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New at Goucher



Studying Abroad at Goucher ... Literally

Like most first-year American students, Kokoro Ichikawa, a Japanese exchange student from Aoyama Gakuin University in Tokyo, Japan, spent her year studying abroad at Goucher simply trying to find a balance.

Fondly known as Koko, Ichikawa had chosen to come to Goucher because of its small size and its popular peace studies program, which she saw as an interesting complement to her international relations major in Japan.

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And she shared another connection to Goucher: Dr. John F. Goucher, the college's founder, had donated to her university when it was just starting.

But Ichikawa's first semester was difficult, partly because the American styles of college teaching and learning are very different from those in Japan. While American professors dole out weekly homework and reading assignments, their Japanese counterparts simply give lectures and expect their students spend their evenings studying for the midterm and final exams.

She also had a tough time with class participation. In Japan, students are expected to listen and ask questions, not share their opinions. One of her Goucher professors suggested she ask questions to provoke discussions if she didn't feel comfortable giving an opinion, and the trick worked.

"Compared to last semester I feel like I have more confidence to participate in class discussions," Ichikawa said.

Like many first-year students, Ichikawa also had to adjust to dorm life.

"It's kind of an interesting experience for me because in Japan we don't have a dorm. We live with our family," she said.

She misses her privacy and "alone" time, but she said she enjoys having roommates. They've taught her American slang, taken her home during one of the breaks, and helped her get accustomed to American life.

"It's the very normal stuff I love," Ichikawa said. "I ordered pizza and ate it in my room with my roommate; it's my image of American life."

One of her favorite memories is watching President Barack Obama's victory speech on election night with her friends.

"That night was my biggest cultural experience," she said. "Everybody went crazy, dancing and singing. I was really excited to be in the United States that day."

Ichikawa doesn't remember any of the Japanese prime minister elections causing such jubilation. She said most pass unnoticed.

"It's kind of an interesting experience for me because I came here to learn about the difference between Americans and Japanese, but I think there are lots of similarities," Ichikawa said. "For example, my roommate cried all day because she fought with her boyfriend. It's very nice for me to know there are lots of similarities."

Ichikawa said she's going to miss Goucher, especially now that she's gotten the hang of class participation and doing homework. But she is looking forward to completing her last semester and graduating.

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Professor Kelliher Leads A Goucher Expedition Through the Wilds of Southern Pennsylvania!

On April 18, Faculty Chair Tom Kelliher led a faculty and staff hike to the Kelly's Run, Holtwood Dam area on the Susquehanna River in southern Pennsylvania.

The warm, beautiful spring weather was a perfect tonic for creaking bones and aching muscles as the group completed a challenging 5-mile hike through the hilly terrain.

No gophers were sighted. They were back on campus studying for midterms!



Tom Kelliher (foreground) attempts to motivate the hikers on the steep Conestoga Trail.

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Green Working – An Intern's Perspective on Baltimore Green Week



Rachel Kriegsman (far left) with other Baltimore Green Works workers.

When Rachel Kriegsman '10 started her internship with Baltimore Green Works early this semester she wasn't sure what to expect. A peace studies major working on a minor in environmental studies, she took the internship to learn more about the nonprofit environmental field.

One of her main responsibilities was to plan Sustainable Food Day

for the Sixth Annual Baltimore Green Week, a series of environmentally themed events aimed to educate the community on different aspects of environmental sustainability and practice.

"It was a good fit because I'm interested in agricultural systems and food systems," Kriegsman said.

Green Works wanted the Sustainable Food Day to focus on where food comes from and how it's labeled to raise consumer awareness. Kriegsman said she contacted local farmers to display their wares and talk about what they do, booked two keynote speakers, scouted out locations, and wrote press releases for the event.

"I learned a lot about communication," Kriegsman said. As for organizational skills and planning, she says, "This is something professors always tell you, and I learned it's true: Do stuff early."

She said the farmers she contacted were very busy because it was the beginning of spring, and she often had to wait until the evenings to talk to them.

Everything came together, though, and on April 22, she helped set up for Sustainable Food Day at the Enoch Pratt Free Library's Light Street Branch in Federal Hill. Despite the rain, Kriegsman said there was a good mix of visitors. Some were knowledgeable, while others just saw the banner hanging outside and came in off the street to learn more.

"It went well," Kriegsman said. "The people who came were so excited to have this conversation with the farmers and stayed after for a while. Now they can go back home understanding where their food came from."

Kriegsman says she learned about the importance of Green Works, which is a volunteer organization run by a volunteer board of directors. She said the free and low-cost events it provides are really important "because it makes it accessible to everyone in the community and not just targeted groups of people."

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Community-Based Learning Blog

Created by Michael Karellis, '09, the new Community Based-Learning Blog highlights the efforts of Goucher students involved in community service and service learning projects. Check out the first post, "What is Service Learning?," at blogs.goucher.edu/cbl. Students are invited to share their stories and post information on upcoming events and volunteer and work opportunities. Other Goucher blogs can be viewed at blogs.goucher.edu.

