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**1. End of the 2007-08 Year**

It's hard to believe that another academic year has come to close. And what a year it has been. The International Studies program continues to grow and I hope that we will also continue to grow as a community here at Manhattan College.

This has been a good year for the International Studies Program. We have had students abroad this year in such places as Madrid, Semester and Sea, Costa Rica, Australia, and Paris. Next year, a record number of students are planning on going to Amsterdam, Chile, South Africa, France, Italy, Spain, among other places. This year we sent one major to the American University Washington Semester Program. Senior Krysten Kenny spent the spring semester studying International Environment and Development issues and traveling to South Africa.

The International Studies Program has sponsored or co-sponsored a variety of lectures this year, including the Focus the Nation teach-in, a lecture on the US presidential elections and the media, Ukrainian politics and the media, and Voices from Darfur. We also sent students to two Model UN conferences this year – a fall conference in Washington, DC and the spring conference in New York City.

With your support, I think we can make the 2008-09 academic year even better. If you (alumni and faculty, too!) have any ideas for programs, lectures or other events for next year please let me know. The more ideas, the better.

Have a good summer, keep in touch and I'll see most of you in the fall.

Pam Chasek

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## 2. Congratulations Graduates!

Thirteen International Studies majors and one minor will be graduating this month. I have noted with an asterisk, the members of Sigma Iota Rho, the International Studies Honor Society.

Majors:

Brendan Atwood\*

Ryan Faello

Megan Fraino (CMSV)

Matt Giordano

Kathleen Hoepfner\*

Maggie Luce\*

Colleen McGourty

Deirdre Mertens

Genevieve O'Reilly\*

Kim Pierce\*

Deepa Philips\*

Denisse Ruiz

Franck Traore

Minors:

Victoria Adrian

Congratulations should also go out to senior Brendan Atwood and junior Jaclyn Ambriscoe who were inducted into Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's oldest and largest academic honor society.

We celebrated the accomplishments of all of the seniors at the annual Government/Peace/Urban and International Studies Senior/Alumni Dinner on April 28 (see picture below).

Congratulations to all of you. I wish you the best in your future endeavors and please keep in touch by e-mail. I would like to know how you are doing and where your career path or graduate school plans take you.

Seniors – Please let me know what e-mail address you will be using after graduation so I can ensure you get job announcements, the newsletter and other news from the International Studies Program.



At the Alumni/Senior Dinner: L-R: Genevieve O'Reilly, Brendan Atwood, Kim Pierce, Kathleen Hoepfner, Maggie Luce, Colleen McGourty, Deirdre Mertens, Matt Giordano, Ryan Faello and Director Pam Chasek

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### 3. Congratulations to the Model UN Team

Manhattan College sent a delegation of 14 students to the National Model United Nations Conference from April 22-26, 2008, to represent the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. Over 2200 students from more than 50 countries and nearly 200 colleges and universities participated. The delegation did a phenomenal job representing Venezuela on 7 different committees. We received our first ever award for Outstanding Position Papers and we received an Honorable Mention award for our overall performance.

Led by Head Delegate Deirdre Mertens, the Manhattan College Model UN team negotiated numerous resolutions on such diverse topics as illegal trade in weapons, financing for development, the urban penalty, energy use and strengthening the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty. Colleen McGourty and Elise Rae, representing Venezuela on the Pan-American Health Organization received an award for most active delegation in their committee.

If you are interested in participating in the Model UN program next year, please e-mail me or stop by Miguel 414. Students from any major in any year can participate, providing they have the proper skills. Spread the word to your friends.

Here are the members of the Venezuelan Delegation to the 2008 NMUN:

Irfan Ahmed	(Sophomore, International Studies/Economics)
Jaclyn Ambriscoe	(Junior, International Studies/French/Spanish)
Claudia Aparicio	(Senior, International Studies)
Dan Blom	(Senior, Government)
Matt Giordano	(Senior, International Studies/Government)
Maggie Luce	(Senior, International Studies)
Giovanni Martinez	(Senior, International Studies/Spanish)
Colleen McGourty	(Senior, International Studies)
Deirdre Mertens	(Sophomore, International Studies/Government)
Rudylexis Nuñez	(Junior, International Studies/Spanish)
Elise Rae	(Junior, International Studies/Government)
Meagan Ryan	(Junior, International Studies)
Andrew Tratner	(Freshman, Government)
Paola Zamora	(Sophomore, International Studies/French)



2008 Model UN Team: L-R (Front): Pam Chasek, Director, Meagan Ryan, Colleen McGourty, Rudy Nuñez, Paola Zamora, Deirdre Mertens, Maggie Luce, Jackie Ambriscoe, Elise Rae and Claudia Aparicio. Back: Irfan Ahmed, Matt Giordano, Andrew Tratner, Giovanni Martinez and Dan Blom

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#### 4. Alumni News

**Stephen Herson ('03)** [stephenherson@hotmail.com](mailto:stephenherson@hotmail.com) is teaching at Notre Dame Academy in Staten Island where he created and runs their successful Model UN team. His students are participating in the UNA USA MUN conference and are representing Kazakhstan and Cameroon.

