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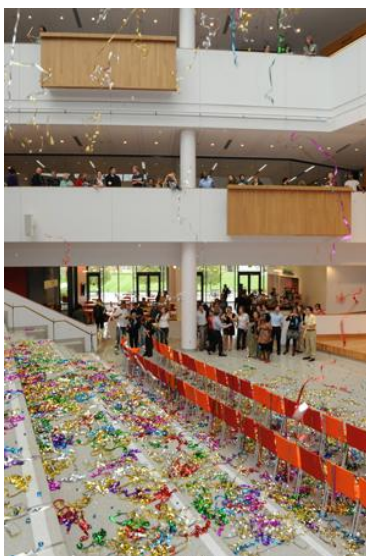
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New at Goucher

Athenaeum Opening Draws Hundreds



More than 300 Goucher community members and friends gathered on September 12 to celebrate the opening of the Athenaeum and the launch of the college's 125th anniversary celebration.

"We've been working on this for seven-and-a-half years now, and it's here. It's finished. It's paid for, and we're very proud of it," said President Sanford J. Ungar. "We're thrilled that the opening of the Athenaeum coincides with the start of the 125th anniversary. We have a great sense of pride and momentum that this liberal arts college will be a leader well into and throughout the 21st century."

The event's speakers included Goucher Board of Trustees Chair Florence Beck "Becki" Kurdle '61, former Board of Trustees Chairman John M. Bond Jr., Board of Trustees

Member and Co-chair of the 125th Anniversary Committee Marilyn Southard Warshawsky '68, Sen. Barbara A. Mikulski, and retired Sen. Paul S. Sarbanes.

"It is a building like this Athenaeum that makes Goucher unique." Kurdle said. "It makes it exciting and well positioned as a leader in academic excellence and lifelong learning."

In a nod to Goucher's distinguished past, a time capsule holding items representing the college's last 125 years was sealed inside the Athenaeum's cornerstone, and students delivered the last two books – *The History of Goucher College, 1930 and 1985* by Frederic O. Musser and a *History of Goucher College* by Anna Heubeck Knipp and Thaddeus P. Thomas –to the Athenaeum from the Julia Rogers Library.

The laying of the corner stone and the ribbon cutting were followed by performances by Kwame Ansah-Brew and the African Drum Ensemble Fritete; the Anansegromma Total Theater Company; Goucher's co-ed a capella group, Red Hot Blue; the Alan Munshower '02 Jazz Trio, and the dance group Effervescent Collective, led by Lily Suskind '09.

Guests enjoyed candy and cupcake bars and a presentation of Shared Future: Common Past: The Stories of Goucher College, a documentary about some of Goucher's illustrious alumnae/i, filmed and edited by Jay Gilman '10 and Stephen Speicher '10, on the Athenaeum's digital screens.

The celebration ended as students on different floors unfurled a variety of colorful streamers into the Hyman Forum.

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Goucher Boot Camp



Want to get in shape? This exercise class is specifically designed for Goucher College's students, staff, and faculty, keeping in mind the varying fitness levels and athletic abilities.

The fast-paced class includes:

- Cardio
- High reps
- Low weight
- Core training
- Strength training
- Different routine every class

Due to budget cuts, the class will probably not be free. It will likely run on Tuesdays from September through January, but the official dates and cost will not be announced until the class size is determined. Classes will be held at 5:15 p.m. in the Sports and Recreation Center's Multipurpose Room on the basement level.

For more information or to register contact Instructor Julie Caple at 443-506-5331 or Juliesgym@gmail.com.

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Candygrams of Appreciation

Goucher faculty and staff can now share their gratitude for a colleague's contribution by sending a Candygram of Appreciation! Whether a colleague met an important deadline, came up with an innovative approach to a workplace issue or project, or simply exhibited a positive attitude while at work, sending a small personalized candygram is a fun and thoughtful way to say thank you. Cross-divisional appreciation is encouraged!

Contact Maggie Elligson in Human Resources at maggie.elligson@goucher.edu to order your Candygrams of Appreciation. Faculty and staff members can also send copies of the personalized candygrams to Human Resources for the recipient's personnel file or the HR display.

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Upcoming Events

Goucher Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

Goucher College will celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, held from September 15 through October 15, with a series of arts presentations, film screenings, and social events.

