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New at Goucher

The Pearl Simon Award: What Can It Do For You?

Have you ever been inspired to enhance your life, expand your horizons, and learn more about yourself through a perspective-changing project or activity?

The Pearl Simon Award has been established to provide the means for students inspired to

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enhance their lives, expand their horizons, and learn more about themselves. The award provides \$1,500 to fund activities and experiences that promote students' emotional and psycho-social growth and development through experiences that may not meet the criteria for other funding sources.

What does this mean?

For Jeffrey McLeod, a junior physics major and a fall 2008 Pearl Simon Award winner, it meant an eye opening trip to central Haiti's Artibonite Valley region. There he volunteered at Hôpital Albert Schweitzer, an integrated rural health system that provides medical care and community health and development programs for more than 300,000 impoverished people in Artibonite Valley.

"The point was to just learn about what the hospital was doing down there," McLeod said. "Haiti is the most poverty stricken country in the Western Hemisphere. They're ravaged by infectious disease - like tuberculosis and AIDS. The main problem is malnutrition because there's a distinct lack of food to go around and very little fertile farmland."

Not only does the hospital provide medical care, it also set up an outreach program with local farmers to teach them new techniques, including how to grow more resilient crops. The hospital also provides supplies, such as paper and pens, to local schools.

McLeod had planned the trip with the help of a friend whose family is involved with the hospital, but he didn't have funding for the airfare and required vaccinations. That's when he applied for the Pearl Simon Award. The award made it possible for him to go on the trip, which he said changed his life.

During the trip McLeod helped to deliver school supplies, accompanied hospital staff on visits to local farms, volunteered at the hospital's medical facility, and played tennis with the locals.

"It's really weird to go to a third world country and that was the first time I had left the United States," McLeod said. "It was just a complete change in terms of the lifestyle and the people's outlook on life in general. It's hard to get a distinct cultural experience in seven days, but I still felt like I did develop this connection with the people there."

He said he feels like the country is calling him back.

"I want to go back later in life and maybe teach. That's something they value so much because Haitians realize through education they can succeed," McLeod said.

He encourages other students to use the Pearl Simon Award to broaden their horizons and try an experience outside their major.

The award can be used for an opportunity, interaction, or exposure to people, a program, or culture beyond your current life experience. Applications for the 2009 Pearl Simon Award are due in the Career Development Office by Friday, November 20. The application is available online at www.goucher.edu/cdo. For more information contact the CDO at career@goucher.edu or 410-337-6191.

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H1N1 Vaccine at Goucher

Goucher College has received a limited supply of the H1N1 vaccine, and it will be administered to students at the next vaccination clinic on Tuesday, November 10, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Student Health Center. The seasonal flu vaccine will also be administered at this time.

As only a very limited supply of the H1N1 vaccine is currently available, it will be distributed to Goucher students based on the priority groups identified by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

Students who are eligible for this first round of the H1N1 vaccine are:

1. Pregnant women
2. Students 26 years of age or younger with a documented serious chronic medical condition such as asthma or other lung disease; heart, liver or kidney disease; diabetes; a blood disorder such as sickle cell anemia; a neurological disorder such as epilepsy, stroke, or brain injury; a neuromuscular disorder such as muscular dystrophy or multiple sclerosis; or a compromised immune system from immune-suppressing medications or diseases such as cancer or HIV/AIDS.

Students: if you are in one of the categories mentioned above and you cannot attend the vaccination clinic on Tuesday, please contact the [Student Health Center](#) at 410-337-6050 before November 10 to make other arrangements to receive the H1N1 vaccine.

In order to receive the H1N1 vaccine, students must present a valid Goucher College ID and a second form of ID to verify age. They also must sign a consent form verifying their medical condition. This is protocol required by the State of Maryland. Students who are receiving the H1N1 or the seasonal flu vaccination and are under 18 years of age must also bring a signed consent form from a parent or guardian.

Because we have been given only a limited amount of the H1N1 vaccine at this time, not everyone who wants to will be able to be vaccinated on November 10. We expect to receive another limited supply of the vaccine later this fall. We will notify students as we are updated by the Baltimore County Health Department.

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Winners of the Ninth Annual Study Abroad Photo Contest

Goucher's Ninth Annual Study Abroad Photo Contest had record submissions this year! Students who studied abroad in the 2008-2009 school year submitted photographs taken in the places they studied and visited in three categories: people and portraits, historical and cultural scenes, and landscapes.

