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On October 1, 2013, the Department, in conjunction with the Career Development Center (CDC), held its first annual Networking Night for the Law and Public Affairs. The turnout was great, with more than sixty students (from many different majors) and faculty attending. And what drew them to Doyle Banquet Hall? Multiple alums who agreed to give up their time, talk with students about opportunities in their field, and impart their wisdom about the career development journey. We were so lucky to have Sean Kelly (IR, 2009) – the Jesuit Refugee Service, Sam Koch (2011) - The Clery Center, Scarlett McCahill (2006) – Project Home, Kelley Powell (2011) – Senator Barbara Mikulksi’s Office, and Alyssa Ryan (2011) – Quality Progressions, in addition to representatives from the FBI and Office of Personnel Management, among others. (Scott Sikorski, (IR 2002) had intended to come but was delayed in Harrisburg as the State Senate was in the process of making some important decisions. He is a top aide to Senator Jake Corman.)

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The event opened with CDC staff asking students to prepare their elevator speech and then encouraging them to approach our guests. The evening proceeded very smoothly, with students asking many questions and getting great advice from our alums. In fact, according to Caley Rolt (2016), this “was a new experience for me [because it] was all networking, talking, asking questions and more. I found that I really enjoyed it, especially because everyone who came to the event wanted to be there, wanted to talk to me (an IR major), and wanted to answer questions.” A senior History major who has taken many POL classes, Brian Mahoney, expressed similar sentiments, saying “I thought was incredibly helpful because I was able to get information on possible careers, but because I had the opportunity to talk to recent graduates who had experience in turning their liberal arts education into careers.”

Alums found the interaction worthwhile, too. Most had not graduated too long ago and could both identify with and wanted to help the students. As Sean Kelly reflected, “when I started my professional life after college, I had to very quickly learn how to network and reach out to people I didn't know in order to find opportunities. That was a difficult lesson to learn. I wish that I had taken advantage of chances to do that while in college.” Alyssa Ryan, now a Communications Director, reinforced the importance of these networking nights and remarked that "one of the best things about being a political science major is the sense of community that's fostered within the department….As a recent graduate, I'm lucky to have been on both ends of the table, and I'm excited to bring current Hawks into my organization." Of course, faculty enjoyed seeing old friends and putting students together with the alums. In addition to the formal networking portion, faculty, students, and alums took some time afterwards to chat. As Social Enterprise Manager Scarlett McCa-hill noted, "It was a great use of an hour or two to meet interesting and ambitious students and alums interested in the fields of public service, advocacy, law, law enforcement, and peace-making. Several students commented to me that the mix-and-mingle format of the evening was more open and friendly than they expected”.

Students reiterated that sentiment in post-event comments, underlining how worthwhile they found the gathering.

For those who missed this event, the CDC is sponsoring four additional Networking Nights — Marketing & Communications, Social Services, Science & Health, and Education— this spring. Even if you think you’re not interested in these industries, you will be surprised to learn how well your skills transfer and what exciting opportunities exist. Plus, this kind of interaction with alums is very valuable. So, take advantage of these opportunities to practice talking to people and to build your network.

Next year, we will have another one devoted to Public Service and the Law. So be on the lookout for the event, and get ready to network!
On October 29, 2013, the Political Science Department, along with the Provost’s Office, Phi Beta Kappa, and SJU Reads will commemorate Constitution Day. “Handguns, Freedom, and Violence: The Supreme Court in Action” will reenact the oral arguments to the Supreme Court in the case of District of Columbia v. Heller (the case that made individuals owning guns an individual “right”) Faculty, students, and alumni will play the attorneys (Susan Liebell and Rob Moore) and Supreme Court justices (Lisa Baglione, Brian Kisielewski, Betsy Linehan, Bill McDevitt, Regina Robson, Becki Scola, Diana Silva). We’ll recreate the case for 20-30 minutes and then have a lively discussion about gun rights and gun violence. Come to North Lounge from 11-12:15 and be part of this historic event! Lunch will be served, too, so you can’t lose.

Remember, that Dr. Gioioso, on behalf of the Department and the IR Program, has been facilitating a Tuesday get together (during free period, 11-12:15 in B/L 112C) to discuss “The World Next Week,” a podcast of the Council on Foreign Relations. Anyone is welcome (but please listen before you come at http://feeds.cfr.org/publication/twnw), and be ready to share your reflections on world events with students, staff, and faculty. Food and drink are always provided.

Special Courses on the Horizon:

⇒ January 2014 – Dr. Scola’s POL 209 “Advising the President” ~ If you need an additional course, this one is great. In an interactive setting, you learn about the Presidency and ultimately provide strategy and advice for the first female President.

⇒ Spring 2014 - Study Tour with Dr. Gioioso. Dr. Gioioso will be teaching the new class POL 337 “Contemporary Cuban Politics and Society.” You will spend the semester learning about Cuba, and after graduation, you will travel to that island to see for yourself. This course has an additional fee and an application process, so look for information about signing up.

