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Incoming Scholars bond on Thompson Island

Freshman Scholars begin their careers by taking part in an overnight ropes program run by Outward Bound on Thompson Island in Boston Harbor. After arriving on campus during the week before classes begin, and accompanied by Scholars from the upper classes, and the graduate assistant, they engage in a range of activities designed to promote a sense of camaraderie among the group, to encourage in them the habit of pushing themselves beyond the boundaries of their comfort zones, to help them realize that they are capable of achieving more than they think they are, and to emphasize that leadership can be done from within a group as well as at the head of one, all qualities that we seek to nurture in Presidential Scholars. Rachel Newmiller, a member of the Class of 2013, recalls her experience on Thompson Island.

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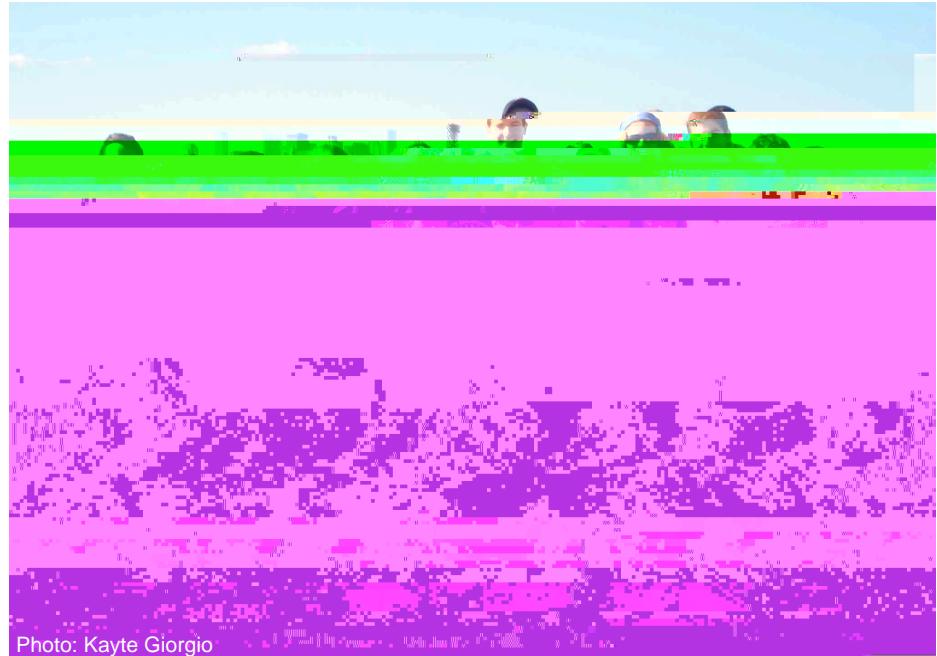


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Scholars pose on the dock at Thompson Island before their departure.

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Summer Experiences

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Scholars attempt to sail their raft around a buoy in Boston Harbor.

Summer Experiences

Sophomores gain international perspective in France

The Jesuit mission has always had a global perspective, with Jesuits living and working on virtually all continents as scholars, teachers, and missionaries. Plunged into unfamiliar cultures, they adopted the habit of beginning by observing closely and listening attentively to the voices of the societies and cultures in which they found themselves to better understand how best to serve them. Presidential Scholars, while not missionaries in the same sense, will inevitably find themselves exercising their professional skills in far-flung parts of the global village. As an initial step in learning how to analyze a society, in the summer following their freshman year, Presidential Scholars participate in a month-long interdisciplinary study trip to France.



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Along with many historic and beautiful sites, Scholars also visited the European Parliament to gain insight about how the governing body operates.

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Summer Experiences

Hands-on service experience abroad

By Ana Mascagni, A&S '10

I spent my summer as a social work intern at Jesuit Refugee Service in Lisbon, Portugal. JRS is an international organization that works to accompany, serve, and defend refugees, forcibly displaced peoples, and immigrants worldwide. In Lisbon, I worked at the program's Centro Pedro Arrupe, a temporary homeless shelter that accommodates roughly 30 men, women, and children from Africa, Latin America, Eastern Europe, and Asia. This description, however, fails to do justice to the incredibly enriching experience I had.

From my first week at JRS, I was welcomed by the staff, my opinions were solicited, and my doubts and critiques were heard. I contributed to discussions about which candidates to accept into the shelter, about how to mediate conflicts between residents, and about much time residents should remain in the shelter. I

was impressed by how much weight was given to these decisions, as we assessed the costs and benefits of allowing a recovering drug addict who introduced many risks, into the shelter, but who also was in terrible need of our services. The opportunity to actively participate in major debates regarding the shelter and its residents challenged me, forcing me to carefully consider complex situations and to learn to live with the responsibility of making decisions that affect other people's lives.

It was an amazingly engaging and hands-on experience, as my unpredictable days included participating in the administrative decision-making process and addressing issues brought up directly by the residents. It was undoubtedly one of the biggest challenges I have had. I remember my anxiety as I attempted to mediate household conflicts between residents of diverse backgrounds and experiences, from the Chinese cook to the farmer from

Guinea-Bissau, and my hesitation as I tried to tactfully reproach a neglectful mother.

