Having just celebrated a “Career Milestone” of 20 years of service at GW has recently put me in a reflective mood. How time flies immediately came to mind, but what really makes me proud of my years at GW are the exceptional people I have met along the way, including our students, faculty, staff, parents, and community partners.

I feel extremely lucky to have played a part in supporting thousands of students and hundreds of staff, but what strikes me is the personal impact those individuals have all made on me, through their collegiality, mentoring, ongoing support, and friendship over the years.

I am fortunate that many former students became friends, and I maintain close contact with a variety of alumni who belong to our life long and worldwide community and truly represent the values of a GW education through their commitment to service in many positive ways.

Likewise, at GW I have had the good fortune to work with a strong network of professional colleagues, including many GW graduate student staff, administrative allies, and faculty members. Some of these colleagues remain at GW while many others are now spread around the globe doing meaningful work in a variety of industries.

Over that span of twenty years -- a true generation -- much has changed, but at the core, we remain a consistent community dedicated to helping advance the mission of our namesake: to train the next generation of future citizen leaders. I feel fortunate to have had a small part in helping make that happen for the past two decades here at GW.

Vote in the High5 Challenge:
GW just launched the High5 Challenge that invites members of the GW community to vote for their five favorite university programs to compete for funds made available by Trustee Steve Ross. First round voting takes 30 seconds. Simply go to go.gwu.edu/high5 by April 15th and vote for up to five initiatives. The top five ideas will move on to a second round to compete for a $20,000 award.

Five initiatives fall within Student Affairs: Career Opportunity Fund - Gives students money for unpaid internships Greek Life - Supports the IFC, Panhellenic, and MGC Greek councils Ron Howard Student Assistance Fund - Financial awards to students who have emergencies or other financial needs that are not met through traditional aid (medical bills, school supplies, etc.) Student Organizations - Supports the 450+ student orgs on campus. Funds here will go into the Bob Chernak Opportunity Fund Veteran Services - Supports student veterans in their transition to college life.

Vote today!
Staff Updates

New Hires:
• Mohammed Alam, Administrator of Systems and Technology, GW Career Center (started March 4)
• Kevin Gates, Assistant Director for Desk Operations, GW Housing (started March 4)
• Kristen Rompf Hall, Senior Industry Consultant for Arts, Media, Communication, and Law, GW Career Center (started February 25)

New Roles:
• Sonya Merrill, Senior Industry Consultant for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM), GW Career Center (started February 25)
• Samantha Neary, Employer Relations Coordinator, GW Career Center (started February 25)
• Lenore Webb, Senior Assistant Director for Career Assessment and Professional Skill Development, GW Career Center (started March 11)

Departing Staff:
• Megan Dankovich, Student Health Service
• Laura Prevete, Center for Student Engagement
Best wishes for their future endeavors!

OFFICE OF ACADEMIC INTEGRITY JOINS DSA

In March 2013, the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities welcomed Tim Terpstra and the Office of Academic Integrity to its staff. Tim, the Director of the Office of Academic Integrity, is highly regarded by members of the faculty and the administration as a leader on issues related to academic dishonesty and is known for his long track record of collaboration. The transition of the Office of Academic Integrity into DSA highlights the university’s efforts to synergize the relationship between academic affairs and student affairs.

Please offer Tim a warm welcome to DSA by e-mailing timterp@gwu.edu.

Education Advisory Board Website Access

DSA recently renewed its membership with the Student Affairs Forum of the Education Advisory Board (EAB). EAB is based in the West End a few blocks from the Foggy Bottom Campus and describes itself as providing “best practice research and practical advice to leaders of academic affairs, business affairs, student affairs, continuing, online, and professional education, and community colleges across North America.”

Any member of the GW community can sign-up for an account on the EAB website. This account allows access to EAB’s vast library of best practice studies and custom research reports and registration for a variety of webinars and other training resources, all of which are included in our membership.

To create your account, visit http://www.eab.com/Members/Register and complete and submit the registration form. For more information about accessing EAB’s programs and services, e-mail Robert Snyder at rsnyder@gwu.edu.
Recent Events Spotlight

The GW Career Center recently had record-breaking attendance (up 30% from last year) at two of its biggest annual events:

- **Engineering and IT Expo on Thursday, February 21** was a specialty career fair exclusively for SEAS undergraduate and graduate students and alumni in engineering and IT-related fields to connect with and learn about engineering and IT organizations. More than 350 SEAS students and alumni and representatives from upwards of 40 engineering and IT firms attended this stellar event.

