

Social Justice Project

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Photo: Andrea Gatti

The Class of 2015 thank the panelists at the Recognizing Potential, Providing Opportunities event.

needed in our community as they saw them. Although each panelist had their own perspective on the issues discussed, it was clear that they all believed that adult education was vital to providing adults with the skills and knowledge they need to reach their goals and their potential. While it may not be possible to truly understand the importance of adult education without personally experiencing its impact, it is the hope of the class that all in attendance left the events with a new appreciation for the value of adult education in our society.

The second event, entitled "Recognizing Potential, Providing Opportunities," sought to inform students about current issues in adult education by bringing in four people currently involved in adult education in a variety of ways. The panelists included: John J. Kelly, director of education at the Suffolk House of Corrections; Christine Foy, executive director of the Center for Adult Education; Prof. David Scanlon, instructor; Prof. David Antonelli, a Boston leader at Charlestown Center of Adult Education. Each of the panelists drew on their diverse personal experience with adult education to communicate the value, limits, and

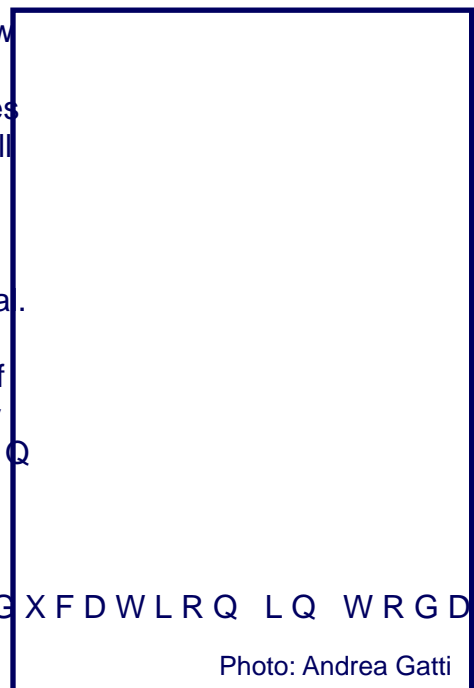


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Daniel Cattolica, A&S'15, moderates the panel.

Scholars Network with the Best

By Tony Gallanis, A&S'16

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Presidential Scholars program is the vast alumni network that has been established over the past eighteen years. Numerous Scholars have excelled during their time at Boston College and their efforts

PSP Alumni Spotlight: Marisa Cochrane Sullivan

By Marie Pellissier, A&S'15

Marisa Cochrane Sullivan, PSP'07, is a Fellow at the Institute for the Study of War in Washington, DC. During the Presidential Scholars' Summer Service Learning Program, she interned at Rosie's Place and St. Francis House, and after her junior year abroad at the London School of Economics, she interned at the Hudson Institute's Center for Future Security Strategies in Washington, DC. She wrote her thesis on international election monitoring and internal political reform in sub-Saharan Africa, a project which was awarded the McCarthy Award for best social science thesis and also given Scholar of the College distinction.

After Boston College, Marisa has conducted research at the Institute for the Study of War (ISW), focusing on Iraqi political and social dynamics. She has authored numerous publications, commented on Iraqi issues for CNN, and the New York Times, has been published in the Wall Street Journal, and has testified before Congress. Most recently, she served as the deputy director of the

She is currently pursuing graduate studies at the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies at Johns

Hopkins University, where she is a Priscilla Mason Fellow. Recently, she took the time to answer a few questions about her experiences with the Presidential Scholars Program and the value it holds for her.

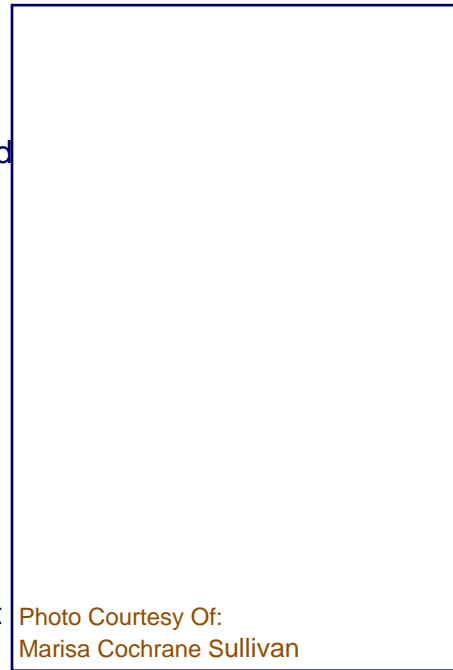


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Marisa Cochrane Sullivan

Marisa Cochrane Sullivan, A&S'07

What was the most valuable part of your experience in the PSP, and more broadly, at Boston College?

