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**March 28th:**  
LGS Day at the  
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\*Sign up!

**April 4th:**  
Relay for Life

**April 14th:**  
In Harm's Way:  
Oxfam America's  
game on rethinking  
natural disasters

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# LGS Express

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## Research Conference in Binghamton

By Valeria Mendoza

On February 28, 2014 to March 2, 2014 I had the privilege of attending the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Latin American, Caribbean, Latino and Indigenous Undergraduate Student Conference sponsored by SUNY-Binghamton, where I presented my research paper "El Corrido: Reflections of a Mexican and Mexican-American Identities."

It was not only an opportunity to give my oration skills a test run but meet true Latin American intellectuals. There were students present from the University of California-Berkeley, University of Puerto Rico, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Colgate University, Ithaca College and Cornell University. Although the conference was not as well attended as the festivities going on in Binghamton University's infamous "Parade Day" for the weekend, the caliber of students and their research was astounding. The highlight of my day was attending other students' presentations whose topics ranged from "Being a Man: Racial and Social Disparities within the Trans(itioning) Men of Color Community in the U.S.," "Translingualism: Gustavo Perez Firmat's Self-Expression of Hybridity (U.S.)," "Abusando



del Genero: Reggaeton Masculinities in Transition or How Daddy Yankee Went from Whipping 'latigazo' to 'Lovumba' (Love and Rumba).

While I sat in my seat, observing each student presentation, my excitement increased. Their love and interest in their work translated in their presentations. I found a reverberating energy and passion in each lecture hall I entered. It was then that I came to the realization that these undergraduate students were my peers, regardless of their Alma Mater they could potentially one day be my colleagues. The study of Latin America and its people will forever serve as a binding force to the professional and personal relationships built over the course of three days. This conference could not have been possible without the unique guidance and spice Dr. Juanita Diaz-Cotto brought to the table as Conference Director.

I look forward to visiting my new Puerto Rican friends during Spring Break: Iralys, Rachell and Lauren, and continuing my research.



## Foreign Language Writing Award Competition Deadline

*The Department  
of Languages, Literatures  
and Cultures announces  
the*

*Melvin and Marian  
Prottas Foreign Lan-  
guage Writing Award  
Competition  
in French, Italian and  
Spanish*

The competition is open  
to all Adelphi University  
students.

Submissions may include  
essays, poetry or short  
stories.

Entry Deadline: Friday,  
April 4, 2014

First Place Winner will  
receive \$100

Second Place Winner will  
receive \$50

Third Place Winner will  
receive \$25

Send entries to: The  
Department of Lan-  
guages, Literatures and  
Cultures, Science 216C  
or you may email-  
[ccastellon@adelphi.edu](mailto:ccastellon@adelphi.edu).  
Please note: Previous  
contest winners must  
wait two years before  
entering the contest  
again.

# Salaam from Morocco

By Natnael Petros

Everyday has been an experience so far studying abroad in Morocco. Whether it's learning a new word, Moroccan proverb, or something Ha'shuma (shameful) it never gets dull here. I have been to many amazing cities and towns in Morocco so far, but the greatest experience is living with my host family. I live in a big house with 20 family members and it can get up to 50 at times because the extended family gather here for week-ends, anniversaries, and funerals when need be. It has been two months since I moved in, and I have yet to memorize everybody's name. Every time I think I'm getting closer, five new members show up. I'm also trying to chart a family tree to see how everybody is related. It is my strong opinion that everyone who studies abroad should live with a host family. You gain true cultural immersion from the family you live with rather than just living in an apartment with your peers.



## Going Global—A Message from the Career Center

Are you "**Going Global**"? Have you thought of getting that special internship or job overseas, but have wondered about the opportunities, the requirements, the "where's" and "how's" of setting all that up? Does the idea of starting that dream job or internship in a foreign country seem like a challenge you might think twice about?

**Going Global**, sponsored by the Adelphi University Women's Giving Circle, is a free service accessible via **PantherZone**. You'll find their icon on the left-hand side of your home page. **Going Global**, a firm with whom we've partnered for over a year now, has done all the hard work required to find, apply to, and GET that overseas internship or job. Their site contains thousands of job and internship postings in over 40 countries, and includes tips on resumes, interviews, visas, professional associations and more.



