

Wagner School Alumni eNews – August, 2004

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TOP STORIES

WAGNER PROF PAUL LIGHT FEATURED IN THE NEW YORKER

Wagner professor Paul Light was featured in the July 26th issue of The New Yorker. The piece, in the magazine's Talk of the Town section, shed light on Light's deep, dark academic secret: He's actually an expert on the vice presidency. Read the story: http://www.newyorker.com/talk/content/?040726ta_talk_mcgrath.

WAGNER TO LAUNCH RE-DESIGNED WEBSITE

What's almost as good as Wagner getting a new home? A new home-page! Wagner's entire website has gone through an extensive redesign over the last six months, and happily, the new site will launch in the not too distant future. With a whole new look, and new features like animated banners and rotating alumni and student profiles, the new website strives to reflect the changing and dynamic spirit of the Wagner School. We even got ourselves a new web address – <http://wagner.nyu.edu> – don't forget to bookmark it! Check the site next week to see the newest incarnation of Wagner.

For all of the latest Wagner News, please visit <http://wagner.nyu.edu>, and click on "News".

EVENTS AND REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS FOR AUGUST/SEPTEMBER:

Talks, Receptions and Seminars

Aug. 27, 5:30 to 8:30 pm – Happy Hour with the Wagner Alumni Association at Chevy's Fresh Mex in Lower Manhattan

Aug. 29 & 30 – New Student Retreat

Sept. 23, TBD – Puck Grand Opening Celebration - SAVE THE DATE!

Sept. 29, 8 to 10 am – PUBLIC SERVICE TODAY: Getting Serious about Board Development with Charlie Whelan of the Whelan Group and Muzzy Rosenblatt, '92, Executive Director of the Bowery Residents Committee

Office of Career Services

Sept. 22, 6 to 8 pm – Resume and Cover Letter Writing Workshop
Sept. 28, 6 to 8 pm – Interviewing and Salary Negotiation Workshop

For detailed location and RSVP information, as well as a complete listing of events, please visit <http://www.nyu.edu/wagner/calendars/>. Click on the “Wagner Alumni” calendar.

WAGNER ANNUAL FUND

WE'RE ALMOST THERE: As of Friday, July 30th, over 750 Wagner Alumni and Friends had contributed almost \$200K toward our Annual Fund Goal of \$250K, for the fiscal year ending August 31st.

As a special end-of-year incentive, all alumni donors who give between August 2nd and 31st will be entered in a drawing for Museum of Modern Art Queens Ticket Vouchers (good through Sept. 27th), courtesy of WAA Vice President for Development, Susie Lew Wang – be one of the lucky three and be sure to make your donation today!

Gifts help the Wagner School provide student scholarships, enhance academic programs, and attract and retain the best faculty. Gifts also entitle you to many of the programs provided by both Wagner and the NYU Alumni Association. Contributions of \$250 or higher make you a Friend of Wagner and gifts of \$1,000 and higher make you a member of the Wagner Dean's Circle, both of which recognize their members in the *Wagner Update* and through special events and activities. But, if giving at these levels is not possible, an Annual Fund contribution at any level would be greatly appreciated. Not only is any donation a wonderful financial contribution, but it also increases Wagner's giving participation rate, which Wagner can leverage when talking to foundations and other potential funders about larger gifts. Every gift counts.

You can make tax-deductible donations by check, credit card or online at https://www.nyu.edu/alumni/giving/gift_form.shtml. Anytime you make a contribution, please indicate that the gift should go to NYU Wagner.

THANK YOU for the difference you make through your commitment to Wagner.

DID YOU KNOW?

DANIELA ARREDONDO (MPA '03) works for Gundersen Partners, an executive search firm with a focus in marketing that works across different industries, including the non-profit area. Daniela is currently supporting the search process for the Vice President of National Resource Development at the Boys and Girls Club. For more information on Daniela's organization, please visit www.gundersenpartners.com.

GREGORY HELLER (MPA '00) currently works for the New York State Senate Minority Leader, David A. Paterson and the NY Democratic Senate Campaign Committee (DSCC). The DSCC is involved in a number of senate campaigns around the state working to

elect democrats for the 35th, 34th, 38th, 23rd, and 49th Senatorial Districts. Gregory also works with downtownfordemocracy.org to raise hard and soft money to be used to engage voters in swing states and support progressive democratic federal candidates.

JAMES MCKISSIC (MPA '01) was recently promoted to Director of Public Education Programs at the Greater Chattanooga Urban League. Congratulations, James.

LITE OTOO (MPA '04) recently became a Research/Development Assistant in the International Education Systems Division of the Education Development Center, Inc. Lite's work is mainly in the program management area and she is currently working on two projects: the Uganda Program for Human and Holistic Development, which aims to address some of the health and education needs in Uganda through training, and the Sudan Interactive Radio project, which aims to address the lack of trained personnel through the use of interactive radio. Congratulations, Lite.

NOEL RUIZ (MPA '02) recently became Empire Blue Cross & Blue Shield's Senior Instructor for Learning Performance Support. Noel also is an Adjunct Instructor at Lehman College (CUNY) Health Science Department. Congratulations, Noel.

KANDI SHEJAVALI (MPA '98) serves as Assistant Editor for *In Focus*, the United Nations DP's International Poverty Center's bi-monthly bulletin which presents recent research findings on poverty and inequality in the developing world.

JOANNA STRAUB (MPA '00) was recently named the new Executive Director of the Volunteer Center of The United Way of Westchester and voted one of Westchester's top "40 under 40". Congratulations, Joanna.

In each Wagner School Alumni eNews issue, we will highlight alumni who are doing interesting work in the public sector. Please share with us at wagner.alumni@nyu.edu your professional comings and goings, and perhaps you'll be the next alumni "Did you know...!"

Tell a Friend and Tell Us

Please forward this edition of the Wagner School eNews to others who may be interested, and have them contact Lisa Annetta at wagner.alumni@nyu.edu to be added to the distribution list.

We also want to hear what you think of this newsletter and ideas on topics to be included in future issues. Please contact Lisa Annetta at wagner.alumni@nyu.edu to make your suggestions.