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## New at Goucher

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### **Athenaeum Wins U.S. Green Building Council Award**

Goucher College's new Athenaeum has received the 2009 Accomplishment Award from the Maryland Chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council. The award recognizes the Athenaeum for its innovative use of green strategies, its attention to the needs of students and faculty, and its impact on the local community.

The Athenaeum, completed in September 2009, is the new centerpiece of Goucher's campus, weaving together the

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various threads of life at the college in one signature building — a physical centerpiece for the campus that also will be the figurative heart of the academic community.

Goucher, in collaboration with the architecture firm RMJM, approached every aspect of the Athenaeum project with an eye toward sustainable design strategies, and the project is in the process of applying for silver certification from the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green-Building Rating System.

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## **Goucher Ranks in Top 10 for Study Abroad**

Goucher's continued dedication to the importance of global education earned the college recognition in the Institute of International Education's (IIE) Open Doors report released in December. Goucher was named among the country's top 10 baccalaureate institutions — and the No. 1 school in Maryland — in undergraduate participation in study-abroad programs, with 90 percent of students learning overseas.



IIE's Open Doors 2009 report used data from the 2007-08 academic year, a year after Goucher became the first college in the nation to require all of its undergraduates to study abroad. Following the mandate, every student is required to study abroad at least once before graduation. In fact, nearly 20 percent of Goucher students choose to study abroad more than once during their college careers.

While large universities dominate in terms of absolute numbers of their students going abroad, many smaller institutions send a higher proportion of their students to learn internationally. The Open Doors report's participation rates show that only 17 institutions reported sending more than 85 percent of their students abroad at some point during their undergraduate careers.

For more information, click [here](#).

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## **Goucher Receives \$448,000 Mellon Foundation Grant for Environmental Studies Program**



Goucher College has received a \$448,000 grant from the Mellon Foundation to help launch a new environmental studies program.

Combined with a gift last spring of \$1.5 million from Robert Meyerhoff to create an endowed faculty chair in Environmental Studies, the Mellon grant will be a major boost in the college's ability to start a first-class interdisciplinary major in academic year 2010-11.

The Mellon Foundation grant will provide funding for a visiting professor in the field for three years; summer workshops during that period for faculty to develop additional courses in environmental studies; two visiting scholars every semester for three years, who will spend time on campus with students and give public presentations; and summer research support, including for students who will work with the Meyerhoff professor and the visiting professor.

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## **Goucher Hosts College Goal Sunday**

On January 31, Goucher will host its sixth College Goal Sunday, an annual event designed to give prospective students and their families the opportunity to speak directly with financial aid professionals and get free help completing the forms required by colleges, universities, and private career schools to qualify for scholarships, grants, and loans.



College Goal Sunday will take place from noon to 4 p.m. in Van Meter Hall, Room B10. In the event of snow, the event will be moved to Sunday, February 14. For more information, contact Sharon Hassan, Goucher's director of financial aid, at 410-337-6141 or [shassan@goucher.edu](mailto:shassan@goucher.edu).

For more information, click [here](#).

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## **The U.S. Census Bureau Needs You!**

The U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting temporary, part-time census takers for the 2010

Census. These jobs offer good pay, flexible hours, and paid training. As a census taker, you'll play a vital role in making sure that everyone is counted.

Apply today by contacting your [local census office](#) or by calling 1-866-861-2010. Click [here](#) for frequently asked questions on 2010 Census Jobs.

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## Upcoming Events

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### **Best Buy Mobile Career Fair and Networking Event**

Wednesday, January 27  
3-5 p.m., Heubeck Lounge

Goucher community members are invited to come and learn about Best Buy Mobile and career opportunities. There will be prizes, giveaways, and live demos.

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### **Auditions for *Thoroughly Modern Millie***

Goucher's Musical Theater Workshop (MUS 147) is holding auditions for this 1920s dance extravaganza on Tuesday, January 26, at 3 p.m. in Merrick Lecture Hall.