## Youth Services Opportunities Project (Y.S.O.P.) Service Trip

By Matthew Bellomo

I recently went on two service trips with Adelphi to participate in an effort to provide homeless relief to individuals in New York City and Washington D.C. There, I, along with other students, worked in shelters, soup kitchens, food and clothing banks and other direct-service institutions to provide assistance. I participated in the D.C. YSOP trip with fellow LGS students Erin Taub, Ageliki Milios, Steven Joseph, Elizabeth Rilling and Abigail Paulion. These trips were unlike any I had participated in before because we interacted and had conversations with the people we were helping. This experience opened my eyes to the amount of poverty in America and how the high cost of living has created an enormous wealth disparity. I learned so much about homelessness and how anyone could one day be in the same position. I was able to meet so many devoted and dedicated volunteers who were as passionate about giving back as I was. I love doing community service and I hope to have another experience like this again in the near future!



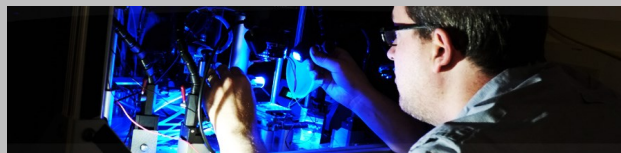
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## Cold Springs Harbor Cancer Research Center

By Dilara Islam

Being given the opportunity to attend the lecture on breast cancer research and treatment update at the Cold Spring Harbor Cancer Research Center through the Levermore Global Scholars Seminar in The Sciences was great. The guest speakers, Dr. Lora Weiselberg, Dr. Mikala Egeblad, and Dr. Nicholas Tonks, provided the audience with substantial information about the history and current research on breast cancer, as well as the research on developing a cure. Dr. Weiselberg presented information on the history of breast cancer, dating back to the 1600s, as well as her focus on breast cancer treatment and cancer chemoprevention. Dr. Egeblad, who studies the contributions of the tumor microenvironment—in which cancer cells arise and live—to cancer therapy responses and metastasis, presented a lot of interesting information in her presentation. Using cutting-edge imaging technology, Dr. Egeblad and her team showed how white blood cells help tumor cells survive chemotherapy, and they have found that tumors responded much better to chemotherapy when the white blood cells were prevented from entering breast tumors. Dr. Tonks, in his presentation, displayed his focus in understanding the mechanisms by which cells sense and respond to stimuli from their environment that regulates growth, differentiation, movement and survival, and defining how these responses are disrupted in such diseases as cancer, diabetes and obesity.

It was wonderful attending this lecture because through their presentations, I was able to witness how Dr. Weiselberg, Dr. Egeblad, and Dr. Tonks were in the process of making an impact in the world. Overall, I'm glad I was able to attend this trip because, like my classmates, I realized how important it is to be aware of the developments being made in a research field that affects millions of people worldwide.





## Luminaria

### What is a luminaria?

Luminaria are bags with names written on them of those who have fought or are currently fighting the battle against cancer. Whether the names are people who have won their battle, are currently fighting, or have lost their life because of cancer, Luminaria are symbols of hope found at every Relay For Life event. The light inside each Luminaria represents a life, which shines with the hope for a cancer-free world.

### Decorating your Luminaria

Luminaria bags typically have "In Memory of [Name]" or "In Honor of [Name]" written on them. Many participants decorate them using markers, photos, or other memorabilia to make the Luminaria unique and special. Some people cut stars, circles, or other shapes out of the bag to enhance their glow when lit.

Do you want to make your own Luminaria? To pick up a blank bag, please contact Jennifer Ganley. Bags are \$5 and all proceeds go towards the American Cancer Society.



## Announcing:

## LGS Study Abroad Award

Any LGS student who will be participating in a credit-earning study abroad program is eligible to apply for the LGS Study Abroad Award. Applicants must be in good standing with the university and the LGS Program, and should have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.3.

The deadline to apply is **April 15th, 2014** for summer and fall programs. **One award of up to \$500 will be awarded for both the summer and fall semesters.**

Recipients will be selected on the basis of the merit of their application and their academic performance in LGS. Awards are contingent upon acceptance into and participation in the proposed study abroad program.

*After you have applied to a study abroad program, please send the following application materials to [jganley@adelphi.edu](mailto:jganley@adelphi.edu):*

- **Statement of Purpose:** *In an essay (up to 500 words) explain how your experience abroad will benefit you as an LGS student as well as how it supports your educational and career goals.*

## Call for Submissions

If you would like to include feedback, offer an idea for a story, or write an article, feel free to email Erica White (student Editor-in-Chief) or Jennifer Ganley.

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