

A VERY BUSY SEMESTER KICKS-OFF FOR LEGACY!

Fall 2008 is turning out to be an incredibly busy semester for the Legacy Experience! Building on the successes of the spring semester, this fall includes some of the most exciting and influential events of the past as well as great new experiences for our Legacy Students—both 2007's and 2008's.

LEGACY STUDENTS CONQUER RAPIDS



Legacy Students, Mentors, Advisors, and Dr. Saddle mire conquering the rapids on the Deerfield River in Massachusetts

This September, Legacy Students embarked on a whitewater rafting trip on the Deerfield River, in Massachusetts. With the help of expert guides, this new Legacy experience offered an active, hands-on way for students to test, apply, and further develop their leadership skills. Both Faculty and Alumni Mentors, as well as Vice President Dr. John Saddle mire, accompanied the students on their ride down the rapids. Alumni mentor, Annette Lombardi, who joined her mentees, Rachael Forker and Juan Carmona, noted that, *“One of the best parts was the opportunity I had to spend time with my students.”* The students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and learned about themselves, decision making, risk taking, and more. While for some the lessons were accompanied with an unexpected dip into the river, all who were able to join us agreed that the trip was a great experience. Even a couple of Legacy's previously more reluctant participants ended the day with a thirst for more whitewater rafting!

HEADING SOUTH

In October, the Legacy Experience teamed up with the College of Liberal Arts and Science's Myles Martel Lecture in Leadership and Public Opinion and the Office of First Year Programs to bring author Margot Morrell to campus. Morrell is the noted author of *Shackleton's Way; Leadership Lessons from the Great Antarctic Explorer*.



Students pictured with Morrell, center-left, and Myles and Leslie Martel.

After an engaging, campus-wide presentation Thursday evening, Legacy Students had an opportunity to meet with Morrell at an “invitation-only” discussion that focused on Shackleton's expeditions as well as on the author's personal journey in researching and writing this New York Time's Best Seller. A particularly special bonus was having Myles Martel join the discussion and share his personal leadership experiences as a successful national public relations consultant for presidents, congressmen, and other national political leaders.

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LOOKING INWARD WITH LEGACY



Legacy Students were ‘passionately’ engaged at their recent bi-weekly workshop

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FEATURED FACULTY MENTOR!

Dr. Debra Kendall is part of the Legacy family as Heeren Makanji's Faculty Mentor. Dr. Kendall is the Associate Dean of Faculty Affairs in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and serves as a Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor. Dr. Kendall studied at Smith College and Edinburgh University before receiving her Ph.D. at Northwestern University and her Postdoctoral Fellowship at Rockefeller University. Currently, she is a professor in the Department of Molecular and Cell Biology and her research focus is on the integral structural features of membrane proteins. Additionally, Dr. Kendall is actively engaged in the recruitment and retention of diverse students, staff, and faculty in CLAS. Dr. Kendall became Heeren's Legacy Mentor because, as Heeren's instructor in a graduate-level course, she was struck by his success in balancing his course work with his many service-oriented activities. As Dr. Kendall noted, *"Becoming a Legacy Mentor has given me the chance to learn more about Heeren and it has given me a much broader view of the student experience at UConn."*



Dr. Debra Kendall

FIRST ANNUAL LEGACY REUNION



Football, food, and festivities will be all be part of the First Annual Legacy Reunion on October 25th

Collaborating with the Alumni Association, the Leadership Legacy Experience is excited to host its' first annual Legacy Reunion during UConn's October 25th, Homecoming Football Game at Rentschler Field. This event will bring together current and past Legacy Students as well as their Faculty and Alumni Mentors, and friends of Legacy. Prior to the game there will be a barbeque with folks mingling and catching-up, after which attendees will cheer on the Huskies as they take on the Cincinnati Bearcats and build

on an already successful season. Let's Go Huskies!!

LOOKING AHEAD.....

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2009 cohort of the Leadership Legacy Experience. Selected students will have demonstrated academic commitment, exceptional character, contribution to the community, and an overall level of extraordinary personal achievement. Nominations are being accepted through October 31st. The 2009 Legacy cohort will begin their leadership journey in January, 2009. Stay tuned!

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UConn MAGAZINE FEATURES LEGACY STUDENTS



Daniel Lin

Two of the Legacy '08 Students, Daniel Lin and Camille Patterson, were featured in the 'Student Spotlight' section of the UCONN Magazine's Summer Edition. Part of the article explored how Dan's involvement in community service projects has caused him to ponder a new career path that he considers more rewarding. As Dan notes in the article, *"I've always dreamed of having one of those rigorous investment jobs on Wall Street, but now I'm thinking of embarking on a more humanitarian path, possibly in the Peace Corps"*. The article also

features Camille's work on the presidential campaign of U.S. Senator Christopher Dodd (D-CT) and her aspiration to be a lawyer. As noted by Camille, *"You have to really want it to succeed in politics. It was hard work, but definitely fulfilling."* To read this article in its entirety from the UCONN Magazine's summer edition, visit



Camille Patterson

www.uconnmagazine.uconn.edu/smmr2008/spotlight.html. Congratulations Dan and Camille!

