University Nature Park on Aug. 29. Newcomer led a songwriting workshop in The Bartlett Reflection Center

in the Nature Park on Aug. 30.

Tim Wise, a renowned and respected anti-racist author, activist and educator, spoke on Aug. 26, the first day of classes in the fall semester.

## Record number of graduating seniors commit to Teach for America

Nineteen members of DePauw's Class of 2009 committed to Teach For America (TFA) for the next two years – a new record that exceeds 2007's total by four. In addition, a record 25 DePauw seniors were accepted for TFA. With about 4 percent of its graduating seniors entering TFA, DePauw is among the nation's strongest contributors to the program. A total of 70 DePauw students – 13.6 percent of the senior class – applied to Teach For America. That percentage slightly exceeded Ivy League participation rates. Among

small colleges (2,999 or fewer undergraduates), only Barnard College (21) and College of the Holy Cross (20) had more graduating seniors commit to TFA than DePauw.

Teach For America is the national corps of outstanding recent college graduates of all academic majors who commit two years to teach in urban and rural public schools and become lifelong leaders in ensuring educational equity and excellence for all children.

## Student news highlights

Sophomores Anthony M. Baratta and Taylor M. Cantril, both members of the DePauw Environmental Policy Project (DEPP), were among 3,000 government delegates, scientists and environmental organization representatives who gathered in Bonn, Germany, from June 1-12 for the United Nations Climate Change Talks. The Bonn conference was the second of six major negotiation sessions leading up to a final meeting in Copenhagen in December 2009. The agreement that

emerges from the Copenhagen meeting will ultimately replace the Kyoto Protocol, which expires at the end of 2012. The two DePauw students also hope to travel to Copenhagen to participate in the completion of the negotiations.

Seniors Nicole C. Craker and Tia M. Malcom are 2009-10 recipients of the Martha Weddell Nicholson Scholarship, which is awarded to rising senior female students who plan to pursue a career in science, medical school or other gradu-

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## Gifts to DePauw Annual Fund support student scholarships

- Ⓜ Now more than ever, alumni gifts to the Annual Fund are needed to help provide scholarships so 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](http://www.depauw.edu/give), or you can call the Annual Fund staff at 800-446-5298.

## Student news highlights

- ate degree in science; maintain a high cumulative grade point average in their science major; and are involved in extracurricular activities.
- Ⓜ Media Fellows gain valuable firsthand experience through internships at top media organizations. Media Fellows and their internship sites this fall include juniors **Lacey M. Berkshire**, C-SPAN, Washington, D.C.; **Erin C. Luck**, Epic Records, New York City; **Jack M. Simon**, Threewiew, Munich, Germany; and **Elaine S. Weed**, BrandEra Ltd., Fort Worth, Texas.
- Ⓜ Senior **John R. Herrick** was named one of the top 20 collegiate sports broadcasters in the country by Sportscasters Talent Agency of America (STAA). Herrick, who has served as sports director of student radio station WGRE, broadcasts football, basketball, baseball and softball, and hosts the sports-talk program, The Sports Reporters.
- Ⓜ Two DePauw students, freshman **Peter J. Meyer** and sophomore **Bridget C. Parker**, were selected for the National

## National Science Foundation grant creates Julian Scholarships

- Ⓜ Regional high school science scholars with their sights set on becoming first-generation college students will benefit from a new program at DePauw, made possible by a National Science Foundation grant. NSF awarded \$552,000 to the University to support the Percy Lavon Julian Scholarship program. Through the end of the 2012-13 academic year, DePauw will select Julian Scholars from high schools in counties surrounding the Greencastle campus (Clay, Hendricks, Montgomery, Morgan, Owen, Parke and Putnam counties) and from Indianapolis. The scholarships will complete a package of tuition, books, travel, room and board for students to attend DePauw.

## Faculty news highlights

- Ⓜ **Tamara M. Beauboeuf-Lafontant**, associate professor of education studies and sociology, chair of education studies and associate director of the Women's Studies Program, is author of a new book, *Behind the Mask of the Strong Black Woman: Voice and the Embodiment of a Costly Performance*, published by Temple University Press.
- Ⓜ **Tom Chiarella**, visiting professor of creative writing and fiction editor for *Esquire*, joined other writers and editors of the magazine in receiving a 2009 National Magazine Award. The American Society of Magazine Editors recognized them for "The *Esquire* Almanac of Steak," which appeared in the September 2008 issue.
- Ⓜ **Istvan Csicsery-Ronay Jr.**, professor of English, is managing editor of a new publication, *Humanimalia*, a refereed and selective online journal of human/animal interface studies. He also edits *Science Fiction Studies*, which is published at DePauw.
- Ⓜ **Robert F. Dewey**, assistant professor of history, was elected a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society (RHS) in Great

