



## School of Public Service Newsletter

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### PROGRAM NEWS

#### SPS Successfully Concludes Third Summer

“It is up to your generation to make peace, to stop hatred, otherwise we will lose our civility.” With these poignant words spoken tearfully in response to the execution of two Bulgarian citizens in Iraq earlier in the day, Bulgarian Ambassador Elena Poptodorova taught an important lesson to SPS Class of 2004 during the Ambassadors Dinner. First, she demonstrated diplomacy and statesmanship at its best. She was not able to stay for the dinner as matters of state required her full attention but she conveyed her regrets in person. Second, she brought home the reality of terrorism and hatred in the Middle East and the vital importance of being engaged and involved in the world in order to make it a better place. She left an indelible impression.

Powerful lessons like these are what the School of Public Service is all about and the third summer session continued this tradition. This year’s class with students from as far west as Nevada and California, and students as far south as Mississippi and Alabama had unprecedented opportunities to experience politics, government, journalism and diplomacy in a way not open to most high school students. Highlights from this session included visits with Tim Russert; Senators Bill Frist, Mark Pryor and Joe Lieberman; and Justice Sandra Day O’Connor. STA alumnus Bill Powers arranged for a lively discussion with Maryland Governor Ehrlich about the pros and cons of slot machines as a revenue source. Students spent the previous day hearing from advocates from all sides of the issue.

Another STA alumnus and OMB Director Josh Bolten met with students before they went on a tour of the West Wing; STA parent Jerry Jasinowski arranged for the students to participate in the National Association of Manufacturers’ Congressional Simulation; and Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) SAIC put students through their paces using a training exercise used by top military officers on nuclear non-proliferation.

Nao Agawa, Minister of Public Affairs, Embassy of Japan, was the 2004 host from the diplomatic community. Minister Agawa discussed the G-8 Summit in Georgia with the class. After a tour of the Embassy grounds and tea house, Minister Agawa hosted the students at a reception in their honor. Distinguished guests included SPS Board members Paul Ignatius and John Anderson, alumni parents

Angus and Joanne Macbeth (Hampden SPS '02) and James and Susan Pittleman (Ethan, SPS'02) and STA Board members Andrew Stephen and Thomas Duckenfield. To continue the focus on International Affairs, students dined with Ambassadors Zac Nsenga (Rwanda), Salvador Stadthagen (Nicaragua), Ivan Vujacic (Serbia and Montenegro), Claudia Fritsche (Liechtenstein), John Wood (New Zealand), and the Charges D'Affaires from Turkey, Naci Saribas.

## **Student Recruitment**

Recruitment for SPS Class of 2005 has already begun. Program director Mary Anne Waikart has made recruiting visits to Seattle and Utah, meeting with teachers and state and local boards of education in both locations. The response to the program was very positive and education officials in those areas have agreed to promote the program. Additional outreach efforts will be made by SPS staff to Wisconsin and New England. With assistance from SPS parents Carolyn and Robert Rogers (Robert, SPS '03), SPS will actively recruit in Oklahoma and Mississippi (see scholarship news below). Special recruitment targets for the program this year are American Indians and students from small US towns.

## **ALUMNI/AE NEWS**

SPS sent 10 alumni and friends to participate in the second annual International Youth Conference at the Wilton Park Conference Center in the U.K., accompanied by STA faculty member Dr. Robert Shurmer. Funding for our alumni to attend this conference was made possible through a grant from SAIC. Alumni between the ages of 19 and 22 or who have completed at least a year of college are eligible and encouraged to attend Wilton Park next summer.

During the most recent summer session Adam Hanover SPS '04 met Rwandan Ambassador to the U.S., His Excellency Dr. Zac Nsenga, at the annual SPS Ambassadors Dinner. When Adam returned to his home state of Tennessee he extended an invitation to the Ambassador to tour the National Civil Rights Museum located in Memphis as well as meet with high school students at two local schools. Consequently, Dr. Nsenga will be in Memphis on October 28<sup>th</sup> and SPS will hold its first regional alumni event at the home of SPS parents Marc and Jan Hanover (Adam SPS '04). Key state and local dignitaries will be invited to this reception with our students (11 students have come from Tennessee).

