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1. November News

November is here and we are all busier than ever. I've seen most of you over the past few weeks for Spring 2008 advising. After reviewing your program of study, I have a few reminders:

1. Seniors (and others): If you need letters of recommendation, make sure you provide me with the name and address to send the letter to, whether or not I give you the letter or mail it directly, what the job/graduate program is that you are applying for, and a copy of your resume. Remember to give me sufficient time to write the letter.
2. Do you want to do an internship in the spring? Now is the time to start putting that internship together. Go see Doris Pechman, Internship Coordinator, 5th Floor Miguel, to get started.
3. Do you want to go on one of the Manhattan College summer study abroad programs? There are programs to Paris, Florence and Madrid this summer. For more information, talk to Nancy Cave, Memorial 420 (ext. 7527) or Prof. Nonie Wanger, Memorial 423 (ext. 7316).
4. Do you want to go abroad or to Washington, DC next year? See Nancy Cave for Study Abroad information. If you want to participate in the American University Washington Semester Program (including opportunities for travel during the semester), see me.

It's hard to believe that the semester is almost over. Have a happy Thanksgiving and a good rest of the semester. The next issue of this newsletter will be published at the beginning of the spring semester.

Pam Chasek
Director, International Studies Program

2. Model UN News



On Thursday, November 1, a group of 11 students took a bus down to Washington, DC, to represent the United States at the National Model United Nations-DC Conference, which ran from November 2-4 on the campus of The Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies. Representing the United States on issues from the use of torture, to safe motherhood and family planning, illicit arms sales, debt relief and international trade, HIV/AIDS prevention and a Security Council crisis simulation on a Turkish invasion of Iraq was not easy. In fact, this was probably the most difficult country assignment we have ever had at a Model UN conference in the past 10 years. Nevertheless, we brought home an award for Distinguished Delegation, one of only six performance awards given at the conference, which included participants from over 40 colleges and universities from as far away as China and Nigeria and throughout the US. Congratulations to all!

Pictured above: Back row: Irfan Ahmed (Sophomore, International Studies/Economics), Ryan Faello (Senior, International Studies), Colleen McGourty (Senior, International Studies), Dana Rachlin (Senior, Government), Claudia Aparicio (Senior, International Studies), Paola Zamora-Porrás (Sophomore, International Studies, French). Front, Pamela Chasek, Director, International Studies, Emily Atwater (Sophomore, International Studies, Philosophy), Maggie Luce (Senior, International Studies), Deirdre Mertens (Senior, International Studies, Urban Affairs), Elise Rae (Junior, International Studies, Government), Jaclyn Ambriscoe (Junior, International Studies, French, Spanish).

3. Upcoming Events

French Crepe Night (Soiree de Crepes). The French Club is hosting this event in Jasper Lounge on Wednesday, November 14, from 6:00 – 8:00 pm Learn how to cook French crepes, eat other French foods and listen to French music. For more information, contact [Jaclyn Ambriscoe](#) at the French Club.

Be a Global Citizen! You are cordially invited to join your peers from nine local colleges on Friday, November 17 for a day-long workshop intended to introduce the work of the United Nations, engage you in contributing to the UN Millennium goals, and to expose opportunities for future work with the UN. The day begins at the UN and continues through until 4:30 p.m. (Lunch is provided). For additional information, please contact Kevin McCloskey (ext. 7775 or Thomas Hall 503) ASAP. There are a limited number of spaces.

Information Open House for Seton Hall School of Diplomacy. Are you interested in going to graduate school at the Seton Hall Whitehead School of Diplomacy in South Orange, New Jersey? There will be an Open House on Tuesday, November 20 at the United Nations Association of the USA, 801 Second Avenue (between 42nd and 43rd Streets, 2nd Floor), NY, NY 10017, from 5:00-7:00 pm. RSVP required. Please e-mail diplomat@shu.edu or phone the Office of Graduate Admissions at (973) 275-2514.