The winners of the photo contest by category are:

People/Portraits

- 1st Katelyn Beury
- 2nd Kira Silk
- 3rd Stephanie Barnes

Historical/Cultural Scenes/Lifestyles

- 1st Olivia Adler
- 2nd Katelyn Beury
- 3rd Kira Silk

Landscapes

- 1st Olivia Adler
- 2nd Kira Silk
- 3rd Aaron Dorman

Check out the winning photographs, along with the other submissions on display in the Rosenberg Gallery through Friday, November 13.

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Upcoming Events

Ambiguous Bodies



Ambiguous Bodies, an art exhibition exploring different interpretations of the human body, will be presented at Goucher College’s Silber Gallery in the Athenaeum from Tuesday, November 3, through Sunday, December 13.

This exhibit, which is free and open to the public, can be viewed Tuesday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. An artist's reception will be held Thursday, November 19, at 6 p.m. in the Silber Gallery. Call 410-337-6477 for more information.

The human body can be interpreted in diverse ways. In this exhibition 10 artists employ the idea of ambiguity, dismantling notions of the classical and the ideal form, while simultaneously broadening the scope of the human form to include differences of beauty, race, sexuality, and gender.

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

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“Multifunctional Nanocarriers for Pancreatic Cancer Therapy”

Tuesday, November 10
Kelley Lecture Hall
4:30 p.m.

Dr. Marie-Christine Daniel, of University of Maryland Baltimore County's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, will give this Chemistry Department seminar lecture.

Pizza will be served prior to the seminar.

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“The Book of Job: The Problem of Suffering”

Wednesday, November 11A
Buchner Hall, Alumnae/i House
Noon

Join Goucher Hillel Director Rabbi Josh Snyder for a luncheon text study and discussion about the story of Job and the search for meaning amid suffering. In the *Book of Job*, Satan convinces God to take away Job's security, children, and health to test his obedience. Texts and translations will be provided. No prior knowledge required. Bring your lunch. Light refreshments will be provided. RSVP by calling 410-337-6454 or e-mailing hillel@goucher.edu.

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Flag-Folding Ceremony in Honor of Veterans Day

Wednesday, November 11
Haebler Memorial Chapel
6:50 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

In honor of Veterans Day the Goucher Democrats and the Goucher Republicans and Libertarians clubs will hold a flag-folding ceremony. The ceremony will begin outside Haebler Memorial Chapel, where students will bear three flags, one of which was flown in Iraq, to the Dorsey Center Courtyard. In the courtyard, a Jewish and a Christian prayer will be recited. Other religious groups are also invited to recite a prayer. After the prayers, Danielle DeGarmo '13 will lead six students in folding the flags and will teach the basics of flag law. Goucher community members are also invited to share stories of experiences involving veterans, soldiers, or the military.

For more information, contact Rudy Stoler at rudy.stoler@goucher.edu.

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Fall 2009 Meyerhoff Visiting Professor: Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.

Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. — a staunch preservation advocate who is widely recognized as the country's most prominent environmental attorney — will come to Goucher College on Wednesday, November 11, at 8 p.m. in Kraushaar Auditorium to discuss "Our Environmental Destiny: How to Get There in Troubled Economic Times."

Kennedy is appearing as Goucher's Fall 2009 Robert and Jane Meyerhoff Visiting Professor. This event is free and open to the public, but tickets must be reserved in advance by calling the Goucher College Box Office at 410-337-6333 or by e-mailing boxoffice@goucher.edu.



Time magazine named Kennedy one of its "Heroes for the Planet" in 1999 for his work as chief prosecuting attorney for Hudson Riverkeeper, a nonprofit group that works to protect the ecological integrity of the Hudson River and its tributaries.

In 1999 he helped co-found the Waterkeeper Alliance, which united "keepers" of various waterways to form a global movement of on-the-water advocates who patrol and protect more than 100,000 miles of rivers, streams, and coastlines. It has nearly 200 participating member organizations and is one of the fastest-growing grassroots environmental movements in the world, spanning six continents — North and South America, Europe, Australia, Asia, and Africa.

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

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Food for Thought, a Discussion About Genetically Engineered Food

Goucher College's Department of Biology is presenting "Food for Thought," a discussion on issues related to genetically engineered food, on Thursday, November 12, 7-9 p.m. in the Batza Room of the Athenaeum.

