

NOVEMBER 2007

Greetings Parents!

We find ourselves here in Cumberland Hall more than half way through the semester, rapidly approaching December. Already, talk of final exams, term papers and plans for winter break fills the corridors. This seems to be the time when we stop, reflect and ask, where has the semester gone?

As a living-learning program, College Park Scholars has a lot to be thankful for this Fall 2007. This past August,



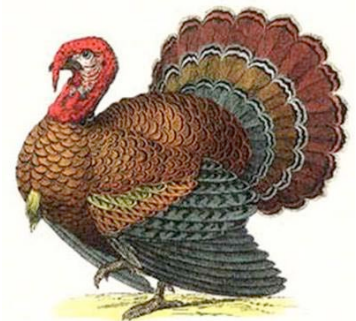
freshmen Scholars and many other volunteers to the program commenced the semester by serving local organizations as a community. This embodiment of the spirit of the Scholars' mission at the annual Service Day by faculty, staff and students set the tone for the semester. Trips to Capitol Hill and various service actions to help clean up the environment have continued to add to the legacy of involvement, community development and individual education that the Scholars program embodies. Programs like "From our Heart to Yours" provide holiday cheer to the less fortunate and have been moving reminders of what we work for in our community. I was powerfully reminded of the dedication and

commitment of my fellow Scholars when I attended this year's award ceremony in early November, honoring the students who poured so much of themselves into the community that they have come to love and serve.

At this time of the year, all over the nation, high school students are applying to colleges. Those of us at Scholars are proud to represent Maryland's largest living-learning program -- particularly one that puts such a strong emphasis on community. In light of this, Ken Joseph, Admissions Coordinator for College Park Scholars, shares a message in this newsletter to parents who have children that are applying to UM this year.

On behalf of the College Park Scholars faculty and staff, we wish you all a very happy and peaceful holiday over the upcoming weeks, and we will be in touch in December!

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To the Parents of Incoming Freshman for the class of 2008-09

Do you have a son or daughter applying to the University of Maryland this year for admission into the Fall, 2008, class of incoming freshmen? Do you think he or she might be interested in becoming a College Park Scholar? If so, let us know! The Scholars faculty and staff will be reviewing applications this winter, and you can help us by identifying potential future Scholars.



If you have a child who is in the process of applying to the university, remind her or him to submit the completed application for admission (parts I and II) to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions by December 1st, the university's priority deadline. Then, you should send your child's name and date of birth to Scholars' Admissions Coordinator, Ken Joseph (kajoseph@umd.edu). It is very important that you submit your child's name to Ken by December 3rd.

Awards Ceremony

On Friday, Nov. 9 in the Atrium of the Chemistry Building, College Park Scholars alumni were recognized for their accomplishments. Please visit our [website](#) to view the winners of the College Park Scholars Founders Awards, the Meghan Price Scholarship Award for Leadership and Public Service and the Outstanding Alumni Award. Although not published, the winners of the College Park Scholars Outstanding Achievement Awards recognized individuals from every program who served as model Scholars to both their immediate community and the greater campus community during their time in the program. The Patricia Mielke Citizenship Award recognizes the students who gave a significant amount of time, effort and support to their Scholars community. Sarah Todd,

Life Sciences scholar and winner of both the Mielke Citizenship Award and the Katherine McAdams Leadership Award said, "I feel really honored and excited to be recognized for all the work I've done in Scholars."

Residence Halls Closing Information

The last day of final exams for the Fall 2007 semester is Wednesday Dec. 19, 2007 and the North Campus Halls will close at 10:00 p.m. on this day. They will reopen at 10:00 a.m. on January 26, 2008, according to the Department of Resident Life. University offices will close for winter break from Dec. 25-31 and again on Jan. 1.



For further details, or information on South Campus Halls please visit [Resident Life's website](#).



Giving Back During the Holiday

The Department of Resident Life and the campus Panhellenic Association have teamed up with the City of College Park during the season of giving to make “From our Heart to Yours” happen. This program allows volunteers to support College Park Youth and Family Services in filling gift bags for children in the College Park area.

The recipients will range in age from newborns to 18 year-olds. Participants and volunteers will sort gift bags and distribute them to the City of College Park's Youth and Family Services. Students from Resident Halls are able to volunteer to participate by contacting their front desk. Such efforts will help Scholars and the residential community in bringing holiday cheer to children from lower income families.

NEW YORK, NEW YORK!

Parents of current Scholars are invited to participate in the 5th Annual “Scholars in New York” experience. The weekend is scheduled for April 18-20, 2008 and registration is now open [online](#). This year’s trip options include round-trip motor coach transportation from the University to New York City, two-nights accommodations at the Hilton New York, a ticket to a popular Broadway show, an invitation to the Alumni Association’s Friday evening Happy Hour, an invitation to attend a Saturday evening pre-Broadway, prix-fixed dinner and admission to the Metropolitan Museum of Art.



For additional information about available trip options and rates or to register, please visit the website at <http://www.scholars.umd.edu/parents.cfm>.