Goucher's Hispanic Heritage Month events are free and open to all students, faculty, and staff. For more information, contact Visiting Instructor of Spanish Maria Gomis-Quinto at maria.gomisquinto@goucher.edu.

The scheduled events are:

Opening Ceremony

Thursday, September 17

6 p.m.

Buchner Hall, Alumnae/i House

Goucher's kickoff of Hispanic Heritage Month will include a lecture by John Mason, an internationally noted scholar of Yorùbá culture in the Americas and West Africa, as well as an educator, artist, musician, and Obàtálá priest. The lecture is titled "African Religion in Spanish-Speaking America and the Caribbean."

Craft Workshop: Paper Flower Making

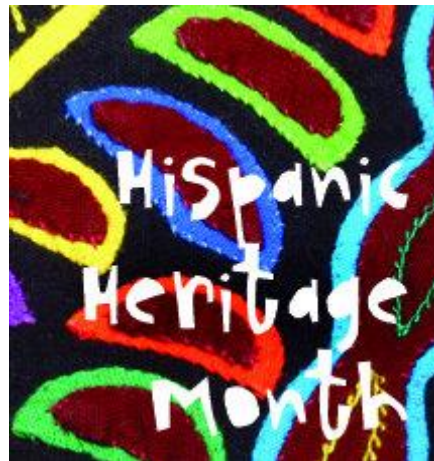
Tuesday, September 22

9 p.m.

Gopher Hole

Participants will learn how to make traditional Mexican paper flowers, which are often used in the celebrations of Cinco de Mayo and Day of the Dead.

Movie and Discussion: *Si sos brujo: una historia de tango* (*Si Sos Brujo: A Story of Tango*)



Thursday, September 24
7 p.m.

Huebeck Lounge

Caroline Neal's 2005 Argentine documentary tells the story of a group of young Argentine musicians trying to preserve the elegant and nuanced music played by the legendary tango orchestras of Buenos Aires in the 1940s and 50s.

Click [here](#) for more information.

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Visual Education: Selections from the Collections of Goucher College and Sidney and Jean Flah Silber '54

"Visual Education: Selections from the Collections of Goucher College and Sidney and Jean Flah Silber '54" will be presented at Goucher College's new Sidney and Jean Flah Silber '54 Gallery in the Athenaeum from Saturday, September 12, through Sunday, October 18.

The exhibit, which is free to the public, can be viewed Tuesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. An artists' reception will be held Thursday, October 8, at 6 p.m. in the Silber Gallery. Call 410-337-6477 for more information.

The exhibition is composed of 10 pieces on loan from Sidney and Jean Flah Silber and 35 works from Goucher's art collection.

For more information about the works on display and the Silber Gallery go to www.goucher.edu/x37074.xml.

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Farmers' Market



Friday, September 18
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Alumnae/i House Courtyard

Goucher will become a marketplace for local food growers and artisans. This event is open to students, faculty, staff, and members of the greater community. This event is hosted by Bon Appétit and the Goucher Environmental Sustainability Advisory Council (GESAC).

Click [here](#) for more information.

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TIAA CREF Individual Counseling Sessions

TIAA CREF will be offering individual counseling sessions for faculty and staff at the TIAA

CREF Baltimore office at the Mt. Washington Conference Center from September through December. The consultant will discuss how you can achieve your financial goals by investing in financial solutions such as mutual funds, brokerage, life insurance, and annuities. All appointments are confidential.

Call 410-578-2200 or go online to www.tiaa-cref.org/moc to schedule an appointment. The Mt. Washington Conference Center is located in the Davis Building at 5801 Smith Ave., Suite 100, in Baltimore.

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Get a “taste” of Cultural Sustainability



Wednesday, September 23
5-7 p.m.
Rosenberg Gallery

Meet the faculty and staff of Goucher’s Master of Arts in Cultural Sustainability program at this informal information session. Goucher juniors and seniors interested in the program are encouraged to attend. Light refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP to Debbie Cebula at dcebula@goucher.edu or 800-697-4646.

If you can’t make this event, check out the program’s booth at idealist.org’s Graduate Fairs for the Public

Good in New York, Boston, and Chicago. Click [here](#) for more information.

