The Political Science department extends heartfelt congratulations to the 30 Political Science majors who graduated in May 2010. These new alumni were honored at the joint annual Political Science-History-Economics-International Relations graduation party. Faculty, staff, and parents gathered to celebrate students’ achievements.

Of the department’s 30 graduated students, one major graduated summa cum laude, one graduated magna cum laude, and eight earned cum laude. One student graduated with General Honors. Jacob L. Crocket and James McGraw were inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. Two seniors earned double majors: William Hendrick, with Economics, and James McGraw, with English. Political Science majors earned the following minors: Asian Studies (1), Business Administration (4), English (2), Faith-Justice Studies (1), Gender Studies (1), Health Care Ethics (1), History (1), Latin American Studies (1), Marketing (2).

At the awards ceremony, two of our majors going on to law school received awards, the Kenneth L. Mines Award (William Hendrick) and the Law Alumni Association Award (Jacob Crocket). In addition, James McGraw earned the Gender Studies Award. Caitlin Reusche was selected for the prestigious Teach for America program and will be teaching in Colorado.

A total of 17 students in the class of 2010 participated in some form of experiential learning, a 56.7% participation rate. These programs include: Washington Internship (6), Study Abroad (4 to Belgium, London, Madrid, Rome: 2 participated in programs with internships) Model EU (4), Philadelphia Internship (4). One student participated in study abroad and Model EU.

There’s no doubt that this class is ready to change the world! We are very proud of their accomplishments. We will also miss them and wish them continued success. And don’t forget Hawks of 2010: your faculty always remember you and are interested in hearing from you, so please keep in touch!

~ Faculty, Staff and Students,
Political Science Department

Congratulations Class of 2010!

Welcome to the inaugural issue of the Political Science Department Newsletter! We look forward to producing multiple issues a year to allow prospective students, majors, parents, alumni, and friends to learn more about our plans and accomplishments.

We have just finished a great year. The Department welcomed a new faculty member, Dr. Becki Scola, to its ranks. Dr. Scola came to us from the University of California, Irvine, and she is a specialist on gender, race, and ethnicity in American politics. As part of their coursework Dr. Scola’s students attended the Cap and Bells’ production White People and organized their own discussion about the racial climate on campus.

The Department has also benefited enormously from the continued support of the Karen and Ronald Thomas Political Science Lecture Fund. Through the Thomas’ generosity, as well as the hard work of Drs. Kaz Fukuoka and Graham Lee, the Department was able to bring several engaging speakers to campus. See the Retrospect feature on the back page for the list of speakers. Dr. Joes also tapped the Thomas fund to support visits of alumni working in the national intelligence and defense bureaucracies.

The Department has great plans for continuing its efforts to link students to alumni and to encourage conversations about politics and world affairs between and among students, faculty, and accomplished visitors. Please let us know if you have ideas for events or if you would like to volunteer to be part of a program.

All the best for a happy and restful summer,

~ Lisa Baglione

~ Faculty, Staff and Students,
Political Science Department
Dr. Anthony James Joes commemorated 40 years of service to Saint Joseph's University at the annual Decades of Service ceremony on January 26, 2010. Here is a tribute to Dr. Joes by Dr. Lisa Baglione, the Chair of the Department:

“What can Dr. Joes really be celebrating four decades of service? He seems far too young! He’s actually been a presence on campus even longer, as he graduated from Saint Joseph’s College in 1965 and joined the faculty in 1969. Tony brought a new major, International Relations, to SJU in 1972 and directed that program until 2002. He has served SJU in other prominent ways: as Chair of the Political Science Department (1991-1995); Chair of the Board on Faculty Research; Chair of the Standing Committee on Faculty Affairs; and a four-year member of the Board of Rank and Tenure.

Most who know Tony know that he is both a prolific author and beloved teacher. He is a sought-after speaker for government agencies and prominent think tanks, including the Central Intelligence Agency, the US Army War College, the US Naval War College and the RAND Corporation. Dr. Joes’ 14th book, Victorious Insurgency is now available for preorder.

Complementing his impressive scholarly achievements and significant policy influence, Tony is an incredibly popular teacher who builds strong relationships with his students and bonds that last over time. He is truly a “teacher-scholar” who seeks to engage and energize students in their study of comparative politics and security issues. Tony has developed numerous highly popular and extremely relevant classes. For his knowledge of and enthusiasm towards his subject matter and his concern for students, Dr. Joes received the Lindback Award, a lifetime honor for distinguished teaching, as well as the Tengelmann Award for lifetime achievement in both research and teaching.

Even more impressive are the strong ties that Tony develops with his students and the work he has done to help them embark on careers in intelligence and foreign affairs. Anthony James Joes has certainly made his mark at SJU, the scholarly debate, the policy discussions in Washington, and the lives of our students. Congratulations, Tony, on four remarkable decades — can we expect at least two more?”

If you are an upperclassman or a recent graduate, you will recognize Meaghan Sprout ’10, who spent her four years at SJU as a work-study in the Political Science Department. Meaghan’s only semester away from the department was in Spring 2009, when she studied in London.

Meaghan graduated in May 2010, and has returned home to Harrisburg to work. We caught up with her recently for an interview:

**What was it like working in the department for all 4 years at SJU?**

It was great, allowing me to establish relationships with my professors outside of the classroom. The addition of Marge as the department’s administrator during the Spring of my freshman year was a huge asset: a grad student herself, she understood the need for flexibility in creating my work schedule, and knew what administrative skills would look the most desirable on my resume. Also, all the personalities in the department prepared me for the different people I am encountering in my office now! Over the four years, the department became my home away from home.