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MTA Proposes Bus Route Changes

The Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) has proposed modifying several bus routes in August, including the numbers 3 and 8 lines that serve the Goucher community.

For Route 3, known as the Cromwell Bridge Road/Sheppard Pratt Hospital to Inner Harbor line, the MTA wants to add a new Quick Bus service along the route during peak hours. They have also proposed eliminating half of the current Express Bus trips, which will now be picked up by the new Quick Bus. The Quick Bus differs from the Express Bus in that it runs constantly, whereas the Express only runs a few times. Both stop at only a few locations on the route for a quicker travel time.

For Route 8, known as the University of Maryland Transit Center to Lutherville Light Rail Stop line, the MTA has proposed adding a new Quick Bus service along the Greenmount Avenue/York Road corridor from downtown Baltimore to Towson, Monday through Saturday.

They also are proposing eliminating the current Express service along the route.

The MTA is holding a community meeting on Monday, May 4, at the Towson Library in the Towson Meeting Room from 6 to 8 p.m. to discuss the routes affecting Goucher riders. For more information, go to www.mtamaryland.com or call 410-539-5000.

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Upcoming Events

Goucher Convocation Celebrates Student Achievement

Thursday, May 7
4:30 p.m.
Kraushaar Auditorium

In addition to recognizing students who have earned academic honors, the annual convocation will celebrate the breadth of student talent and accomplishments. A variety of student performances will be highlighted. The celebration will conclude with a community supper in the Dorsey Center Courtyard.

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A Moving Narrative: Facing Immigration



Goucher students interviewed and photographed local immigrants to create A Moving Narrative: Facing Immigration, an exhibition that will be on display in the college's Geen Community Center May 5-8.

The exhibition opens Tuesday, May 5, with an open discussion on "Who/What is an Immigrant?" at 6 p.m. and the unveiling of the portraits at 7 p.m. A reception will follow, and guests are encouraged to continue the conversation and meet the interviewees.

The exhibition and related events are free and open to public. For more information, contact Tamara Filipovic at 301-991-8442 or tamara.filipovic@goucher.edu or Amber Kepple Jones at 707-803-2728 or amber.kepplejones@goucher.edu.

Click [here](#) for more information.

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Goucher College's Musical Theatre Workshop Presents *Nine*



Goucher College's Musical Theatre Workshop will present a production of the Tony Award-winning musical *Nine* at 8 p.m. on Thursday, May 7, and Friday, May 8, in Merrick Lecture Hall.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Richard Hartzell at 410-337-6149 or richard.hartzell@goucher.edu.

Nine is the musical adaptation of Federico Fellini's autobiographical film *8 1/2*, about the mid-life crisis of celebrated film director Guido Contini. As his 40th birthday approaches, Contini's energies and creativity have begun to wane, along with his relationships with his wife, his mistress, and a protégée actress. The score by Maury Yeston is filled with haunting melodies and musically and vocally challenging ensemble singing.

Click [here](#) for more information.

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Playworks

Goucher's Theatre Department presents *Playworks*— a festival that features one-act plays that are written, produced, directed, and designed by students—on Friday, May 8, through Sunday, May 10, at 8 p.m. in the college's Mildred Dunnock Theatre.

Tickets to the performances are \$3 and can be purchased at the door. Contact the Mildred Dunnock Box Office at 410-337-6512 to reserve a ticket. For more information, contact Melissa Weiss at melissa.weiss@goucher.edu.

This year, three short plays will be showcased each night during *Playworks*. In *Accomplices*, by Gregory Baer '09, two brothers try to hide a serious secret from their mother. Set in a bathroom, *Three Scenes in a Bathroom* by A. Janosek Doyle '09 tells three stories about an emotionally charged topic. *Work Ethic* by Marina Mamangakis '11 deals with high-tension circumstances in a detective agency.

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Eggs-Ham Break

Tuesday, May 12
8-10 p.m.
Stimson Dining Hall

Come take a break from your exam studies and enjoy some breakfast!

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Goucher College Equestrian Drill Team Exhibition

Friday, May 8
noon
Goucher Stables

The Goucher College Drill Team will perform at the stables as a precursor to its end-of-the-year In-House Horse Show. The drill pattern they will present was designed by the students and presented during Alumni weekend. Come to the stables and enjoy the show!

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Pilates Free Introductory Mat Class

Saturday, May 16
12:30-1:30 p.m.

Monday, May 18
7:15-8:15 p.m.

Both classes will be held on the bottom floor of Goucher's Sports and Recreation Center.

Pilates demands integration of strength, precision, and body awareness. This combination of exercising the mind and body while improving flexibility, posture, and coordination results in a leaner, stronger, and more balanced body. Please wear comfortable workout clothing and socks. Mat classes are not recommended for individuals with serious injuries or health problems. To prevent injuries, the center does not allow participation in the mat class five or more minutes after instruction has begun, although late attendees are permitted to observe the class. To register, please call Michelle Mulreaney at 410-337-6531 ext. 3. For more information, go to www.goucher.edu/pilates.