Italian Heritage Cook-Off. The Italian Club (Il Circolo Italiano) is having an Italian Heritage Cook-Off on Wednesday, November 28 from 5:00-7:00 pm.

4. Minors and Clusters

If you haven't already, you have the chance to declare a double major or have one major and one or more minors or clusters. You can minor in just about any department in the School of Arts as well as in the other schools. A number of International Studies majors take minors in the School of Business (Economics, Business, Accounting), so you may want to check those out. You can talk to Dianna Cruz, Rhonda Shuler or check the Catalogue.

Now onto clusters. What is a cluster you may ask? A cluster is an interdisciplinary minor, sort of like International Studies is for a major. Students can use their electives to form a cluster of five courses from various departments that focus on a common theme. The School of Arts offers clusters in American Studies, Pan-African Studies, Latin-American and Caribbean Area Studies, Women's Studies, Cognitive Science, Environmental Studies, and Roman Catholic Studies.

Information on the courses and on the requirements is available from the Cluster Coordinators: Dr. George Kirsch (American Studies); Dr. Winsome Downie (Pan-African Studies); Dr. Rodney Rodriguez (Latin-American and Caribbean Area Studies); Dr. Mary Ann O'Donnell (Women's Studies); Dr. Jay Friedenberg (Cognitive Science); Dr. Pamela Chasek (Environmental Studies); and Dr. Michele Saracino (Roman Catholic Studies). You can also pick up brochures in the Dean's Office.

5. Special Program in January

Are you interested in foreign policy and diplomacy? Are you looking for a way to earn three credits in January? Would you like to spend a week in Washington, DC, doing this? If so, check out:

The January Term Decision Game 2008 January 6-15, 2008

The American Foreign Policy Decision Game: Critical Issues in Asian Diplomacy

Get a glimpse of how American foreign policy decisions are really made. How will the US Government approach some basic issues as the rise of China, North Korea's nuclear program, instability in South Asia, and trade conflicts?

The students will first receive background lectures from high-level government officials, media representatives, and foreign policy experts on a series of substantive issues such as Islamic fundamentalism and terrorism, the North Korean nuclear program, and China and Taiwan. Past speakers have included Michael O'Hanlon of Brookings, Tony Blinken, the minority chief of staff, Barry Lowenkron, the Assistant Secretary of Democracy and Human Rights, and distinguished experts from think tanks such as the American Enterprise Institute, the Brookings Institution and the Carnegie Endowment. The students will then be divided into groups to represent various agencies and organizations including the National Security Council, Pentagon, State Department, CIA, media, and non-governmental community. Armed with the briefing books prepared by the Osgood Center, the students will formulate, present and debate policy solutions for the major issues the United States faces Asia with the instructor, Shelton Williams, playing the role of President.

If you are interested, let Dr. Chasek know ASAP. You can also check out the www site at <http://www.osgoodcenter.org/decisiongame.htm>

6. Alumni News

Emily Schultz et.schultz@gmail.com (2007) has begun the Masters Degree Program at the Seton Hall School of Diplomacy. She is concentrating on international security and foreign policy analysis. If you are interested in the graduate school program, let her know.

Joanna Da-Sylva joannadasylva@yahoo.com (2007) is getting ready to go to Spain to study Spanish for seven months. In the meantime, she has been busy taking the GREs and applying to graduate school programs in international relations. She hopes to leave for Spain in early December.

Manny Caram mjccaram@gmail.com (2006) stopped by the office last week. He is busy studying for the LSATs and looking at law schools. Since graduating he got his real estate

license in New Jersey and has been learning the real estate business. He has also been working as a paralegal in a New York City law firm.

Jessica Bobowski jessicabobowsk@hotmail.com (2005) started graduate school at The College of New Jersey, Masters of Arts in Teaching, Elementary Education and Middle School Social Studies. She writes: "I have been student teaching in Trenton, New Jersey at Carroll Robbins Elementary School. I am in a grade 2-bilingual classroom which I love because I am able to teach in both English and Spanish. I have about half a year left before I graduate this summer and I hope to find placement as an elementary teacher in an Abbot school district in Trenton. I really love the challenge of working in a difficult, diverse neighborhood. After going to Brazil, I have always had a passion for helping children in need. I am also looking into Bilingual/ESL certification once I graduate. The last bit of news is that I have gotten engaged in September to my boyfriend Jake, who is a New Jersey State Trooper. We are planning an October wedding in 2009."