**You graduated! What are you up to now?**

I am currently working as a lobbyist for the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP) in Harrisburg, a statewide, nonprofit association representing the commissioners, chief clerks, solicitors and administrators of Pennsylvania’s sixty-seven counties.

**How did you get there?**

I experienced a long and stressful job hunt. I began applying for jobs along the east coast in early December. As months passed with no responses I expanded my search nationwide and to different fields. In March, I stumbled across a job posting by CCAP and immediately applied, but did not hear from them for over a month. Eventually, after completing interviews they offered me a position a week before graduation!

**What’s “a day in the life of Meaghan Sprout” like these days?**

Until the final passage of the state budget, I spent most of my time monitoring and advocating for legislation, writing articles for our biweekly newsletter, drafting testimony that our members provided at Senate and House Committee hearings, and acting as a liaison between our members and the state legislature. I will now be analyzing the impact that the state budget and recent federal legislation will have on county government. I will also travel to areas affected by the Marcellus Shale natural gas drilling to research the future costs for counties.

**What were the most important experiences for you in college?**

I treasure the times when I was exposed to new people, places, and ideas the most. I enjoyed my four years on the club field hockey team. As much as I loved SJU, some of my best times were spent away, Kentucky through the Appalachian Experience and in London on study abroad.

**What advice would you have for a Political Science major?**

Internships! I am from Harrisburg, so I was lucky to have the opportunity to complete three internships related to state government during the summers I was home. I also interned for credit while in London. At the time I was upset about missing out on summer vacation by working an unpaid internship and a second job at night, but now I realize how vital those experiences were for me in securing the job I have now and dictating my future career goals.
Pi Sigma Alpha is the National Political Science Honor Society. The Saint Joseph’s University Chapter, Eta Nu, was started in 1976, with 34 student and faculty inductees. Membership is by invitation, and students are inducted annually in late April.

Pi Sigma Alpha members mentor underclassmen and organize events and activities for the Political Science Department.
Faculty Highlights

- Dr. Anthony Joes and Dr. Lisa Baglione mentored Summer Scholars in 2009. Dr. Joes worked with Andrew McNamara (IR), and Dr. Baglione mentored JoAnn Lopez (POL) and Mary Mitchell (IR).
- Two of our faculty served as Honors theses mentors. William Forest Hendrick, a double major with ECN, wrote a Departmental Honors thesis for which Dr. Joes served as a second reader. Dr. Kazuya Fukuoka served as the second reader for University Scholar Daniel P.M. Corzon’s thesis.
- The Department brought Dr. Becki Scola on board. She added two new upper divisions that will contribute to the diversity offerings at the University. Dr. Scola has made her presence known on campus, contributing to campus discussions on race. She has empowered students and enlisted them in her research work. Like all her departmental predecessors after their first years, she earned a summer research grant to support this summer’s (2010) project.
- Dr. Kazuya Fukuoka won a competitive fellowship giving him access to the East Asian Studies collections at the University of Pittsburgh’s libraries. He is taking advantage of this wonderful opportunity this summer.

Department Events

- The Department hosted “Welcome/Welcome back” parties at the beginning of the fall semester, as well as the annual holiday party in December, and the Graduation Reception for graduates and their friends and family held on graduation day.
- We also sponsored two evenings in which recent alumni came back to share their career experiences and to provide encouragement to students. Returning alumni included Eileen Monaghan (2002), Kera Walter (2004), Eugene Lepore (2004), and Sarah Morgan (2004, IR) in the fall program, and Scott Sikorski (2003), Candice Harris (2004, IR), and Diana Silva (2006, IR) in the spring.
- A graduate school panel was also held in the fall semester hosted by Dr. Lisa Baglione and Dr. Benjamin Liebman (Economics, IR)

Thomas Fund Highlights

Lectures: The Department held many successful lectures thanks to the Karen and Ronald Thomas Political Science Lecture Fund this year.

- Dr. Han S. Park, an expert on the Korean conflict and a participant in the negotiations last summer that led to the freeing of the two American journalists being held in North Korea, gave a formal talk and small seminar on North Korea’s nuclear aspirations.
- Japanese Ambassador Ichiro Fujisaki, spoke to an overflow crowd of more than 200 people about the Japanese-American relationship at a time when Japan is rethinking the nature of its long-standing US alliance
- Dr. Jeffrey Hahn, Russian specialist from Villanova University reflected on Gorbachev's reforms and intentions as a lens for interpreting the state of contemporary Russia.
- Dr. G. Terry Madonna, a nationally recognized political pollster and Director of the Center for Politics and Public Affairs at Franklin and Marshall College Poll, provided analysis of the political climate in Pennsylvania, the governor, US Senate and congressional elections, and the state budget debate.

Scholarships: The Thomas Fund also awarded students with scholarships to support study abroad experiences in Spring 2010

- Alyssa Ryan ‘11, for study in London, England, where she took courses and interned for a Member of Parliament.
- Frederick Roth ‘11, for study in Leuven, Belgium, where he took courses on the European Union and interned in the EU Parliament.

Student Highlights

- James McGraw ’10, the President of Villiger Debate, led his team to impressive finishes at two different national tournaments. Mr. McGraw earned multiple top-place finishes and ends his career as one of the most decorated Villiger veterans of all time.
- Jacob L. Crocket ‘10 and James McGraw ‘10 were inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. JoAnn Lopez ‘11 was one of the few juniors who were inducted into the society.
- Samantha Z. Koch ‘11 was elected Editor in Chief of The Hawk, the student newspaper.
- JoAnn Lopez ‘11 was inducted into Alpha Sigma Nu as a junior and will be the Vice President of the organization for AY 2010-11.