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Dean of Student Life, Susan Boswell, to Take On New Role: Special Adviser to the Vice Provost for Student Affairs
Effective July 1st, Dean of Student Life Susan Boswell will move into the new position of Special Adviser to the Vice Provost for Student Affairs. One of the areas on which Dean Boswell’s will focus in her new role is addressing sexual violence and fostering gender equity on campus. We are very excited about her willingness to take on this new role, given her expertise and enthusiasm for this issue. Read More

Changes to Academic Calendar
The next academic year (2014-2015) will see some changes in the academic calendar. Next fall semester, no classes will be held during the week of the Thanksgiving holiday. To accommodate this change, the fall semester will begin a few days earlier. The first day of classes in the fall will be August 28th. View the detailed academic calendar here. Also, effective next academic year, residence halls WILL be open through Thanksgiving and Spring Breaks. Students who plan to stay during these breaks must notify the Housing Office in advance. Please note that dining services and monitored common areas will not be available during these breaks.

Leadership Opportunities
Hopkins students are natural leaders. Fortunately, leadership opportunities abound! Students interested in learning to channel their leadership skills should check out the Center for Leadership Education (CLE’s) courses, including “Exploring Leadership for Hopkins Students who Want to Make a Difference,” a one-credit seminar for sophomores that will be offered next fall. They can start their own student-run businesses, or run for leadership positions in student groups, including the Center for Social Concern’s dozens of student-run volunteer organizations.

Exam Time Stress Relief
Nest Fest: May 2nd
After last year’s success, we’re once again celebrating the last day of classes with the Parents Fund-supported Nest Fest! This year’s concert will feature electronic dance music trio Krewella, at Pier 6 Pavilion by the Baltimore Harbor. There will be a picnic on campus, and the Center for Health Education and Wellness (CHEW) will host a fun afternoon on the Hopkins Beach including Stressbusters back rubs, games, and stress-relieving goodies.
Center for Health Education and Wellness (CHEW) Student Groups CHEW groups host smaller events throughout the semester to encourage students to make healthy choices and help them relax and have fun. Stressbusters provides free 5-minute back rubs at recurring events and can be booked for student group meetings. PEEPS (Preventative Education & Empowerment for Peers) are students trained to present health information to their peers and host events designed to allow students to discuss and explore health issues. CHEW also posts health tips and health-related research of interest to students on its blog. Check out CHEW’s other groups!
Spring Fair: April 25th-27th, 2014

Every year, the Parents-Fund-supported Spring Fair, one of the largest university festivals in the nation, brings JHU students, family, alumni, and the Baltimore community together on campus with kickoff fireworks, a carnival, hundreds of craft vendors, a concert, a beer garden (for those over 21), kids’ activities, and fair food. This year’s Spring Fair theme is superheroes and supervillains! The 2014 concert headliner will be J-Cole. Food vendors from all over the East Coast will line the Freshman Quad with Spring Fair classics like fried Oreos and Chicken on Stick, various Thai and Indian food vendors, and traditional fair food like funnel cakes and ice cream. Check the official website for updates on additional music and events.

Spring Semester Class-Wide Events

The Hopkins Parents Fund supports the Homewood Student Experience year-round with a variety of programs and initiatives to build community and Hopkins spirit among undergraduates. During the spring, the Parents Fund sponsors Signature Class Events fostering solidarity and lots of fun.

Freshman High Table
At this year’s annual High Table on March 4th, more than 600 freshmen joined more than 50 faculty and university administrators in academic regalia for a multi-course formal dinner with a delicious balance of silliness and solemnity, reminiscent of the British tradition of Formal Hall.

Sophomore Formal
More than 350 JHU sophomores enjoyed their class’s formal dance on March 13th at the National Aquarium in Baltimore Harbor, with a catered dinner, a DJ, and admission to the aquarium. It was a good opportunity for non-Greek-Life-affiliated students to enjoy a formal, and for sophomores to experience a bit of Baltimore!

Junior Class Moonlight Cruise
On April 17th, juniors celebrated the end of the year with a midnight boat cruise on the Inner Harbor.