Applicants should bring sheet music and prepare to sing 32 bars of a song. If you don't have music, you can sing a cappella. Women interested in a major role should demonstrate belting and vocal capability. Applicants should wear dance clothes and bring tap and jazz shoes.

Callbacks will be on Thursday, January 28. Dance rehearsals will held on Tuesdays from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Richard Hartzell at 410-337-6149 or [Richard.hartzell@goucher.edu](mailto:Richard.hartzell@goucher.edu).

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### **Opera Auditions**

The Goucher Opera Workshop (MUS 147 002) is holding auditions for scenes and arias from Italian opera works by Gaetano Donizetti, Giacomo Puccini, Ruggero Leoncavallo, and Vincenzo Bellini on Tuesday, January 26, at 1:30 p.m. in Merrick Lecture Hall.

Applicants should perform material that fully demonstrates vocal ability. Those with coloratura capability should include it in their audition piece.

The class meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. in Merrick Lecture Hall.

For more information, contact Richard Hartzell at 410-337-6149 or [richard.hartzell@goucher.edu](mailto:richard.hartzell@goucher.edu).

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## **Vigil for the Victims of the Haitian Earthquake**

The Office of Religious and Spiritual Life will hold a vigil for the victims of the Haitian earthquake at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, January 27 in the Haebler Memorial Chapel.

All are welcome to attend.

For more information contact Chaplain Cynthia Terry at [cynthia.terry@goucher.edu](mailto:cynthia.terry@goucher.edu).

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## **Black History Month 2010**

### **National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day**

Monday, February 1

10 a.m. to 2p.m., Student Health and Counseling Center

Trained counselors from the Baltimore County Health Department will provide free, anonymous HIV/AIDS testing to students, faculty, and staff. The tests involve cheek swabs, and results will be available that day. No appointments necessary.

### **Martin Luther King Jr. Tribute and Reception**

Thursday, February 4

6 p.m., TBD

Kimberley Gordy '06, assistant director of admissions and coordinator of multicultural recruitment, will give a talk titled "My Piece of the Dream." Participants are invited to write down their dreams on paper and share them during the reception.

### **African American Film Festival**

7 p.m., Van Meter B10

*Tulia, Texas*

Monday, February 8

This film examines a landmark civil rights case that shined a light on the deep-rooted assumptions about race that underlie the war on drugs. The case began in 1999 in a small Texas farming town where drug-related charges made by a corrupt undercover cop led to the arrest of 46 people – nearly all of them African American.

*Have You Heard From Johannesburg?*

Tuesday, February 9

Part of a six-part, anti-apartheid series produced and directed by Connie Field, this

documentary shows how a nationwide campaign of civil disobedience, campus protest, and eventual legislative action was able to reverse American foreign policy toward South Africa during Ronald Regan's administration.

*Black Is . . . Black Ain't*

Thursday, February 11

In his final project before losing his battle with AIDS, director Marlon Riggs brings together personal stories, interviews, music, history, and performance to challenge the traditional definition of black identity in America and to encourage African Americans to celebrate diversity within their communities.

**Open Mic Night**

Saturday, February 13

7:30 p.m., Hyman Forum

Come celebrate the African American legacy of spoken word and performance art with an open mic night. Interested performers should contact Melissa Smith at [melissa.smith@goucher.edu](mailto:melissa.smith@goucher.edu).

**Negro Spiritual Night**

Sunday, February 28

7 p.m., Haebler Memorial Chapel

Learn about Negro spirituals, religious songs created by African slaves in America, and their role in American history.

Sponsored by the offices of Community Living and Multicultural Affairs, International Studies, the President, Religious and Spiritual Life, Student Engagement, the Vice President and Dean of Students; and by Can't Stop/ Won't Stop, the Goucher Live Music House, the Student Government Association, and Umoja: The Black Student Union.

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**New Introductory Pilates Mat Classes**

The Pilates Center at Goucher College will be offering four basic, non-progressive mat classes per week from Monday, February 1, through Friday, May 14\* at a new location in the Julia Rogers Building. Classes are open to Goucher students, faculty, and staff. Each class will cost \$5, and drop-ins are welcome.