⇒ Spring 2014 - Many of you already know that you can earn upper division POL or IR credit for an internship with POL 491. You might not know, however, that the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia is looking for SJU students to be mentors and teachers for a middle school Model UN team from Philadelphia. This is a great opportunity to use and further develop your teaching skills, as well as to learn more about a particular country and the UN. A great experience for those of you who want to gain leadership, teaching, and/or service experience while also earning course credit. For more information, contact Dr. Liebell.

⇒ Summer 2014 – POL 338 (New Course): “Democracy: Perspectives from Rome.” Travel to Rome with Dr. Scola and learn about democracy in theory and in practice, comparing the Italian variant to what we experience in the US.
Pre-Registering is coming — late October

Remember to take this opportunity to think about your future and prepare wisely for choosing your courses. Make an appointment with your advisor, get your unofficial transcript, and fill out your advising form. The advising form asks you to think about what you want to do – study abroad? go to Washington? do a Philadelphia Internship? consider graduate school or law school? Be smart by being prepared, and the faculty will enjoy talking to you about your plans. Look for sign-up sheets on your advisor’s door. Bring with you your Pre-Registration Advising form [link] and curriculum worksheet [link] (both filled out, of course)

We have renamed the “Introduction to Research Methods” courses. They are now called “Sophomore Seminars” and have a more descriptive name after their colon. So, those of you who are sophomores (or juniors who haven’t taken the course yet), sign up for either POL 201 OR 231. And of course, seniors, be sure you complete your senior seminar this semester.

Spring 2014, Undergraduate Day Courses
With POL Instructors

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A New Face on the 2nd Floor of Barbelin

The Department is thrilled to have a new member of the shared administrative support team. Mrs. Camille Piccone is our new Office Assistant, helping both Computer Science and Political Science handle their many affairs.

Camille comes to St. Joe’s as a seasoned professional with extensive experience in the administrative profession, providing comprehensive support for executive-level staff both in the corporate environment and in the private sector, including non-profit organizations. Before coming to St. Joe’s, her past position gave her the extraordinary experience of working one on one with children with disabilities, mostly children with autism, their families and their support staff. She has also had the opportunity to train service dogs for the mobility impaired and has trained and worked with her own dogs (past and present) as therapy dogs.

She shares her life with her husband Richard and her two “boys” (lab retriever mixes), her daughter, soon to be son-in-law and a new 4 yr. old grandson and her son and his girlfriend who live in Portland, Oregon. In her pastime, she spends time at the gym, loves to run, practice yoga, work in her organic garden, read, and spend weekends at the beach taking long walks, biking, kayaking and spending time with family and friends. A big goal in her life is to continue her education, here at SJU, in the near future. If you ask Camille how she has liked her time here so far, her answer is always the same, “I just love to come to work each day in such a beautiful environment and work with some very talented and nice people, including our students.”

So, come by B/L 209 on a Tuesday or Friday and say hello to Camille. She would love to meet you.

Alumni News.....

Maria Selde ‘12 was recently offered a position with the World Leadership School as a Program Coordinator. She started October 1st and loves it!

Brian Johnson ‘12 recently finished a year as a paralegal with Costigan and Costigan, LLC in center city, Philadelphia and is now in his first year at Temple University Law School.

Jason Reinbold ‘11 and former President of the SJU College Republicans, recently won the Republican primary in his township contest. He will be running for the Green Township committee this fall.
A Message from the PSA President

Greetings everyone!

It is my hope that this semester has been a successful one thus far for each of you. It’s hard to believe that time is moving this fast; at this rate, it will be winter break before we know it.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce the executive board of Pi Sima Alpha, the Political Science Honors Society:

- President: Anna Ryan
- First Vice President: Stacey Terlik
- Second Vice President: Salvatore Corasaniti
- Treasurer: Felicia Carter
- Recording Secretary: Andrew Rusnak
- Corresponding Secretary: Erin Rogers

In an effort to make the most of this year—as students, educators, peers, friends, and colleagues—PSA is planning a number of events to promote community within the Political Science and International Relations departments. This fall, be on the lookout for a 21+ happy hour at Landmark, a pizza social around registration time, department-run Quizzo, and other networking events that are still in the works. PSA will also be continuing with a senior-freshman mentorship initiative begun last year, grouping department freshmen with a senior who will be available for guidance and support. We have much to learn from one another, and PSA looks forward to providing some opportunities to do so.

Please join us at these events! Take advantage of the time we have together to learn, network, and grow. If you are interested in being involved in event planning or if you have any suggestions for other initiatives, please feel free to contact me (anna.ryan@sju.edu). PSA would love to hear from you so that we might make your experience this year the most rewarding it can be.

We look forward to a wonderful year with all of you.

Anna Ryan, ’14
President,
Pi Sigma Alpha—Eta Nu Chapter.