**Christina Casey ('06)** [christina.v.casey@gmail.com](mailto:christina.v.casey@gmail.com) just got back from teaching in Japan. (Yes, she was the third member of the class of 2006 to just return from Japan.) She taught second and third graders at the Lily Vale School



Christina (center) with some of her friends at Lily Vale (left and with her class (next page))



**Emily Schultz** ('07) [et.schultz@gmail.com](mailto:et.schultz@gmail.com) is heading to San Francisco for at least the summer to be with her fiancé.

**Joanna Da-Sylva** ('07) [joannadasylva@yahoo.com](mailto:joannadasylva@yahoo.com) has been accepted to graduate school at the University for Peace in Costa Rica, where she will study to become a peace educator.

A number of International Studies alumni came to the annual Senior/Alumni Dinner on April 28<sup>th</sup>. Three members of the class of 2005, **Nicole Pollio**, **Heather Anen** and **Cari Hourigan**, and **Vanessa Rodriguez** (2007) all joined in the memories and celebrations. **Vanessa** has been working for Bear Stearns and is busily looking for a new job since her job and her company will soon become obsolete. She is optimistic she will have a couple of jobs lined up. **Cari** has been accepted to the Peace Corps and will be leaving her job for the City of Schenectady, New York, and is heading to Niger this summer. **Nicole** has been part of the New York Teaching Fellows and has started a Model UN team at the high school she is teaching at. **Heather** works in International Sales for Telebrands Corp. in New Jersey.



Left to Right: Vanessa Rodriguez ('07), Cari Hourigan ('05), Nicole Pollio ('05), Heather Anen ('05) and Tutti Touray (Govt/Urban/Comm '04)

Alumni: Send in your news via e-mail to [pamela.chasek@manhattan.edu](mailto:pamela.chasek@manhattan.edu). I'll collect everything over the summer and put it in the September 2008 newsletter.

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## 5. Internship, Job and Scholarship Opportunities

### **Summer Arabic Program in Washington, DC – FULL SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE**

Do you want to learn Arabic this summer? There are as many as two full scholarships available for this summer program in Washington, DC. You can learn Arabic intensively in 4 weeks, 5 days a week, 4 hours a day!!! July 7- August 1, 2008.

This course is an introduction to Arabic, designed for students with no knowledge of the language. Students will learn how to speak, read, and write in Modern Classical Arabic. We will start with the alphabet and move gradually to learn various language skills. We will place emphasis on developing speaking and listening skills through intensive drills, exposure to basic structural patterns, and functional vocabulary.

In-classroom oral drills will be conducted to help memorize the covered material. In addition, the class will be conducted in Arabic, to the extent possible.

The course will also introduce cultural components in the Middle East and North Africa.

If you are interested, contact Dr. Chasek **ASAP** by e-mail. Housing cost is \$1600, tuition is free. Course credit can be arranged.

## **Council on Foreign Relations Jobs and Internships**

The Council on Foreign Relations has job and internship openings in both New York and Washington, DC. The Council on Foreign Relations is an independent, nonpartisan membership organization, think tank, and publisher. To see the list of jobs (updated weekly), go to [http://www.cfr.org/about/career\\_opportunities/openings.html](http://www.cfr.org/about/career_opportunities/openings.html)

To see a list of internships, go to [http://www.cfr.org/about/career\\_opportunities/internships.html](http://www.cfr.org/about/career_opportunities/internships.html)

## **Idealist.org Jobs and Internships**

Are you looking for a job or an internship? A great site to check out is <http://www.idealists.org> Idealist is a project of [Action Without Borders](#), a nonprofit organization [founded in 1995](#) with offices in the United States and Argentina. Idealist is an interactive site where people and organizations can exchange resources and ideas, locate opportunities and supporters, and take steps toward building a world where all people can lead free and dignified lives.

## **Spend your Summer at the World Bank in Washington, DC at ATHGO's Third Annual Global Forum, "Miracles of Development: Good Governance and Capacity Building!"**

Third Annual Global Forum: **July 9-11, 2008**

World Bank Headquarters, Washington DC | The World Bank's External Affairs

Are there correlations between good governance, capacity building, and economic development? Explore the possibilities with 200 highly motivated students and young professionals in ATHGO's Third Annual Global Forum at the World Bank in Washington DC. Ambassadors, high-ranking World Bank officials, and private sector executives will share their expertise on the challenges of achieving economic development through good governance and capacity building. Issues such as corruption, legal systems, and sustainability will be addressed in the context of the roles that the World Bank and other international institutions, private investment, and youth participation have in creating positive outcomes. Participants will work together in groups to develop innovative and effective solutions to these challenges, developing policy memos and business models that will be reviewed by ATHGO partners and our own Innovation and Capacity Building Centers for further incubation and possible implementation. To apply, go to [http://www.athgo.org/about\\_us/applications.html](http://www.athgo.org/about_us/applications.html)

## **Paid Summer Internship - National Committee on American Foreign Policy**

**Last day to apply: May 25, 2008**

Intern must be an undergraduate. Students studying at local universities and those spending a semester in New York will be considered. Intern must be able to work a minimum of 20 hours per week. U.S. citizens and international students eligible to apply.