## Sports Shorts

- Ⓜ DePauw has been selected to host the 2010 NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Indoor Track and Field Championships. Scheduled March 12-13, 2010, 446 athletes are expected to compete in the championships held on the Indoor Tennis and Track Center's James A. Hollensteiner Track.
- Ⓜ The women's tennis team was recognized as an Intercollegiate Tennis Association All-Academic Team for the 2009 season. Sophomore **Kelly Gebert** and **Kristine Lewry '09** were among 434 Division III student-athletes selected as ITA Scholar Athletes.
- Ⓜ **Scott Riggle**, women's tennis head coach since 2000, assumed the reins of the men's tennis team starting with the 2009-10 season. He will remain as the women's head coach. Riggle becomes the seventh DePauw men's tennis head coach since 1950. In nine seasons as the women's coach, Riggle posted a 162-65 overall record, including 82-17 during the last four years and three SCAC championships. The program's winningest coach has led the Tigers to seven NCAA Division III team appearances, including quarterfinal trips in 2003 and 2006.
- Ⓜ DePauw is ranked number 19 in the nation among Division III football programs in the *USA Today Sports Weekly 2009*

Collegiate Wind Ensemble and performed in a concert at Carnegie Hall. Meyer is a percussion student, and Parker is an instrumental music education major.

- Ⓜ Management Fellows have the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in semester-long internships around the nation and world, usually during their junior year. Management Fellows and their internship sites this fall include: **John R. Brickson** and **Michelle Wang**, Brunswick Group, New York City; **Bethany L. Harrod**, **Chip Shields** and **Travis K. Shepard**, Cummins India, Pune, India; **Stephen L. Kendrick**, OFII, Washington, D.C.; **Yavor S. Kovachev**, Anova Group, Chicago; **Courtney N. Lauer**, Watson Wyatt Financial Group, St. Louis; **Justin Q. Quall** and **John W. Scott**, Independent Purchasing Cooperative, Miami; **Hunter C. Schouweiler**, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, White Plains, N.Y.; **Mischa A. Serlin**, Food Services Inc., Minneapolis; **Benjamin L. Stilwell**, American Education Group, Grand Rapids, Mich.

- Ⓜ Guidelines for selection of scholarship recipients include: an established aptitude and interest in science and mathematics, an unweighted GPA of 3.70, and combined mathematics and critical reading SAT scores of 1200 or higher. Students must display significant financial need and have parents who did not complete an undergraduate education themselves.
- Ⓜ Percy Lavon Julian, a 1920 DePauw graduate, was a pioneering African-American chemist. His research – some conducted on campus – led to the development of a low-cost method of producing cortisone, as well as a synthetic drug for the treatment of glaucoma, and the creation of aerofoam, a flame retardant that saved many lives during World War II.

Britain. Dewey was honored for his recently published book, *British National Identity and Opposition to Membership of Europe, 1961-63: The Anti-Marketeters*. Election to fellowship status is conferred on individuals who have made "an original contribution to historical scholarship in the form of significant published work."

- Ⓜ **John A. Dittmer**, professor emeritus of history, is author of a new book, *The Good Doctors: The Medical Committee for Human Rights and the Struggle for Social Justice in Health Care*, published by Bloomsbury Press.
- Ⓜ **Jinyu Liu**, assistant professor of classical studies, is the author of a new book, *The Collegia Centonariorum: The Guilds of Textile Dealers in the Roman West*, published by Brill Publishing.
- Ⓜ **Orcenith G. Smith**, professor of music and music director of the DePauw Orchestra, was invited to serve as a member of the international jury at the Vienna International Youth and Music Festival held July 11-14. Smith was the only American on the five-member panel.

*College Football Special Edition*. The Tigers are the top-ranked Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference team, and the publication cites DePauw senior quarterback Spud Dick as one of four Division III Players to Watch. D3football.com ranks DePauw number 25 in its preseason poll.

- Ⓜ **Matt Walker '99**, head football coach for the past three seasons and head baseball coach since 2000, resigned on Aug. 7. **Robby Long**, assistant head football coach and defensive coordinator, was appointed the Tigers' interim head coach. An assistant coach at DePauw since 2004, Long received a bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois, where he was a three-year football letterman. **Jake Martin**, who served as DePauw's assistant baseball coach for the last six seasons, was named interim head baseball coach.
- Ⓜ For the fourth consecutive year, HDNet will present a national telecast of the battle for the Monon Bell, and once again alumni will gather for telecast parties across the nation. The 2009 game between the Tigers and Wabash Little Giants is scheduled on Saturday, Nov. 14, at 1 p.m. at Blackstock Stadium. Heading into the 116th Monon Bell Classic, the historic rivalry is tied at 53-53-9 following DePauw's 36-14 win last year.