The panel leading the discussion will be composed of students from BIO 387: Seminar in Plant Molecular Biology and Biotechnology, and Norman Zwagil, general manager of the Bon Appétit Management Company, Goucher's environmentally responsible food services

provider.



Faculty and students from all departments are invited, and staff are also welcome.

Some topics that will be covered are how genetically engineered foods are made, distributed, labeled, and regulated. Participants will also discuss the environmental sustainability of genetically engineered crops, the safety of these products, and the genetic traits they exhibit.

This event is sponsored by the Biology Department and Bon Appétit Management Company.

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Gophers for Goucher Senior Wine Tasting

Friday, November 13

6 p.m.

Buchner Hall

Seniors are invited to sample a variety of quality low-cost wines, as well as non-alcoholic drinks and snacks, at this fundraiser and networking event. All participants must show OneCards at the door. Admission is \$5. All proceeds will go to the [Greater Goucher Fund](#), which supports resources not covered in full by tuition, such as scholarships and faculty salaries.

For more information contact Assistant Director of Annual Giving Aliza Ross at aross@goucher.edu.

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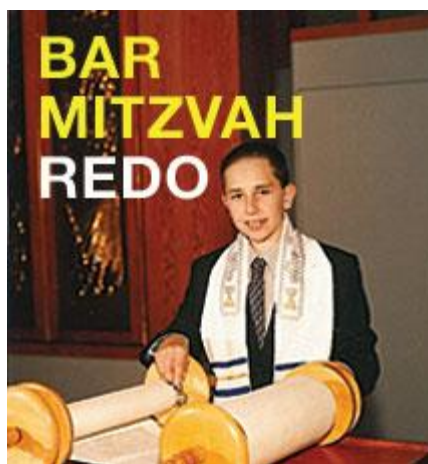
Evan Siegel's Bar Mitzvah Redo

Evan Siegel is (re-)celebrating his Bar Mitzvah and wants you to join the party! Goucher students of all faiths are invited to participate in this free Goucher Hillel community experience. The weekend of events, which includes a Shabbat service and dinner, culminates in a Bar Mitzvah party and an off-campus volunteer opportunity.

Friday, November 13

Shabbat Services and Dinner

5 p.m., Weinberg Jewish Student Center (Hillel)



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10 p.m., Weinberg Jewish Student Center (Hillel)

A celebration of the Sabbath that features singing, stories, and food

Saturday, November 14

Brunch

11 a.m.–2 p.m., Weinberg Jewish Student Center (Hillel)

Bar Mitzvah 101

1:30 p.m., Weinberg Jewish Student Center (Hillel)

Learn about the purpose of Bar Mitzvah and the ceremony itself.

Study of the week's Torah reading

3 p.m., Weinberg Jewish Student Center (Hillel)

Bar Mitzvah Dance Party

11 p.m.–1:30 a.m., Heubeck A

Celebrate with music by DJ Tommy and enjoy snacks and cake.

Sunday, November 15

Weatherization Mitzvah Project

Join Evan for his mitzvah project as he helps needy Baltimore City residents weatherize their homes. To register and arrange transportation, click [here](#). Please be sure to register as a volunteer, not as a client, and please be sure to select the 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. volunteering slot. We will meet at 1:30 p.m. at the Weinberg Jewish Student Center on Sunday, November 15. Register by Wednesday, November 11. The weatherization project is sponsored by [Neighbors Assisting Directly In Volunteerism](#) and Baltimore City's Department of Housing Weatherization Assistance Program.

Contact Julia Mizrahi at julia.mizrahi@goucher.edu for more information.

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“Protecting Maryland's Water, Land, and People into the Future”



Monday, November 16

Hyman Forum, Athenaeum

6:30 p.m. networking reception

7:30 p.m. program

The Maryland League of Conservation Voters Education Fund, Baltimore Green Works, and the Goucher Environmental Studies Program present this Maryland legislative preview and networking reception. Learn about upcoming environmental legislation in the Maryland legislature and hear the latest from local environmental

groups. Panelists include Shari Wilson, the secretary of the Maryland Department of

Environment, and Brad Heavner, the state director of Environment Maryland.

Go to www.marylandconservation.org for more information and to RSVP.

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International Education Week

Goucher College will celebrate International Education Week from Monday, November 16, through Friday, November 20, with a series of free events that highlight the importance and benefits of international education.