Alumni: Send in your news via e-mail to pamela.chasek@manhattan.edu. We look forward to hearing from you. Also, New York City alumni, there has been some interest expressed in having an impromptu International Studies/Model UN Alumni Happy Hour somewhere in midtown. If anyone wants to help plan this (just decide on a day, time and place), I can send out an e-mail contacting everyone. Just let me know.

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7. Internship, Job and Scholarship Announcements

Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange

The Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange for Young Professionals, a year-long work/study scholarship program to Germany, is currently accepting applications for the 2008-2009 program year. The program offers the opportunity for young professionals between the ages of 18-24 to immerse themselves in different aspects German culture and daily life. Currently in its 23rd year, the program is funded by the German Bundestag and US Congress through the Department of State. The CBYX program is attractive to both current students and graduating seniors, and no prior German language skills are required to participate!

The program year consists of

- 2 months of intensive German language instruction in Germany
- 4 months of classroom instruction at a German university or vocational school
- a 5-month internship in the participant's career field
- housing with a German host family or in a shared apartment

Candidates for the program must

- Be US citizens or permanent residents
- Be between 18 and 24 years old at the start of the program
- Have a high school diploma
- Have clear career goals and some work experience

- Have a strong interest in international affairs and Germany, while maintaining a strong American identity
- Demonstrate flexibility, independence, and diplomacy

The application deadline is DECEMBER 1st. For more information on the program, or to request an application, visit www.cdsintl.org/cbyx, email cbyx@cdsintl.org, or call 212-497-3522.

BUNAC (British Universities North America Club) Opportunities to Work Abroad

BUNAC currently offers US students and young people work/travel programs to Britain, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand and Canada. Each program offers a unique insight into life in a completely different culture and a chance to spend extended time working and traveling overseas. In addition, BUNAC USA offers volunteer placement programs in South Africa, Peru and Cambodia. For more information, check out their www site at <http://www.bunac.org/usa/>

New York City Teaching Fellows

The NYC Teaching Fellows program places people as teachers in New York City public schools. No teaching experience is necessary (nor is a degree in education). There is a rigorous selection process and if you are selected, you will be able to get a subsidized Masters Degree, a regular teacher's salary and benefits; ongoing support at the school and region levels; and a network of like-minded professionals committed to educational excellence for New York City's students. If you are interested, go to <http://www.nycteachingfellows.org/> Apply by **November 19, 2007** for early consideration.

Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowships

Sophomores interested in studying international relations at the graduate level can apply for a Department of State Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship. This monetary award covers tuition, room and board for junior and senior years in college and first year of graduate study. Pickering Fellows receive stipends for international and domestic internships with the State Department. Applications are now being accepted and the deadline for applicants is February 4, 2008. For more information and to start the application process, go to <http://www.woodrow.org/public-policy/undergraduate.php>

Internship Opportunity at MADRE

MADRE, a non-profit organization working for human rights for women and families, has openings for summer internships at its New York City office. The deadlines for applications are generally March 15th for Summer positions, July 15th for Fall positions, and October 15th for Spring positions. We have no more open positions for Spring 2008.

Internships come with a \$10/day stipend and require a minimum time commitment of 15 hours a week for at least three months. Internships take place at the MADRE office in Manhattan.