In addition to assisting with the day-to-day activities of the Office Director and Assistant to the Office Director, we expect the intern to work with the Research Assistant on grant research and

grant-writing. More specifically, the intern's time will be divided roughly as follows:

1. Researching grant-making organizations, general research related to current projects, and any other research requested by the Office Director (30%).
2. General administrative work such as filing, copying, faxes and answering phones (50%).
3. Conference and meeting planning (20%).

Interns are encouraged to attend general NCAFP public programs and events.

Requirements:

Ability to multitask and attention to detail a must. Strong research, writing, communication, organizational, facilitation and computer skills.

Application instructions:

Email resume and cover letter to:

David Manning, at [david.manning@ncafp.org](mailto:david.manning@ncafp.org). No phone calls please.

Position open until filled

Website: <http://www.ncafp.org>

### **Lautenberg for Senate Campaign looking for Students**

The United States Senate Primary in New Jersey on June 3rd has created a great opportunity for college students interested in participating in electoral politics. There are decisive primaries in the Democratic and Republican parties. These primaries will play a major role in determining the outcome of the general election in November.

The Lautenberg campaign is looking for students wishing to engage in grassroots activities such as canvassing and phone banking. The most direct form of voter contact is at the door and students will be able to hear first hand voters' opinions on the election and events impacting their lives. Information gathered from these direct contacts is extremely valuable to all campaigns.

Students wishing to participate in the Lautenberg for Senate campaign can e-mail Kevin Drennan, Field Director, Lautenberg for Senate at [jobs@lautenbergfornj.com](mailto:jobs@lautenbergfornj.com).

### **International Business Conference in Washington, DC**

The Osgood Center, host of NMUN-DC, is offering a special program on the international economic institutions that direct the global political economy. It is called the International Business Conference and it will focus on development, trade, the rise of China and India, and reform of multilateral economic institutions (World Bank, WTO, IMF, etc): (<http://osgoodcenter.org/ibc.htm>). This outstanding student conference will feature analysts, journalists, visits to the World Bank, and International Trade Commission, and more. It will occur in Washington, DC, May 28-June 6, 2008. Participants will be housed at the Homewood

Suites by Hilton Hotel right in the heart of Embassy Row. For information, contact: Gaya Manukyan at [gmanukyan@osgoodcenter.org](mailto:gmanukyan@osgoodcenter.org)

The Information about this Summer Program was only recently emailed to me. If you know of an eligible student who may be interested in applying for it, please contact him or her.

### **The Henry Clay Center for Statesmanship (HCCS)**

This organization is looking for a junior (rising senior) college student for its inaugural Student Congress. It is offering a summer scholarship, a week-long short course to study topics such as diplomacy and statesmanship.

Its goal is to have one student from each state plus the District of Columbia participate in the program.

The student is ELIGIBLE to represent a state if she/he attends school in that state, or, resides in that state.

**The updated application deadline is Friday, May 16, 2008.**

The following states still do **not** have a student representative:

Alabama  
Alaska  
Arizona  
Colorado  
Connecticut  
Hawaii  
Kansas  
Missouri  
Montana  
Nevada  
New Hampshire  
New Jersey  
Ohio  
Oklahoma  
Oregon  
Rhode Island  
Washington  
Wyoming

Although HCCS started out by requesting recommendations from the U.S. Senator from each state, it is now accepting recommendations from college faculty members.

Other documents to be submitted to HCCS are: the student's official transcript and resume.

If the recommended student is approved and appointed by the Center to attend, the Center will pay for all of the costs associated with the Student Congress, including:

- \*Air and ground transportation
- \*Housing and food
- \*Curriculum materials
- \*Extra-curricular activities

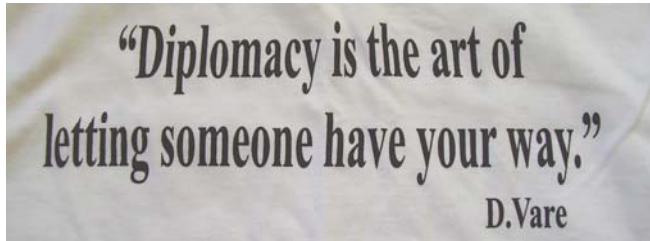
For more information, go to: [http://henryclaycs.org/student\\_congress.html](http://henryclaycs.org/student_congress.html)

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## 6. Final Word



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