Monday, November 16

International Fair

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Pearlstone Atrium

The fair will feature off-campus vendors, including Ten Thousand Villages, and a variety of Goucher's international clubs and organizations.



Defining the Global Citizen: A Campus-wide Dialogue Reassessing What it Means to Study Abroad

7 p.m.

Buchner Hall, Alumnae/i House

During this campus-wide discussion about studying abroad students will share their experiences, their expectations, and what they feel it means to be a "global citizen."

Tuesday, November 17

"And the Wall Came Tumbling Down: Berlin 1989"

7:30 p.m.

Buchner Hall, Alumnae/i House

Christoph Eichhorn, head of the Political Department at the German Embassy in Washington D.C., will give this talk to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall and examine why it is still relevant today. For more information, click [here](#).

Wednesday, November 18

Screening and Dinner Discussion of *The Boys of Baraka*

6 p.m.

Pinkard Center, Athenaeum

This 2005 documentary follows 20 at-risk boys from Baltimore as they spend seventh and eighth grade at a boarding school in Baraka, Kenya.

Thursday, November 19

Arabian Nights

9-10:30 p.m.

Pearlstone Café and Private Dining Room

Experience a Persian tea room and belly dancing at this fun multicultural event.

Friday, November 20

International Extravaganza

7 p.m.

Hyman Forum, Athenaeum

Celebrate Goucher community members' native traditions and cultures through a showcase of international performing arts and cuisine.

For more information, contact Community Living Coordinator Melissa Smith at 410-337-6424 or Melissa.smith@goucher.edu.

The events are sponsored by the Office of International Studies, the Office of Community Living, the Office of Multicultural Affairs, the Dean of Students, the Peace Studies Program, and the Global Gophers.

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“Why Fund War While Our Cities Die?”



Goucher College’s Peace Studies Program, along with the Baltimore United for Peace and Justice Coalition, is presenting “Why Fund War While Our Cities Die?,” a lecture by Phyllis Bennis, the director of the New Internationalism Project at the Institute for Policy Studies in Washington, DC.

This event will be held Thursday, November 19, at 7 p.m. in Kelley Lecture Hall and is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Fran Donelan at fdonelan@goucher.edu.

During the lecture, Bennis will argue that U.S. domestic policies regarding health care reform, education, social services, infrastructure, a healthier environment, the creation of “green” jobs, and many other beneficial initiatives are being neglected and underfunded while the government spends hundreds of billions of dollars of tax money on military operations in Afghanistan, Iraq, and other countries in the name of national security and building democracy in the Middle East.

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

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Open Office Hours with President Sanford J. Ungar

Thursday, November 19

President's Office in Dorsey Center

2 to 3 p.m.

Monday, December 7

President's Office in Dorsey Center

3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

President Sanford J. Ungar invites Goucher community members to speak with him during these open office hours. No subject is off limits. No appointments are necessary. If there is a line, he asks that each visitor take only 10 minutes and he will schedule a time to continue talking if necessary.

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***Preface* Murder Mystery Dinner**

Thursday, November 19
Heubeck Multipurpose Room
6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Preface, Goucher's student literary magazine, presents this literary-themed night of dastardly deeds. Will you be a witness? A victim? Or a murderer? All participants will play a role in this evening of sleuthing and scheming.

Sign up for a character or team from several classic novels in the Pearlstone Atrium on Monday, November 9, through Thursday, November 12, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Groups are welcome.

The event costs \$8 and includes dinner. Payment must be made while signing up for a character. OneCards and cash accepted. Space is limited to 40 people so don't miss out!

For more information, send questions to prefaceme@gmail.com.

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Help Create Care Packages for U.S. Soldiers

The Goucher Political/Activism Umbrella Group, a collaborative network of several student clubs, is collecting items to send as care packages to U.S. soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan. The soldiers chosen are friends or family to members of the Goucher community. Goucher community members are being asked to drop off at least one item at the Pearlstone Student Center between Monday, November 16 and Friday, November 20.

Donated items should fall into the following categories: nonperishable foods, snacks, condiments, and beverages; toiletries for men and women; entertainment materials (including books, CDs, DVDs, video games, games); batteries; writing materials and mailing envelopes; and disposable cameras.

All food items that might leak and liquid items must be placed in zip-lock bags.

The following items cannot be sent: pork products, alcohol, pornographic materials, liquid hand sanitizer, aerosol cans, and glass containers.