MSEe-Ya Party
Graduating seniors dress up fancy to say goodbye to each other and to their undergraduate years in the most fitting place- the library! Appetizers and drinks (for those of age) will be served amid jazz music, giving seniors’ last few hours in the MSE Library a new, never-before-allowed context in which to celebrate the hard work they’ve done.

Spring Sports Highlights
This is another great season to be a Blue Jay! On Saturday, March 29th, 7 new members were inducted into the JHU Athletic Hall of Fame. Head coach of men's swimming, George Kennedy, was named number 36 in Fortune 500’s “The World’s 50 Greatest Leaders.” Junior Ana Bogdanovski was named NCAA Women’s Swimmer of the Year. Men's basketball advanced to the NCAA tournament after making Centennial Conference Champions, women's fencing are Eastern Women's Fencing Conference (EWFC) Champions for the fifth consecutive year, and the men's and women's track teams won Centennial Conference titles this winter. Senior Henry Stauber and junior Paul Bewak won 6th and 7th place in the wrestling NCAA Championships, and Bewak became the first JHU wrestler to reach the 100-win mark. Baseball coach Bob Babb became the ninth Blue Jay coach to reach his 1,000th career victory, with the 22-3 victory against St. Joseph's. Check out these and other Blue Jay sports stories here!
HopSeats
JHU surprised students coming back from Spring Break with HopSeats: neon chairs on the quads! HopSeats facilitate informal socializing and inject levity into the red-brick formality of campus. Encourage your students to relax with their friends outside and enjoy the spring weather. (Many of the HopSeats are right outside the library, so they don't even have to travel far to steal a sip of sunshine!)

Changes in Tuition for the Next Academic Year
For Homewood undergraduate students returning for the academic year beginning in August, the trustees have approved an increase in tuition of 3.5 percent, or $1,590, to $47,060. Room charges at Homewood are increasing 3.1 percent or less, some by 1 percent. All meal plan prices will increase 2.8 percent or less; some will even decline slightly. All 2014-2015 Homewood room and board charges are available online.
This will be the sixth consecutive year Johns Hopkins has held the Krieger and Whiting school tuition increase below 4 percent. Just as important, we are increasing our financial aid budget for undergraduates by more than twice as much in percentage terms, 8 percent, to an unprecedented $80 million. Packages for students on financial aid who are returning next year will be adjusted to reflect the new charges. If you believe that these increases may make your student eligible for aid for the first time, please follow the returning student financial aid application procedures at http://www.jhu.edu/finaid/return.html. More information on next year’s charges is available here.

IMPORTANT END-OF-SEMESTER DATES
Friday, May 2nd: Last Day of Classes
Saturday, May 3rd-Tuesday, May 6th: Reading Period (Regular Dining Hours)
Wednesday, May 7th-Thursday, May 15th: Final Examination Period
LAST MEALS SERVED ON CAMPUS:
-May 15th, 5-7PM: Buffet dinner at FFC
-May 16th, 7-9AM: Continental breakfast at FFC
Friday, May 16th: Residence Halls Close at Noon for All Students

Commencement:
Thursday, May 22, 2014, 8:40 AM - 12 Noon, Homewood Field
This year’s Commencement speaker for the University-wide ceremony will be Susan Wojcicki, CEO of YouTube! Check the Commencement website for updates and information about scheduling, parking, logistics, and commencement events.

PIN:100: 2013-14 Academic Year Update
“...we were so impressed with the 3 finalists that we’ve extended offers to all 3 (Hopkins students) rather than the 2 that we initially planned.” (NYC investment Management Company)
This is just one of the many success stories from the PIN:100 initiative. As of April 20th, 139 paid internship opportunities for undergraduate students were made available via J-Connect by

Hopkins parents. THANK YOU!
Participating parents made an impressive impact on the summer internship pool with a variety of work, diversity of
industry and global geographic reach of the companies. Parents Programs and the JHU Career Center will continue its collaboration in engaging parents in the continuing growth of PIN (Parents Internship Network). Never too early to start planning your company’s involvement for next summer - begin the process now.

Parents Fund contributions have made many of these events possible. Thank you for your support!