I think the breadth of my experience as a Presidential Scholar and a BC student was especially valuable. I greatly enjoyed being able to take classes in science and international studies,

a classics of western literature, philosophy Latin, linguistics, art history, and economics, for example--and discover subjects that I didn't realize I had an interest in or passion for.

More broadly I appreciated that as a Presidential Scholar, you are held to high academic standards and really challenged, but also given a variety of experiences and tools to help you succeed in your undergraduate and professional pursuits. I really valued being a part of a small group of incredibly talented individuals, with a commitment to academic achievement, service, and leadership.

How did your experience in the PSP contribute to your career after BC?

During the summer before my junior year I worked as an intern at a think tank in Washington. The experience was essential for helping me learn more about the way that the Washington foreign policy community operates and begin to develop a professional network that I have leveraged in my career after BC. Without the support of the Presidential Scholars Program, it would have been very

Congratulations to Ryan Polischuk, A&S'15, who received a call to suit up for the men's hockey team during a postseason run!

Alumni Announcements

Mark Noferi, PSP'96, frequently posts articles, commentary, and research on immigration and civil rights. His latest publications are listed on his website: <http://www.brooklaw.edu/faculty/directory/facultymember/Noteworthy.aspx?id=mark.noferi>

Ari Daniel Shapiro, PSP'01, recently traveled to Australia to report a series of radio stories for NOVA and The World -- everything from magnetic termites to how one community is keeping its residents safe from saltwater crocodile attacks. Available at: <http://aridanielshapiro.wordpress.com>

PSP Awards

University Honors

Order of the Cross & Crown

The Order of the Cross and Crown is the Arts & Sciences honor society for seniors who, while achieving an average of at least A-, have established records of unusual service and leadership on the campus.

Benjamin Martin
Kelsey Swift

Deans' Scholars

Each year a select group of the brightest young scholars in the A&S junior class are honored by the Dean of A&S as Deans' Scholars. They are selected on the basis of their overall academic performance, the recommendations from their departmental faculty, their co-curricular initiatives, and the sense of purpose with which they approach their future.

Tori Luu
Francesca McCaffrey
Marye Moran
Alison Wawrzynek

Sophomore Scholars

Each year the most academically distinguished members of the sophomore class are honored as Sophomore Scholars. The young scholars listed below have achieved an academic ranking that places them in

Momentum Award

At the end of each academic year, the editorial board of The Heights selects six winners of Momentum Awards and one Person of the Year award. The awards are given to students, faculty or other members of the Boston College community who have given back a great deal to the University throughout the year, and in some cases for many years beforehand. The awards are meant to highlight the contributions of individuals at various levels of University life, from academics, to culture, to athletics, etc. These awards recognize the accomplishments and contributions of seven members of the BC community who have made the biggest contributions to the University.

Rachel Newmiller '13

Advanced Study Grant Winners

The Boston College Advanced Study Grants were established to encourage, support, and give visible have that special spark of scholarly initiative and imagination. Advanced Study Grants are for student-designed projects and are awarded for summer “skill of study.

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Lucas Allen, A&S '16

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Frank DiRenno, A&S '15

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Commencement Awards

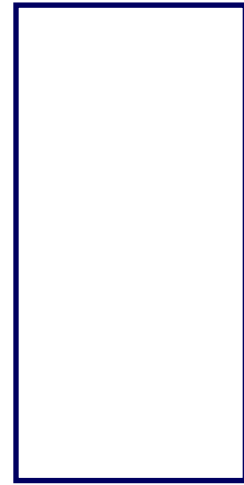
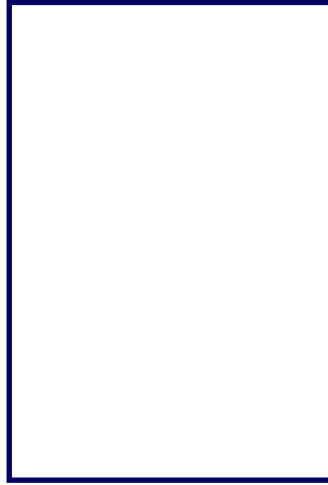
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John J. Neuhauser Award in Computer Science

An award given to the senior in the College of Arts and Sciences who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in computer science.

Helen Jiang

Wall Street Council Tribute Dinner



On the morning of April 26th, the Class of 2013 and Program Administrators enjoyed the city by walking to lunch at Brasserie. Photos taken by Andrea Gatti.

Congratulations, Class of 2013!

On April 25th, senior Scholars, PSP Director Fr. Jim Keenan, Associate Director Jennie Thomas and Adminis-

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