It was also one of the most rewarding experiences I have had, and I felt immense personal satisfaction when, after two months of negotiations, I received a birth certificate from Benin for one of our undocumented residents. The document was a necessary first step in his extraordinary asylum suit.

As I begin my career in Social Work, I am certain that my experience at JRS will prove invaluable, equipping me with necessary skills to working with people in similar settings and, perhaps more importantly, preparing me personally to deal with emotionally difficult situations. I will always remember hearing our executive director say, amid discussions about controversial residents, "We are the Jesuit Refugee Services- we must serve those who need us most. If we do not, no one else will."

Seniors share diverse internships with Scholars

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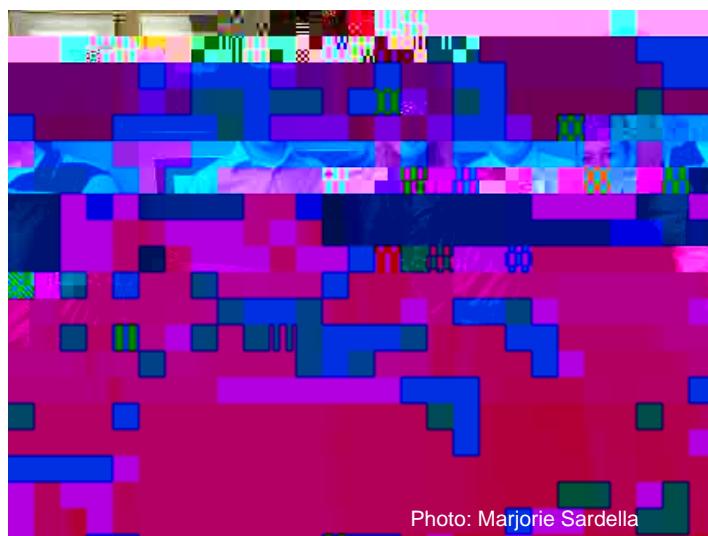


Photo: Marjorie Sardella

Senior pose together after presenting about each of their unique and enriching summer work experiences.

Summer Experiences

Working for the White House

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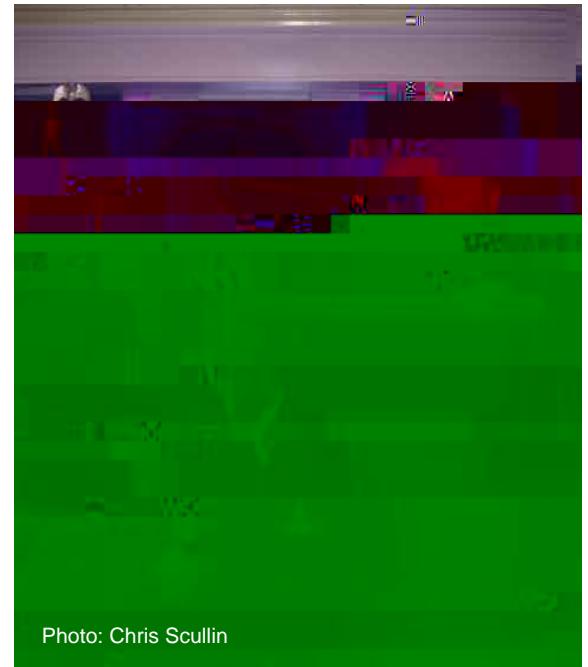


Photo: Chris Scullin

Senior Chris Scullin poses in front of the White House press conference podium.

Summer Experiences

Boston College's Advanced Study Grants program provides funding, primarily to students in the summer following their first or second year, to support independent research projects or to enable them to develop tools necessary for future research, such as advanced language skills. During the summer of 2009, eight first- and second-year Presidential Scholars were awarded Advanced Study Grants to support projects ranging from production of a film documenting the Conditions of Human Trafficking in New York and San Francisco, to intensive Arabic language study and conflict-resolution research in Lebanon. This brings to thirty-two the number of Advanced Study Grants won by Presidential Scholars over the past four years. The following article recounts the experiences of Ola Jachtorowicz, a biochemistry major and environmental studies minor from the Class of 2012.

Compost, Cacao, and Constellations: An Ecuadorian Experience



Photo: Ola Jachtorowicz

Ola Jachtorowicz poses in front of the Jatun Sacha Reserve entrance, a rain forest preservation project in Ecuador where she spent part of her summer.

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Summer Experiences

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Scholars lend a hand to Campus School event



Freshmen proudly display a banner they made with campus school students and event participants.

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"An ever iconic site, students capture the essence of Paris while posing at sunset in front of the brightly lit Eiffel Tower.

Welcome reception introduces new faces to PSP

To mark the beginning of another school year, the Program held its annual welcome reception on September 15, 2009. Current Scholars were joined by alumni and faculty for dinner followed by a slideshow presentation compiled by Marjorie Sardella to highlight last summer's France trip. Fr. Neenan, S.J. then addressed the audience, offering words of wisdom, along with some unusual bits of history. The reception also served as an opportunity to introduce the Presidential Scholars Class of 2013 to other members of the Program, while reacquainting returning Scholars.