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The Hobbit Project, A Day-Long Tolkien Reading

Among Goucher’s rare books is an American first edition of J.R.R. Tolkien’s *The Hobbit*, published in 1938. On Saturday, September 26, Goucher will hold a cover-to-cover reading of the book in honor of its 72nd anniversary. Students, staff, faculty, and alumni will read portions of the book. The readings will run from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Hyman Forum of the Athenaeum. Click [here](#) to view the schedule. The event is free and open to the public.

Digital images of the illustrations from this edition will be projected on screens for the audience, and dancers from Choregraphie Antique will perform around 11 a.m.

Contact Arnie Sanders at asanders@goucher.edu for more information or if you would like to participate. The full-hour readings are between 27 and 32 pages. If more than one person asks to read any one chapter, the reading will be divided into two or more episodic segments.

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Kudos

Amber Smith '10 received a scholarship and student affiliate membership from the American Association of University Women's Baltimore Branch.

The following students were inducted into Goucher's charter chapter of Omicron Delta Epsilon, the international honor society in economics in May 2009: **Alexander Boucher** '09, **Steve Chamberlain** '09, **Joseph Cowen** '10, **Buck Haddix** '09, **Ben Hoffman** '09, **Henning Jacob** '09, **Joanna Kaplan** '09, **Kate McCulloch** '09, **Nicole Plourde** '09, **Michael Siers** '10, and **Alexander Vallens** '09.

Biology Professor **Judith Rose Levin** was awarded a \$71,289 grant from the National Institutes of Health's National Institute of General Medical Sciences through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Her research is titled "The Effect of DNA Bending on Transcriptional Elongation by E. coli RNA Polymerase." The three-year project was originally funded by a \$150,000 NIH grant in September 2007. The additional funding will allow Levin to purchase several pieces equipment to be used on Goucher's campus. The project is being done partially in collaboration with Dr. Robert Landick of the Biochemistry Department at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. Four Goucher students — **Chandana Lanka** '10, **Cassidy Crook** '10, **Reema Khanchandani** '11, and **Laura Marino** '09 — have worked on the project and traveled with Levin to the University of Wisconsin this summer.

History Professor **Jean Harvey Baker** contributed an essay in the catalog for the New York Historical Society's fall exhibition "Lincoln and New York." This exhibition of original artifacts, iconic images, and handwritten period documents will, for the first time, fully trace the evolution of Lincoln's relationship with the nation's largest and wealthiest state. The exhibition runs from October 9, 2009, through March 25, 2010, in coordination with the U.S. Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial celebration. Click [here](#) for more information.

Laura Wexler, an instructor in Goucher's Master of Fine Arts in Creative Nonfiction program, was featured in the July 5 *Baltimore Sun* article "[They stoop to conquer](#)" about Stoop Storytelling, the series she helped created in 2006, in which local residents tell unscripted anecdotes about their lives.

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Goucher in the News

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

["Reforms make it tougher to issue credit cards to college students"](#)

From *Chicago Tribune*, September 6, 2009

Article Abstract: Sharon Hassan, Goucher's financial aid director, shares money management tips for students entering college in this article about avoiding student credit card debt.

["7 Ways to Cut Thousands From Your College Costs"](#)

From *U.S. News & World Report*, August 19, 2009

Article Abstract: Sharon Hassan, Goucher's director of financial aid, offers advice on how students can cut their college expenses and potentially eliminate tens of thousands of

dollars of debt payments.

["Doubt"](#)

From *The New Republic*, August 12, 2009

Article Abstract: Goucher President Sanford J. Ungar discusses the questionable newsgathering tactics NBC producers used while making a failed documentary about alleged war criminals, including a visiting professor of French who formerly taught at the college. The article also covers the difficulty of uncovering what happened in Rwanda during the genocide and who was responsible for the crimes committed there.

["The Journey of a Lifetime Begins Now"](#)

From *Kaplan College Guide*, August 12, 2009

Article Abstract: The 14th annual edition of the *NEWSWEEK-Kaplan College Guide* cites Goucher as a top school for college-seekers to consider.

["Road trip, Iraqi style"](#)

From *Medill Reports*, August 05, 2009

Article Abstract: Two beneficiaries of the Iraqi Student Project, a nonprofit with the goal of persuading American colleges and universities to provide tuition waivers for Iraqi refugees seeking undergraduate degrees, are taking a cross-country U.S. road trip before beginning college in this country. One of the students will be attending Goucher this fall.

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 September 28 issue of the Goucher Digest is Thursday, September 24. Send all submissions to digesteditor@goucher.edu.

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