

PC STUDENT LEADERSHIP DIGEST

Informing the leaders of today, inspiring the leaders of tomorrow



JENNA PETTINICCHI has held diverse leadership roles on campus, including Relay for Life Coordinator and BOP President

Student Leader of the Month Facts

- Favorite color:**
Red
- Favorite TV show:**
"Lost"
- Favorite subject (other than major):**
Political science
- Favorite foods:**
Steak and sushi
- Favorite pastime:**
Camping
- Favorite "real life" leader:**
Oprah Winfrey
- Favorite fictional leader:**
Jack from "Lost"
- If she were a superhero, her power would be:**
To freeze time
- Favorite quote:**
"It takes one person to make a difference, but a small group of people to change the world."
- Margaret Mead

Class of 2011 Names Class Leaders

Alison DeNisco '11

The class of 2011 has spoken. On October 3rd and 4th, students voted on Angel for their new class officers and representatives, who will be responsible for governing this year's freshmen class and creating legislation that could lead to big changes on campus.

The newly elected class officers and representatives come from a diverse background of experience with leadership and student government. In high school, President Kyle Heaney was the President of the Key Club, and an executive board member of the National Honors Society. Vice President Lianne Nadeau's leadership résumé includes Vice President of Best Buddies, co-captain of the swimming and diving team and the mock trial team, a religious education teacher, and member of her church's Leadership Council.

Providence College's Student Congress represents an opportunity for students to get involved with their campus community, even if it is their first experience with student government.

"Everyone says that college is supposed to be a place where you should do things that you would normally never do before, take on risks and new challenges. With that said, I decided that I wanted to be involved in our school community. I was never involved in my high school's Congress, and therefore wanted to take on a new challenge for myself. So far I love it and enjoy it very much," said Jillian Rippolone, '11 Class Representative.

Right now, the group is working on its first Class fundraiser, scheduled to begin during Freshmen Parents' Weekend. As members of Congress, they are also reviewing and voting on legislation, and reviewing PC's Alcohol Policy, according to Nadeau. The officers believe that the Class of 2011 has the power to make changes that will benefit the entire student body.

"I was unaware at first at exactly how much power Congress has. In high school, our officers had monotonous tasks such as planning school dances. We are now a governing body over the students and can pass legislation, give input on current policies, and make changes. From what I know so far, changing a policy is not easy, but with enough background work, support, and necessity, we can make it happen," said Nadeau.

"I already feel that I have the power to

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Student Leader of the Month: Jenna Pettinicchi

Leslie J. Heller

When entering college in the fall of 2004, Jenna Pettinicchi '08 had hoped her PC experience would continue to offer her interesting leadership opportunities like those she was "super involved" with in high school. As a senior, she now recognizes just what a significant role involvement has played in her overall student experience and personal development.

"Since coming to PC, I've been able to find what I'm really passionate about and give it my all," said Pettinicchi. "I've learned to admire leaders who can devote themselves wholeheartedly to one or two things. As a leader, that really says a lot to your followers."

A global studies major and recognizable campus leader, Pettinicchi has maintained a well-rounded perspective on student leadership which seems beyond her years. "I've learned that schoolwork isn't the only thing that defines a student," she stated, "but you also can't get involved in every club or organization that comes along."

During her high school years, Pettinicchi became very involved with the American Cancer Society. Upon entering Providence, she was recruited by the former chair of the College's annual Relay for Life event, and has since chaired the event every year. She also helped establish the first New England chapter of Colleges Against Cancer on PC's campus.

In addition to her work with Relay and Colleges Against Cancer, Pettinicchi has taken on leadership positions on the Board of Programers (she currently serves as President), and PC's chapter of Toastmasters International, a student group dedicated to improving the communication and leadership skills of its members.

Of all these experiences, Pettinicchi cites the culmination of her first Relay for Life event on campus as the highlight of her co-curricular experience at Providence. "I cried in front of the whole school when running off the final numbers on stage," she said. "It was really a combination of feelings; my first big campus event was over, and it had been a complete success."

Since then, Pettinicchi has experienced a number of other notable successes as a student leader. Last year, she was selected as a member of two important campus entities: the college's self-study committee for the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) reaccreditation process, and Dirigo: Providence College's Leadership Honor Society. She was also selected as one of seven PC students to participate in LeaderShape - an intensive six-day leadership development program held at Roger Williams University this past May.

Asked who her biggest influence has been during her college years, Pettinicchi acknowledges her fellow LeaderShape participants, whose accomplishments and differences she found to be "intriguing" and important to her own experience.

"A key step in leadership development is finding your passion. LeaderShape taught me that a leader is a facilitator of change, and someone who helps discover passion in others," Pettinicchi stated.

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

The first responsibility of a leader is to define reality. The last is to say thank you. In between, the leader is a servant.

-Max DePree

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make changes for the student body, even after being on Congress only a few weeks. Just how easy it is to bring up issues, and see what has been done quickly in the past to change various policies is amazing...We are already looking at Ray (meal) times on Sundays, which some students have requested to be changed. As long as you are willing to put the time in, and your case is reasonable, there is no reason why you shouldn't be successful," said Secretary Kelli Gassert.

