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# LGS Express!

**FINALS ARE HERE! SUMMER IS NEAR!**

Dear Scholars,

As we approach the end of another academic year, we congratulate all scholars and alumni on their accomplishments! On the behalf of LGS, we wish you much success and fun for this summer and upcoming year. This issue of the *Express* shares reflections from LGS students and alumni, as well as updates and highlights about exciting developments within the LGS community! Enjoy!

## LGS Student Leadership Council

*Congratulations to the new members of the LGS Student Leadership Council (LGSSLC) 2013-2014!*

### **E-board members:**

President: Erin Taub  
 Vice President: Ann-Marie Ramsaroop  
 Secretary: Matthew Bellomo  
 Public Relations Officer: Karla Hernandez

### **Class Representatives:**

<i>Class of 2016:</i>	<i>Class of 2015:</i>	<i>Class of 2014:</i>
Josephine Chuah	Valeria Mendoza	Gabby Ali-Marino
Ayia El-Refaey	Natnael Petros	Cally Benison
Steven Joseph	Melissa Salama	Ammie Lin
Dilara Islam	Erica White	Kristie Ranchurejee
Stephanie Solis		
Liz Rilling		

The purpose of the LGSSLC is to advocate for the concerns of LGS students and maintain active student involvement within the LGS Program. Meetings are held on Monday nights at 5:00pm in the LGS Lounge (Science 108), and all students are welcome to attend.

## Relay for Life



The Levermore Global Scholars Relay for Life Team raised **\$3,517.51**, making us the top fundraising team and earning us a VIP site at the event.

## Our Global Kitchen: Food, Nature, Culture

Written By: Erica White  
International Studies Major

Foodies everywhere will be excited to hear that the Museum of Natural History has done something that should've happened a long time ago – they have dedicated part of their museum to food. In their new exhibition called *Our Global Kitchen: Food, Nature, Culture*, museum-goers can explore how food is grown, transported, cooked, and most importantly...eaten!



Students in the Levermore Global Scholars program had the opportunity to get a first-hand look into the history of food, and some of the challenges the world faces today in terms of food shortages and food insecurity. We got to sneak a peak into the dining rooms of historical icons, learned how our taste buds determine what we eat (dolphins and cats are oblivious to sweet and bitter tastes, so hold the coffee or cake), and how food is prepared around the world.

The museum was full of little tidbits of interesting information about how food interacts with our daily life, as well as lives in the past: cocoa beans were once used as a form of monetary barter at local markets, Jane Austen loved ice cream, and cod used to be 6 feet long. There was also a chance to taste some delicious food (tea and crumpets, anyone?) and chat about the role food plays in our lives.

Anyone who read *The Omnivore's Dilemma* is probably tired of learning about corn, but the exhibition offered distinct insights into the evolution of this valuable crop, and how it went from a wild grass to the global commodity we have today. In some ways, the history of corn resembles the history of humans and the way we have altered our lifestyles based on taste, hunger, and curiosity.



## Cultural Identity in the United States



Written by: Karla Hernandez  
English Major

What does it mean to be an American? What defines “American culture” is not something that we as Americans are conscious of on a day-to-day basis. At the diversity panel, Cultural Identity in the United States, several Levermore Global Scholars Program students discussed their own experiences in the United States as individuals of diverse backgrounds. A dynamic discussion and workshop led by Anna Zinko, Assistant Director for the Center for Student Involvement, got panel attendees thinking about common stereotypes that we use to identify others.

After the workshop, the floor was opened up to several LGS students who represented different populations in America. From Collin Savage, an American whose family has lived in the United States for generations, to Ida Iselin Eriksson, an international student from Oslo, Norway, each student represented a unique outlook on how cultural identity resonates here in the U.S. With the discussion spearheaded by LGS sophomore, Valeria Mendoza, the audience was able to gain many different outlooks from the perspectives of the globally diverse group. Also, I feel that the interactive aspect of the panel allowed the audience to participate in the discussion as well, giving everyone a chance to speak out about experiences of learning and injustice.