The PSP Class of 2013

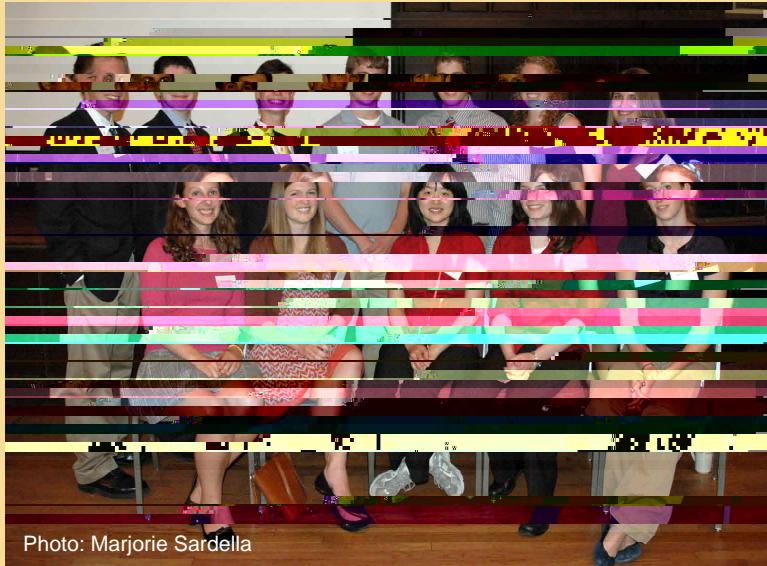


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Alumni in the News

Ari Shapiro (PSP '01, PhD, MIT-Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute) was profiled in a Chronicle of Higher Education interview article ("Academic to Radio Producer") in which he spoke of his shift from marine biological research to producing stories about science, which appear regularly on such media as Atlantic Public Media, NPR's The World and All Things Considered. You can listen and read Ari's blog at <http://aridanielshapiro.wordpress.com/>

Andrew Frey (PSP '01, JD Michigan Law School 2004), an associate in the Land Use Group at Akerman Senterfitt in Miami, is once again the organizer for "DawnTown Miami," the prestigious annual international architecture competition for Downtown Miami. This year's topic is a new station for Downtown Miami's elevated public transportation system, Metromover. Andrew proposed and initiated the competition in 2007 and has run it since then.

Gary Gabor (PSP '02), currently pursuing his doctorate in philosophy at Fordham University, has been awarded a J. William Fulbright Student Grant, enabling him to travel to Belgium to prepare a critically annotated translation of Boethius' "Commentary on Porphyry's *Isagoge*," an influential early medieval text.

Will Dowd (PSP '06), is finishing his Master of Fine Arts degree at New York University supported by a Jacob K. Javits Fellowship. His short story, "The First Session," one of two runners-up in round two of National Public Radio's "Three Minute Fiction" contest, was a humorous piece dealing with a

frustrating marital counseling session in which the husband – a physicist – exhibited quantum behavior that made it impossible for there to be a definitive answer to any questions posed to him. Prior to attending NYU, Will earned a masters' degree in the MIT Graduate Program in Science Writing.

Marisa (Cochrane) Sullivan (PSP '07) took a leave from her position at the Institute for the Study of War in Washington, DC, to travel to Baghdad, where she served as Command Historian of Multi-National Force-Iraq. As the official and only MNF-I historian, she attended high-level briefings, conduct interviews, and interact with all areas of MNF-I (which is the highest echelon of command in Iraq and is currently led by General Odierno). She also wrote the MNF-I quarterly history report, which was sent to the US Central Command upon completion.

Patricia Noonan (PSP '07), who made her New York City stage debut soon after graduation in *Man of La Mancha* and *Ragtime*, and later toured with *Little House on the Prairie*, performed the role of Julie Jordan in last summer's production of *Carousel* at the Barrington Stage Company, an award-winning Equity theatre in Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

Pilar Landon (PSP '09) is a member of Teach For America. After attending the TFA Summer Institute ("Teacher Boot Camp") in Chicago, she obtained a position at Gary Comer College Prep, a charter school where she will teach mathematics to 9th graders. Pilar writes that, "Teaching has taught me to find joy in small successes, to take ownership over student achievement, to assume responsibility over student shortcomings, to look for ways to frame every negative as an asset, and to be flexible."

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Bread for the Journey

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[W]alking meditations are conventionally undertaken by monks within the confines of cloistered grounds, and a city resembles a cloister in close to nothing ... [However, we], too, need to see our life not merely as some frantic machine of power but as an elegant vessel of striving, talent, grace, and occasionally transcendent purpose ... [W]hat matters to my understanding is the same thing that matters on the mountaintops of France or to the Trappists of Kentucky. The setting is immaterial. To be at rest is to observe the bones of God's work through man in the world laid bare. To be at rest is to see with clarified vision. And this vision forces me to contemplate not what I am meant to do with my days in this place on earth, but what I am meant to be ... To what, here and now, am I to be faithful?

-Kathleen Hirsch, *A Home in the Heart of a City*