Internship responsibilities may include assistance with:

- Outreach for MADRE's Helping Hands Campaign and Medical Project
- Research on US foreign policy and women's human rights
- Organizing speaking engagements
- Preparation for human rights trainings and international conferences
- Spanish and French translation of MADRE materials
- Media outreach and program development
- Special event planning
- Fundraising
- Graphic design
- Computer troubleshooting and maintenance of MADRE's website
- Conceptualizing, building and maintaining databases
- General administrative tasks

To apply, please send a resume and cover letter to:

MADRE

Attn: Internship Coordinator

121 West 27th Street #301

New York, NY 10001

tel 212.627.0444

fax 212.675.3704

internships@madre.org

Presidential Campaign Internships Available

Rudy Giuliani Presidential Committee is seeking student interns to work with the committee in our New York City headquarters office. Potential interns must support Mayor Giuliani's campaign for the Presidency, and possess an interest in learning about the election process and the daily operations of a political campaign. Job duties may include data collection, organization, memo writing, research, office support, grassroots campaign activities, and other tasks to assist individual departments. Previous work experience is not necessary, but it can assist in placement within departments. Students are required to arrange transportation and living arrangements. Interested students will be required to participate in a brief information session and interview. All interested students should submit a cover letter and up-to-date resume to Interns@JoinRudy2008.com.

United Nations Association of the USA Internships

UNA/USA has internships available for the spring semester at its Manhattan office. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis but if you are interested in an internship, apply sooner rather than later. You can read descriptions of the internships at <http://www.unausa.org/site/pp.asp?c=fvKRI8MPJpF&b=317271>. Applications are available online as well. Programs include the Adopt a Minefield Program, Model UN, the Global Policy

Program, Help Educate at-Risk Orphans program, Business Council for the United Nations, the NGO Coalition for the International Criminal Court and many others.

Civic Leaders of Tomorrow Public Policy Fellowship

MANHATTAN BOROUGH PRESIDENT SCOTT M. STRINGER sponsors the Civic Leaders of Tomorrow Public Policy Fellowship to: Promote leadership and advocacy opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students and enhance the capacity of not-for-profit organizations to advocate for underserved communities. Each fellow works with a not-for-profit organization for a minimum of eight hours per week for a full semester. Work involves policy advocacy and interaction with government entities and communities served by the organization.

Attend two seminars during the semester at the Borough Presidents office. You will receive \$1,000 for the Fellowship. To apply, see Doris Pechman, Office of Career Services, 5th floor Miguel.

Wellstone Fellowship

The [Wellstone Fellowship for Social Justice](#) aims to advance social justice through health care advocacy by focusing particularly on the unique challenges facing communities of color. Through this fellowship, established to honor the memory of the late Senator Paul D. Wellstone, we hope to expand the pool of talented social justice advocates from underrepresented racial and ethnic minority groups.

The ideal candidate must demonstrate an interest in health care policy and racial/ethnic health disparities. Additionally, we are looking for an individual who displays the potential to contribute to social justice work after their year of hands-on experience as a fellow. You can find more information, including a downloadable application form, on our Web site:

<http://www.familiesusa.org/about/wellstone-fellowship.html>

If you have any questions about the Wellstone Fellowship for Social Justice or would like to request hard copies of the application brochure, please contact wellstonefellowship@familiesusa.org.

The fellowship is a year-long, full-time, salaried position in Washington, DC. Each year, one candidate will be selected for each fellowship. Selected fellows will receive a compensatory package that includes an annual stipend of \$35,000 and excellent health care benefits.

Villers Fellowship

The [Villers Fellowship for Health Care Justice](http://www.familiesusa.org/about/the-villers-fellowship.html) was created in 2005 by Philippe Villers, Founder and President of Families USA. Villers Fellows work in our health policy department and assist our organization's efforts to improve access to health coverage for all Americans, especially for low-income and other vulnerable communities. Specifically, Villers Fellows will conduct research on a range of health care policy issues, and write and contribute to publications that are relevant to current health policy debates.

In creating the fellowship, Mr. Villers aspired to develop a network of young leaders who share a passion for health care justice. The ideal candidate will demonstrate a commitment to health care justice work following their year as a fellow. Additionally, in order to encourage the development of future leaders, Villers Fellows must commit to mentoring at least one person over the course of their careers.

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