**Class Times**

Tuesdays – 7:45-8:30 a.m.

Wednesdays – 5-5:45 p.m.

Thursdays – 12:30-1:15 p.m.

Fridays – 3:15-4 p.m.

For more information, call 410-337-6469.

\*No classes will be held during Spring Break (Monday, March 15, through Friday, March 19).

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## Auditions for Ashanti, Umoja's Talent Showcase

Can you sing? Can you dance? Maybe you want to perform a stand-up routine. The perfect time to display your talent is at Ashanti, Umoja's talent showcase.

Auditions are being held in Heubeck Lounge:

- Tuesday, February 2  
7-9 p.m.
- Tuesday February 3  
4:30-6 p.m.  
7-9 p.m.

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## Reserve Tickets Now for the 2010 Fisher Music Residency: Augustin Hadelich, Violin

Augustin Hadelich, a rising star among a new generation of violinists, will be the featured performer at Goucher College's 24th Annual Janet and Avery Fisher Music Residency. The concert will be held at 8 p.m. on Friday, February 19, in Merrick Lecture Hall.

This event is free and open to the public, but tickets must be reserved in advance by calling 410-337-6333 or by e-mailing [boxoffice@goucher.edu](mailto:boxoffice@goucher.edu).

Hadelich also will present two additional events on Thursday, February 18 — a lecture-demonstration at 12:30 p.m. and a master class at 7 p.m. Both events are free and open to the public and will be held in Merrick Lecture Hall.

For more information, click [here](#).

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## Kudos

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**Angelica Daniele '08** has received the 2009 "Emerging Voices in Psychology and the Arts" award for her undergraduate thesis "Performance: The Collective and Introspective." The award is based on work that reflects excellence and innovation with an emphasis on the open-minded integration of psychological concepts with other disciplines, especially the arts.

The Penguin Group's publishing house Gotham Books will publish **Mike Capuzzo's '11** newest book, *The Murder Room*, this August. Capuzzo is a student in the Master of Fine Arts in Creative Nonfiction. *The Murder Room* is the true story of the Vidocq Society of Philadelphia, a dining club of 82 of the world's greatest detectives who meet monthly in an

old Victorian dining room to solve cold murders pro bono over a hot lunch.

**Maryo Gard Ewell**, an adjunct instructor for the Master of Arts in Arts Administration program, published an article titled "Effective Community Arts Development: Fifty Years, Fifty Tips," in the *Monograph*, a series of issue papers published by Americans for the Arts for its members.

Dance Instructor **Christopher Fleming** was invited to be one of two adjudicators and principle teachers for competitors in the [USA International Ballet Competition](#) June 11 through June 27 in Jackson, Mississippi. The competition is one of the world's top competitions for ballet, with competitors from more than 30 countries.

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## Goucher in the News

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Check out the latest media coverage of Goucher College and its community members.

### ["A Step Beyond Anthropology"](#)

The New York Times, December 29, 2009

Abstract: Goucher College's new Master of Arts in Cultural Sustainability program aims to help preserve values, arts, dress, customs, and cuisines of communities threatened by globalization and modernization, whether inner-city neighborhoods or third-world villages.

### ["Haiti in Ink and Tears: A Literary Sampler"](#)

The New York Times, January 16, 2010

Abstract: Goucher College English Professor Madison Smartt Bell shares some of his thoughts about the spirit of the Haitian people and gathers a sample of writings inspired by the country.

### ["Haiti's History Is One of Pain and Perseverance"](#)

PBS NewsHour, January 18, 2010

Abstract: Goucher College English Professor Madison Smartt Bell discusses the hardships that Haitians have endured throughout history and how that may shape their ability to survive the crisis created by a massive earthquake that struck the already-impooverished country.

For more news stories, check out the [Goucher in the Media](#) section of Goucher's website.

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**Digest Deadline:** The deadline for submissions for the February 8 issue of the Goucher Digest is Thursday, February 4. Send all submissions to [digesteditor@goucher.edu](mailto:digesteditor@goucher.edu).