The first Monday of every month, the Congress has meetings geared toward the student body. All members of the Class of 2011 are welcome to attend any Congress meeting, but the Monday

meetings are especially important, as they are focused on student ideas, suggestions, questions, and comments.

"I have a lot of great ideas for this year, and I have a great congress to work with. So far the 2011 Congress has taken the necessary steps to making bigger changes for the future. We have been extremely open to any and all suggestions, so keep them coming," said Heaney.

"It's not just about one individual, it's about our class as a whole. As a class I do feel like we have power together. It's not about one voice, but many voices together," said Rippolone. ●

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Outside of her campus involvement, Pettinicchi notes photography and travel as two of her passions. In the future, she hopes to find time to do both, as well as time to pursue a career. She hopes to eventually utilize her major and minor (in Italian) while working for the United Nations.

Through it all, Pettinicchi remains humble and thankful. She is most proud of her parents' support and reactions to her accomplishments. She tries not to take life too seriously. And most importantly, she is trying to give back to a community she loves. Best of luck, Jenna! ●

Juniors Selected for CLRI

Leslie J. Heller

Three students from the Class of 2009 have been selected to participate in College Leadership Rhode Island (CLRI), a program presented yearly by Fidelity Investments. The CLRI program is based on the 25-year-old Leadership Rhode Island development program for community leaders.

The program provides "information and experiential learning about Rhode Island history, issues facing the state, the nonprofit sector, public service and government, and community service at the workplace" to students from college and universities across the state (www.leadershipri.org). Three students from each institution are selected yearly to participate in the program, free of cost.

This year's participants from Providence College will be Andrew Dallas, Jessica Kowal, and Kate Wood.

Dallas, a Political Science and Spanish double major, is the President of PC Ultimate Frisbee, and has also served as an Orientation leader and as a member of Student Congress's Assessment Committee. In the future, he hopes to go onto work in government.



Kowal, a Biology major from Cranston, RI, is involved on campus with Friars Club, Amnesty International, Biology Society, Student Environmental Action Coalition, and Outdoor Adventure Club. After graduation, she hopes to go onto medical school.

Wood, a social work major, is involved with a variety of service-related activities, including Urban Action and Habitat for Humanity. She is also a member of the Board of Programers, and has participated in several of the vocal groups on campus. She has an interest in HIV/AIDS awareness, and hopes to travel to Africa in the future to help with the outreach efforts taking place there.

The CLRI program is scheduled to begin in December with a participant orientation. Providence College has successfully participated in the program for the past several years.

For more information about CLRI, please visit www.leadershipri.org. ●

Leadership 101

Ten Tips for Motivating Others

Compiled by Leslie J. Heller

Know thyself

It is essential to understand your leadership style, your goals and values, and most importantly: what motivates you. A good leader recognizes both strengths and weaknesses, and goes above and beyond to make changes for the benefit of the group.

Change your point of view

Think about the impact specific leaders have had on your life, and take cues from their experience. Understand that what motivates you is not always the same as what motivate others.

Practice what you preach

Put yourself in the shoes of your followers, and determine that the messages you impart are positive and productive. The example you set will promote integrity in others.

Discuss expectations and goals

Let others know what is expected of them, and have them do the same for you. Make sure that your group is working toward the same shared goals.

Empower

By effectively delegating tasks, each person in your group can take "ownership" over part of any program or project. By empowering others, it shows you have

faith in their abilities, will teach others to problem-solve, and will also ease your stress as a leader.

Communicate

Share all group-related news. By keeping others in the loop, they will feel valued, influential, and powerful.

Provide effective feedback

Be honest with others, providing constructive criticism when appropriate, and giving praise when warranted. Try to avoid using praise to make up for criticism - it could cloud your message.

Share your enthusiasm

Genuine enthusiasm encourages energy in others, which can be a great motivator. Remember not to be overly enthusiastic, though - it can be suffocating!

Admit when you are wrong

You will be a better leader if you learn to admit your mistakes - it shows confidence to your followers. A sense of humor about certain situations can go a long way.

Respect the process

Remember that being a leader and motivating others takes patience and experience. Appreciate trial and error as part of the learning curve, and understand that every group is different. What motivates some will not work with others, so remember when necessary to "try, try again." ●



Attention Class of 2009: Student leaders wanted for

Dirigo
Leadership Honor Society

Applications available in the SAIL Office

Deadline for application:
Thursday, December 6th at 4:30pm

Getting ready to schedule your
classes for the spring?

Leave room in your schedule for
Breakfast of Champions

Tuesdays at 8:30am in McPhail's

WRITERS WANTED

Seeking students with strong communication skills and an interest in leadership

Please contact Leslie Heller in the SAIL Office (lheller@providence.edu) for more information

Want even more information about leadership @ PC?

Visit the L3 webpage:

<http://www.providence.edu/Student+Life/Student+Activities/Student+Leadership/>

Join the Lifelong Leadership @ PC Facebook group

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