## **LGS Alumni Updates:** **Michelle Consorte, LGS '12**



In June 2012, only a few weeks after my graduation from Adelphi, I began what is now my current job at the ELS Language Center on Adelphi's campus – Yes, I entered the 'real world' and lived to tell the tale. In this role, I

am mainly in charge of processing ELS students' applications to Adelphi, counseling them on admissions procedures, and acting as the main liaison between ELS and Adelphi personnel. LGS has developed a handful of projects in cooperation with ELS, so I get to see some old faces on a pretty regular basis. I've also chaperoned several ELS students to the United Nations along with an LGS group.

What this job has confirmed for me, more than anything else is that no matter what I do in life I want to be helping people on a grand scale. And, I plan to do just that. I am proud to announce that last month I was accepted into Long Island University's Master's in Public Administration program and will begin my part-time studies this coming September.

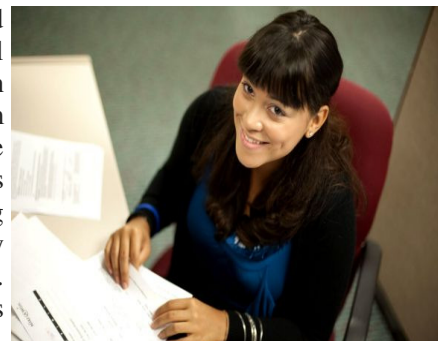
At LIU, I will be specializing in nonprofit management, meaning that my courses will be tailored more towards this form of organization, in lieu of government and private-sector administration. I believe that this degree (and the experience that comes with it) will lead me to a position where I can make a positive and lasting impact which improves the lives of many. The program will take two or three years to complete, since I will also still be working full-time at ELS, but by the end of it I hope to have gained valuable managerial skills and the ability to effectively implement them.

I really enjoy the work I'm doing now with ELS, chiefly because it is global in scope, education-oriented, and directly benefits a diverse group of people. My long-term goal is to work at the helm of a nonprofit which also possesses these qualities and others equally commendable. Throughout my academic and professional careers I've taken advantage of many great opportunities that led me to where I am today. Moving forward, I want to create similar valuable opportunities for others as a way of advancing their lives, and in order to pay a sort of homage to those who have helped me to get this far.

-Michelle Consorte '12  
English Major, Communications Minor

## **LGS Alumni Updates:** **Hilda Perez, LGS '11**

Two years ago I received my BA in International Studies with a concentration in Political Science from Adelphi University. Like any other graduate, I was ready to tackle the working world while simultaneously being terrified to join it. However, I knew I was ready because of my preparation at Adelphi as a Levermore Global Scholar.



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Throughout my years in LGS, I have been exposed to many civic engagement events that have allowed me to gain a better global perspective. One such experience was representing LGS and Adelphi in Washington, DC for the U.S. Summit for Global Citizen Diplomacy. This summit allowed me to fully immerse myself and explore how peace and change can be achieved through innovative collaborations between various sectors. They stressed the innovative potential of citizens as change makers; a familiar concept that LGS always has focused on. LGS encouraged innovation. Because of this, I had the chance to practice what I had been taught on a larger scale. For the summit, my peers and I researched the potential of social businesses and social innovation at every level and how these can be used in areas from technology to women's empowerment. I will never forget huddling together in the LGS lounge and the pure astonishment I felt when Professor DeBartolo first introduced us to these concepts in preparation for the summit. It finally clicked. I understood how to bridge the gaps in my entrepreneurially, internationally and non-profit-obsessed heart. It was social entrepreneurship.

As I fast-forward two years, I am now at a fashion start-up company and plan on running my own family business later on. I researched, applied and was accepted to attend HULT International Business School this upcoming fall semester to study for a Masters in Social Entrepreneurship at the San Francisco campus. This year-long intensive MSE program offers unique opportunities and challenges in the field. It also allows me participate in a special global rotation option to take classes in Sao Paulo, Brazil or London, England. I chose to pursue this degree so that I may enhance my skills and expand my education to tackle this sector full force. I hope to use this degree to become a global citizen; creating something innovative that will allow me to give back and help in the overall progress of this sector. I am excited for this new venture, especially knowing that the LGS program and Adelphi prepared me for this new journey — a journey that I know will flourish.