- **Spring Career and Internship Fair on Wednesday, February 27** was a flagship event where more than 1,350 GW students and alumni met with 120 employers representing a variety of career fields recruiting for full-time, part-time, co-op, and internship positions. Participants attended the fair to look for job leads, gather information, and to develop a network of contacts.

The Center for Student Engagement held the third installment of the “**Big Adult Topics**” program series on Tuesday, March 5 with a session on car, home, technology, and clothing repairs and maintenance. Guest presenters Tim Miller, Colby Moss, and Myles Surrrett taught the graduate students and young professionals about preparing for car malfunctions, hanging pictures, keeping personal devices safe, and sewing buttons.

The Center for Student Engagement, Faculty-in-Residence Steven Kelts, and the Office of the Provost welcomed blogger and reporter Ezra Klein for a program with more than 100 students on Wednesday, March 20. For more information, visit [http://blogs.gw Hatchet.com/newsroom/2013/03/21/ezra-klein-breaks-down-d-c-s-political-struggles](http://blogs.gw Hatchet.com/newsroom/2013/03/21/ezra-klein-breaks-down-d-c-s-political-struggles).

DMV Happenings

**National Cherry Blossom Festival through April 14**

Visit [http://www.nationalcherryblossomfestival.org](http://www.nationalcherryblossomfestival.org) for the complete schedule.

**Report Your Service Hours**

GW is a community committed to public and community service. As the end of the academic year approaches, the Center for Civic Engagement and Public Service reminds you to report your service hours! Faculty, staff, and students may be eligible for honors, including the Presidential Volunteer Service Award. The Center also awards graduating students with exemplary service cords.

Get started by claiming your NobleHour account and logging your hours at [http://serve.gwu.edu/login](http://serve.gwu.edu/login). The deadline to report your hours for this academic year is Wednesday, May 1.

For help with hour-tracking, visit the FAQs at [http://serve.gwu.edu/log-service](http://serve.gwu.edu/log-service) or e-mail gwservices@gwu.edu.

E-mail students@gwu.edu with story ideas, events, etc. We look forward to hearing from you!
Innovation in Diversity and Inclusion Grants

After a first successful pool and award of applications, the Office of the Vice Provost for Diversity and Inclusion (OVPDI) is pleased to announce a second round of Innovation in Diversity and Inclusion (IDI) Grants.

Inaugurated this past fall, the IDI Grants program is designed with the expectation of expanding the capacity of diversity and inclusion efforts within the GW community. First, by engaging all members of the university in advancing the principles of diversity and inclusion in substantive ways; and second, by equipping our community members with the skills and resources to accomplish institutional goals related to diversity and inclusion. Students, faculty, staff, and units can apply for funding to support innovative ideas that advance GW’s commitment to diversity and inclusion.

Detailed information including the mission statement, guidelines, and application can be found on the OVPDI website at http://www.gwu.edu/diversity. In summary, the applications should include the following:

- Names, email addresses, and phone numbers of students, faculty, staff, or units who are committed to the topic, project, and/or activity
- Project abstract (80 words or less)
- Project description to include the purpose, the significance of project to the diversity and inclusion mission, an assessment of goals, anticipated outcomes, and the long-term impacts of the project
- An itemized budget
- Timetable to include an outline of the major dates associated with the activity or project

The deadline for applications for the 2013-14 IDI Grants are May 1, 2013 and October 15, 2013. Applications should be submitted electronically on the OVPDI website at http://www.gwu.edu/diversity or via e-mail to diverse@gwu.edu. A hard copy of the application is available from, and can be submitted to Rice Hall, Suite 403, but electronic submissions are preferred.

Applicants will be notified on or around June 1, 2013 and November 15, 2013, respectively.

DSA Service Milestones

GW held its annual Career Milestone Awards on March 14 and 15, honoring staff for their years of service. More than 440 employees were recognized for milestones ranging from five to 45 years at GW. We had several recipients within DSA:

Five Years:
- Tracy Boswell (Student Health Service)
- Aaron DeNu (GW Career Center)
- Katie Porras (Student Rights and Responsibilities)
- Toy Tavarez (GW Career Center)
- Ben Walsh (University Counseling Center)

10 Years:
- Toby Davidow (Division of Student Affairs)
- Tim Miller (Center for Student Engagement)
- Chnette Saunders (International Services Office)

20 Years:
- Peter Konwerski (Division of Student Affairs)
- Patrick Mitchell (DSA Financial Services)

A big congratulations to all of this year’s recipients! Thank you for your service and for your continued dedication to GW! To see the full list of this year’s recipients, visit http://www.gwu.edu/hr/colonialcommunity/recognition/careermilestones.html
Staff Spotlight
Employee of the Month for February

As many of you know, we have re-launched a new version of the DSA Employee of the Month program. Each month, you’ll have the opportunity to nominate your colleague(s) as they exceed expectations and live the GW Values. Nominations will be accepted for the first three weeks of each month, and can be submitted here. As with many review processes, the identity of the individual will be masked during the voting process. Each month’s winner will be announced at the end of the month. Winners will also be recognized at our Division of Student Affairs Forums and will receive a monetary award.