If you have contact information for a family member or friend fighting overseas in Iraq or

Afghanistan and would like them to receive a care package, send their information to Dennis Teegardin at detee001@mail.goucher.edu by Friday, November 20. Care packages will be sent by the end of November so they can arrive in Afghanistan and Iraq during the holiday season.

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Goucher Repertory Dance Ensemble Fall Concert



Thursday, November 19, to Saturday, November 21
Kraushaar Auditorium
11 a.m. on November 19
8 p.m. on November 20 and 21

Enjoy ballet and modern works choreographed by guest artists Septime Webre, Seán Curran, and Jessica Lang and Goucher dance faculty Kathi Ferguson, Linda Garofalo, and Michael Thomas.

Tickets are \$15 general admission and \$8 for students and senior citizens. Goucher OneCards accepted. For tickets, call the box office at 410-337-6333.

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Farmers' Market



Friday, November 20
Alumnae/i House Courtyard
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

In keeping with the ongoing emphasis on raising awareness about environmental sustainability—including how food choices affect the global ecosystem—Goucher and Bon Appétit Management Company, the college's food services provider, are hosting a farmers' market. This will be the last market of the semester.

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

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Goucher Students Present "The Nina Variations"

Students in Goucher's directing and lighting design courses will stage and perform *The Nina Variations*, a funny and poignant homage to Anton Chekov's *The Seagull*, on Friday,

November 20, and Saturday, November 21, at 8 p.m. in the college's Mildred Dunnock Theatre.

These performances are free and open to the public, but tickets must be reserved. Contact the Mildred Dunnock Box Office at 410-337-6512 to reserve a ticket or for more information.

When playwright Steven Dietz was approached to write a new adaptation of Chekhov's *The Seagull*, he was mesmerized by the final scene between the star-crossed lovers Nina and Treplev. His passion for this scene and these two characters grew so strong that he finally granted them a second chance – 43 chances, actually – to change the plot. Hence, *The Nina Variations* was born.

Goucher's production of *The Nina Variations* will be conceived and staged by students in the college's directing and lighting design courses, and it will feature more than a dozen student actors rotating through the roles of the two lovers.

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

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American Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, November 23
Heubeck Multipurpose Room
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Schedule an appointment by clicking [here](#). The sponsor code for the website is 692. Walk-ins are also welcome.

For more information contact Abby Cooney at 774-364-0521.

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Kudos

Sarah Edwards '11 of the Green House and **Abby Cooney** '11, president of CAUSE, recruited students from the Green House, CAUSE, and eight student athletes to participate in Towson Clean Up Day on October 24. The event is held by the Towson Chamber of Commerce every fall and spring. The Goucher students joined students from Towson University and other community leaders on cleanup projects in and around Towson.

Goucher's Men's Soccer team forward **Julien Greco** '10 was named to the *ESPN The Magazine* 2009's Academic All-District II College Division Men's Soccer Team. Greco is a second-team selection for the district, which covers Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Washington D.C. The team is chosen by members of the College Sports Information Directors of America. To be nominated, a student-athlete must

have at least sophomore athletic and academic standing and be a starter or important reserve with at least a 3.30 cumulative grade point average.

Junior **Billie Weiss'** photographic works were featured in a show in Goucher's Meyerhoff Arts Center October 25 through October 30. The photographs were taken during his internship with the Baltimore Orioles, which took place during the 2009 season.

Associate Professor of English **Mary Marchand** gave a talk titled "The Life and Work of Edgar Allan Poe," on November 2 at the Baltimore Museum of Art, in honor of the museum's special exhibit "Edgar Allan Poe: A Baltimore Icon."

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Goucher in the News

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

["Why is Media Sticking up for FOX News?"](#)

From *Fox News*, "The O'Reilly Factor", October 29, 2009

Article Abstract: Goucher Associate Professor of Communications David Zurawik spoke out against the Obama administration's criticism that the Fox News Network operates more like a wing of the Republican Party than a news organization. He staunchly defended the importance of an independent press.

["Did Schwarzenegger Note Contain Coded Profanity?"](#)

From *National Public Radio*, "All Things Considered", October 28, 2009

Article Abstract: Goucher Professor of Mathematics Robert Lewand, who specializes in cryptology, discussed the extreme improbability that the veto letter that California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger sent to state Assemblyman Tom Ammaino could have accidentally contained a coded profanity.

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 November 23 issue of the Goucher Digest is Thursday, November 19. Send all submissions to digesteditor@goucher.edu.