-Hilda Perez '11  
International Studies Major

## Community Fellows Program

**Eleven (11) LGS students** were recently selected to undertake a variety of **paid nonprofit internships this summer** through Adelphi's Community Fellows Program! For more information about this awesome program, please check out the Center for Career Development!



***Congratulations to this year's LGS Community Fellows!***

**Cally Benison**, Criminal Justice, LGS '14  
Garden City Bird Sanctuary: Field Manager

**Ammie Lin**, Communications, LGS '14  
Nationall Urban League: Event Marketing

**Valeria Mendoza**, International Studies, LGS '15  
Global Kids: Human Rights

**Ann-Marie Ramsaroop**, English, LGS '14  
Catholic Guardian: Grant Writing/Research

**Kristie Ranchurejee**, International Studies, LGS '14  
Harlem RBI: East Harlem

**Elizabeth Rilling**, Environmental Studies, LGS '16  
Friends of the Bay

**Melissa Salama**, Political Science, LGS '15  
Global Kids: Online Leadership Program

**Sharmila Samwaru**, Nursing, LGS '15  
Community Counseling: SYEP & Facilitator

**Naresh Singh**, Political Science, LGS '15  
Crohns & Colitis: Development

**Erica White**, International Studies, LGS '15  
AHRC Camp Loyaltown: Int'l Support

**Lindsay Zissis**, Communication Disorders, LGS, '15  
AHRC Sensory Room

## AU's Research Day



Congratulations to the **thirty-one (31) LGS students and alumni** who presented at this year's Research Conference on Wednesday April 10, 2013!

Every presenter did a wonderful job sharing their work with students, faculty, staff, and administrators. In true LGS fashion, they proved their leadership by working on original research projects addressing very diverse and interesting subjects.

We would also like to give a special shout-out to the LGS students and alumni whose work placed in their category:

***Undergraduate Social Sciences Poster Presentations:***  
Valeria Mendoza, LGS '15 — First Place

***Undergraduate Multidisciplinary Poster Presentations:***  
Kimberly Atkins, LGS '15 and Andrew Martin, LGS '15 — First Place (tied)

***Undergraduate Arts Poster Presentations:***  
Gregory Quinlan, LGS '13 — Honorable Mention

***Graduate Life & Physical Sciences Poster Presentations:***  
Emily Dernbach, LGS '12 — First Place

***Graduate Psychology Oral Presentations:***  
Jennifer Ganley, LGS '09 — First Place





## Recent LGS Accomplishments!



LGS congratulates Melissa Fernandez, LGS '13, for being selected as one of the **40 under 40 Rising Latino Stars of NY State by The NY Hispanic Coalition, Inc.**, as well as being named **CSI's Student Leader of the Month** in February 2013! Melissa is a Biology major who currently serves on the executive board for the Latin American Student Organization and Sigma Lambda Upsilon, Sorority Inc.

LGS congratulates Reaz Khan, LGS '13, for being named a **national 2013 Newman Civic Fellow**! Newman Civic Fellows represent the next generation of public problem solvers and civic leaders. They serve as national examples of the role that higher education can—and does—play in building a better world! Reaz is currently majoring in International Studies with concentrations in Political Science and Spanish and has a minor in Latin American Studies.



LGS congratulates Kristie Ranchurejee for receiving the **Sue Levering Social Justice Scholarship**! This award is given to a student who is an active and informed global citizen. Kristie is an International Studies major with Economics and Peace Studies minors. She also serves as the president of Amnesty International here on Adelphi's campus.

LGS congratulates Nahtahniel Reel, LGS '13, and Navjot Kaur, LGS '13, for their **acceptance into the Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science at Columbia University**! As part of the dual degree Combined Plan Program, they will be completing their studies in civil engineering, earning a B.S. in Physics from Adelphi and a B.S. in Civil Engineering from Columbia.





## LGS Year in Review



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