This is a great opportunity to recognize the incredible work being done by those around you - submit your nomination today!

The winner of the February 2013 Employee of the Month award is Jason Lifton!

Jason’s nominator wrote:

“Jason Lifton, in my opinion, is deserving of the DSA Employee of the Month Award because I feel he embodies so many of the GW values.

Communication: Jason assisted in the planning and staging of the Student Affairs Committee Meeting of the GW Board of Trustees. This event is key moment during which student affairs stakeholders, including the Student Association President, share feedback with the governing board of the university. Jason makes this event possible, from the collection and dissemination of materials to ensuring the AV is running well during the meeting. Jason handles this responsibility with tact and diplomacy.

Diversity and Community: This last month, Jason planned an event, headlined by members of the President’s Office and HR VP Sabrina Ellis, that gathered GW faculty, staff members, and students who served our country and their families in advance of a GW men’s basketball game that honored service members. This event highlighted the important contributions veterans make to the GW community along with the diverse backgrounds of members of the GW community.

Learning: Jason is the project manager for an Innovation Task Force (ITF) initiative relating to creating and implementing a GW online undergraduate degree program for service members and their families. This program will serve an important population in our society and will also contribute to online education, an important GW strategic initiative.

Service: Jason will be one of the escorts for a service-learning project to be held in Alabama during Spring Break. This shows Jason’s commitment to community service and the way he dedicates his break time to an important initiative to help others, an important ethic that relates to the George Washington University’s community service ethic.

Teamwork: Jason serves as one of the chairs of the Division of Student Affairs’ fundraising and grant writing committee, a committee charged with expanding DSA’s fundraising initiatives. Jason also spearheaded the implementation of the Student Affairs Advisory Council, an internal body composed of representatives from major GW units, schools, and divisions to discuss their ideas on feedback on making the GW student experience an even better one.”

Congratulations on a job well done, Jason! Your department, DSA, and GW all appreciate everything you do to make our community better.

We’d also like to congratulate the nominees from Student Health Services, Student Rights and Responsibilities, the Division of Student Affairs support staff, and the Center for Student Engagement.

Keep up the good work and keep the nominations coming!

AROUND DSA

You can never be too busy to stop what you are doing for some good, old-fashioned staff development and fun. Recently, the CADE, SRR, and CCS offices took a moment and spent a sunny spring break afternoon playing bocce along the Georgetown waterfront. (See photo at right.) Everyone enjoyed laughing together and heckling Mark about how he devised a plan for his team to win. The rest of the staff is looking forward to a rematch, this time without Mark creating alternative ways to win.

Insider Higher Ed

The New York Times

The Chronicle of Higher Education
Upcoming Events

Non-Profit and Public Service Career Expo
Wednesday, April 3, 3-6pm
City View Room

Features a panel discussion and Q&A session, round table discussions with facilitators from non-profit sectors including domestic and international volunteer corps, social entrepreneurship, public interest advocacy and law, fundraising and philanthropy, social services, sustainability, and government services, and a networking session between the student and alumni participants and representatives from non-profit organizations.

Co-sponsored by the GW Career Center and the Center for Civic Engagement and Public Service
For more information and for student registration, visit http://go.gwu.edu/c2cdinners.

Campus to Career: Student-Alumni Networking Dinners
Thursday, April 4, 6:30-8:30pm (Careers in Business, PR/Communications, and Consulting)
Tuesday, April 9, 6:30-8:30pm (General networking dinner for seniors only)

Designed to help students prepare for internships and full-time jobs in their intended career fields. A great opportunity for alumni to help the juniors and seniors and share advice with them as they prepare for life post-GW. There will also be a brief introduction of the career resources available to both alumni and students.

Co-sponsored by the GW Alumni Association, Center for Student Engagement, Senior Class Gift, and GW Career Center
For more information, visit http://go.gwu.edu/c2cdinners.

Spring Fling
Sunday, April 7, gates at 2:30pm and concert at 5pm
University Yard

Featuring Macklemore & Ryan Lewis and Walk the Moon
Sponsored by Program Board
For more information, visit http://tinyurl.com/SpringFling2013GW.