Washington, D.C. area alumni Emily Broyles, Jeff Hadzima, and Anne Fauvre (all SPS '03) met with Development Director Georgia Sullivan, and Boston area alumni met with Program Assistant Stephanie Henck and Dr. and Mrs. Joseph McCarthy at the Kennedy School of Government on October 6. In attendance were Audrey Murray and Will Baldwin (both SPS '04), Harvard students Cindy Nguy and Katie Gluckman (both SPS '02), Sasha Kukunova (SPS '03), and Johann Guzman (Truman Scholar at Harvard).

Carra Hoffmann (SPS '04) returned home to Pennsylvania with an SPS-inspired mission: to raise funds through high school students nationwide for the Darfur, Sudan orphans and survivors. Many of the SPS alumni, including Katharine Kendrick (SPS '04) in California, have been recruited to help with this Sudan Relief Project. If you would like to get involved, let the SPS program office know ([Shenck@cathedral.org](mailto:Shenck@cathedral.org), 202 537-5286) and we will put you in touch with Carra.

Fawn Block (SPS '04) returned to Nevada but stayed in touch with some of the people she met in DC. As a result she has been asked to serve as a student representative on a Committee for Agricultural and Economic Development through the Rwandan Embassy. Fawn is also working with SPS Communications Advisor Liz Wainger on an article she wrote about her generation's responsibilities. In addition Fawn is involved with a voting drive for first time voters.



SPS Economics with Mr. Eagles may have had an unintended consequence for Breanne Davis (SPS '04) who says that he challenged her in ways she'd never experienced before and as a result is way ahead of her fellow students back home. Breanne was also inspired by her SPS experience to apply for the National Leadership Conference in Washington.

Hayley Osen (SPS '04) has been appointed to the Youth Advisor to Pasadena City Council's Human Right Commission.

## **FUNDING NEWS/ ADVISORY BOARD NEWS**

SPS Parents Carolyn and Robert Rogers (Robert SPS '03) of Memphis, Tennessee established an endowed scholarship with a \$100,000 commitment over five years in honor of their son. Preference for this scholarship will be given to students from the Otoe-Missouri tribe in Red Rock or Stillwater, Oklahoma, or students from Starkville, Mississippi, Dyersburg, Tennessee or the Hutchison School in Memphis, Tennessee or St. Andrews School in Delaware. Mr. Rogers, a Real Estate developer in Memphis, has agreed to serve on the Advisory Board.

STA past parent and former United States presidential candidate John B. Anderson has also agreed to serve on the SPS Advisory Board. Mr. Anderson teaches law at NOVA Southeastern University in Florida. Mr. Anderson is currently the Chair for the Center for Voting and Democracy in the Washington area. Mr. Anderson has also been helpful in securing outside resources for SPS.

In addition to the generous support received from SAIC, SPS is launching a corporate partners program to assist both in the recruitment of students and to secure corporate philanthropic support. Advisory Board member Paul Ignatius has assisted in developing this concept and believes there is tremendous employee relations value for interested corporations.

## **WAYS YOU CAN HELP**

- 1) As a friend of the program, you can help by putting us in touch with key corporate contacts, particularly in targeted markets, Seattle, Salt Lake City area, Massachusetts, Tennessee, Wisconsin, Texas, and New York.
- 2) Please help by recruiting potential students and by keeping educators and public servants informed about the program. Contact: Mary Anne Waikart (202 537-6438) or Stephanie Henck (202 537-5286).
- 3) Support SPS with an annual fund contribution. Parents of Alumni were recently invited to support SPS. In just two weeks we've heard from many families who recognize that tuition alone does not cover the overall cost of each student. In fact, each year SPS charges less than half the actual cost and most rely on private contributions to subsidize the operating budget. Annually, we must raise approximately \$200,000 to continue to provide the quality program for which we are known. If you would like more information about how you can support the program please contact Director of Development Georgia Sullivan (202.537.2230). The list below reflects family contributions received from September 1, 2004 through October 6, 2004. We will continue update this list in future newsletters throughout the year.

The parents of Meg Beasley SPS '04  
The parents of Alex Evans SPS '03  
The parents of Jake Fauver SPS '03  
The parents of Katie Gluckman SPS '02  
The parents of Adam Hanover SPS '04  
The parents of Carra Hoffman SPS '04  
The parents of Katharine Kendrick SPS '04  
The parents of Ethan Pittleman SPS '02  
The parents of Robert Rogers SPS '03  
The parents of Matthew Rothman SPS '04  
The parents of Victoria Speidel SPS '03

We'd like to offer a special thanks to these generous families for their endorsement of the School of Public Service.