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Goucher Print Shop Summer Closings

The Goucher College print shop will be closed on the following dates: May 4, 8, 11, 14, 15, 18 and 29; and June 1, 5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 22, 26, and 29.

These closures may affect printing time, please plan accordingly. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Greg Wilkin at gwilkin@goucher.edu.

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President's Office Hours

Please note the following times in the coming weeks when President Ungar will be available in his office in the Dorsey Center to see anyone who would like to talk with him. No subject is off limits; no appointments are necessary. If there is a line, President Ungar would request that each visitor take only 10 minutes. Additional time can also be scheduled.

Tuesday, May 5 – 1-2 pm

Thursday, May 14 – 4-5 pm

Tuesday, May 26 – 10-11

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Kudos

Assistant History Professor **Matthew Hale** was awarded two fellowships in April. He received the Marc Friedlaender Fellowship for four weeks of research at the Massachusetts Historical Society in Boston and the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic Fellowship for four weeks of research at the Library Company of Philadelphia and the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. Both fellowships will assist in his research on the French Revolution and its impact on American political culture.

Alumna **Melissa Proebstle**, a sixth-grade math and science teacher at Rifle Middle School in Glenwood, CO, was awarded the L.S. Wood Charitable Trust Teacher of the Year for the Garfield School District Re-2. The award is rotated between elementary, middle, and high schools and is given to one teacher in both the Roaring Fork and Garfield Re-2 school districts. It is intended to recognize excellence in public school and thank nominees for their contribution to the community. Click [here](#) for more information.

Goucher senior lacrosse team members **Dan Abrams, Alex Boucher, Sam Fitzpatrick, Brian Hoge, Karl Koch, Austin Main, Andy Nielsen, Adam Pietrocarlo, and Max Walters** were honored during a Senior Day Ceremony on April 18. The game was dedicated to **Matt Cartwright '98**, who passed away this summer.

The following students were recognized at the Spring Leadership Awards ceremony held on April 21. The Goucher Leadership Scholars are **Samuel Adatto, Daniel Amodeo, Molly Beckmann, Angelica Daniele, Hilary Fast, Liza Krohn, Izak Marker, Kate Maskarinec, Melissa Mento, Shauntae Robinson, Chelsea Stilman-Sandomir, Taylor Sampson, Laura Wagner, and Ari Witkin**. The Marilyn Silverman Apter Memorial Prize was awarded to **Mouna Attarha**. The Martha A. Nichols Prize was awarded to **Taylor Sampson**, with an honorable mention given to **Samuel Adatto**. The Ethelmarie Apter Halpern Memorial Community Service Prize was given to **Laura Wagner**, with an honorable mention to **Colin Riley**. The Elizabeth Nuss Emerging Leader Award was awarded to **Miriam Cummons**, with an honorable mention given to **Evan Marx**. The Rhoda M. Dorsey Leadership Award was given to **Angelica Danielle**, with an honorable mention to **Brittany Foster**. The Senior Leadership Award winners are **Samuel Adatto, Daniel Amodeo, Molly**

Beckmann, Sarah Brand, Susan Dobinick, Hilary Fast, Brittany Foster, Jay Gilman, Lindsay Hendricks, Sharif Ismail, Joanna Kandel, Elizabeth Knight, Liza Krohn, Kate Maskarinec, Kate McCulloch, Andrew Nielsen, Colin Riley, Hilda Rizzo-Busack, Shauntae Robinson, Jenna Rose, Margaret Samuels, Marlo Tersigni, and Cleo Zancope.

Let Me Eat Cake: A Celebration of Flour, Sugar, Butter, Eggs, Vanilla, Baking Powder, and a Pinch of Salt, by **Leslie Miller '07** was published by Simon & Schuster on April 14 and is now in bookstores. Click [here](#) to read some sample reviews on Miller's blog.

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Goucher in the News

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

["Best schools for a bachelor degree in history"](#)

Helium, April 20, 2009

Article Abstract: Helium, a freelance writing community, named Goucher one of the best schools to earn a bachelor degree in history. The site highlighted Goucher's strong history department and required study-abroad program.

["College Republicans convene to plan for future"](#)

The Retriever, April 21, 2009

Article Abstract: The efforts of Goucher College's College Republicans club were highlighted at the Maryland Federation of College Republicans Convention at University of Maryland, Baltimore County. College Republican groups from eight schools attended the meeting to exchange strategies and thoughts regarding a successful party future.

["Business Notes"](#)

Towson Times, April 29, 2009

Article Abstract: Associate Professor of History Robert Beach is recognized for being named a 2009 John Simon Guggenheim Fellow for his work on homosexuality in German history.

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 May 18 issue of the *Goucher Digest* is Thursday, May 14. Send all submissions to digesteditor@goucher.edu. The May 18 issue will be the last issue of the *Goucher Digest* this semester.