National Student Employment Week
April 7-13, 2013

A series of events to celebrate GW’s student employees and help them translate all the skills they have learned through student employment to future career paths.
Sponsored by the GW Career Center
For more information, visit http://gwired.gwu.edu/career/StudentEmploymentWeek.

Colonial Welcome Days (formerly April Visit Days)
Monday, April 8, Friday, April 12, Monday, April 15, and Friday, April 19

Open houses for newly admitted students and their families to recognize the value of the GW undergraduate experience as shaped by the university's strategic goals and “Only at GW moments”; engage with campus, academics, student life, and a variety of campus partners through an individualized approach; interact with other admitted students and their families; and receive service excellence throughout the entire visit experience.

Sponsored by Undergraduate Admissions
For more information, visit http://freshman.admissions.gwu.edu/admitted-student-days.

Take Back the Night Events
Featuring the Clothesline Project on Thursday, April 11, 10am-3pm in University Yard; Domestic Violence Presentation and ‘Purple Pinky Campaign Launch’ on Friday, April 12, 7-9pm in Marvin Center 309; and Walk a Mile in Her Shoes on Saturday, April 13, 1-4pm from the Mid Campus Quad to the Lincoln Memorial.

Sponsored by GW Students Against Sexual Assault
**The Future of Higher Education: MOOCs and Disruptive Innovations**
Friday, April 12, 9:30am-12pm
Jack Morton Auditorium

Will MOOCs be the death of education as we have known it, or a passing fad? GW’s Department of Academic Technologies is proud to host Dr. Adrian Sannier, Senior Vice President for Product at Pearson, for a discussion on the direction of higher education within the context of emerging technologies and innovations. Dean Doug Guthrie is leading GW School of Business in the creation of pioneering master's programs. He will take a frank look at the implications of online programs for higher education.

To register, visit [http://cl.publicaster.com/ClickThru.aspx?pubids=0048%7c6940%7c0454%7c98&digest=fb3dpo%2bZAlEKoaC4owN67Q&sysid=1](http://cl.publicaster.com/ClickThru.aspx?pubids=0048%7c6940%7c0454%7c98&digest=fb3dpo%2bZAlEKoaC4owN67Q&sysid=1). For more information, e-mail [ldart@qwu.edu](mailto:ldart@qwu.edu).

**Student-Athlete Career Networking Forum**
Monday, April 15, 7-9pm
Lerner Health and Wellness Center

A unique opportunity for students to interact first hand with employers interested in hiring student athletes. The event consists of an employer panel, round table discussions, and networking with employer organizations. Co-sponsored by the GW Department of Athletics and Recreation, GW Career Center, and CareerAthletes.com

For more information and for student registration, visit [http://gwork.gwu.edu](http://gwork.gwu.edu).

**Relay for Life**
Saturday, April 20, 7pm-7am
Lerner Health and Wellness Center

The journey to end cancer starts with a single step. The American Cancer Society invites you to take that step with us by joining the global Relay For Life movement. When you walk to end cancer at a Relay event, it’s your opportunity to not only honor cancer survivors and remember loved ones lost, but also to raise awareness about what we can do to stay well from cancer and raise money to help fuel the world’s largest walk to end cancer. 

Sponsored by Program Board

For more information, visit [http://www.relaygw.org](http://www.relaygw.org).

**Excellence in Student Life Awards**
Thursday, April 25, 7pm
Lisner Auditorium

Honors the most outstanding students, student organizations, faculty, and staff members at GW. Offices from across campus come together to present over 20 awards during GW’s largest celebration of excellence. 

Sponsored by the Division of Student Affairs

For more information, visit [http://students.gwu.edu/excellence-student-life-awards](http://students.gwu.edu/excellence-student-life-awards).

**Chalk-In**
Tuesday, April 30, 12:30-3:30pm
H Street in front of Gelman Library

Brings our university community together in advance of final exams and creates a stress-free zone where anyone can pick up sidewalk chalk and draw on H Street while learning healthy mind and body advice. All members of the university are invited to join the festivities! 

Co-sponsored by the University Counseling Center, Program Board, and Active Minds

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**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

**Volunteer for Green Move-Out 2013:**

Green Move-Out would not be a success without the hard work of the student, faculty, and staff volunteers who help collect clothing, household items, books, and food from the residence halls during Move-Out. Staff volunteers are especially needed on Monday, May 20th. [Volunteer today!](http://gwork.gwu.edu)

**Volunteer for Commencement:**

University Events is looking for Volunteer Leads to help with the Commencement on the National Mall on Sunday, May 19. [Join in the celebration!](http://www.gwu.edu)