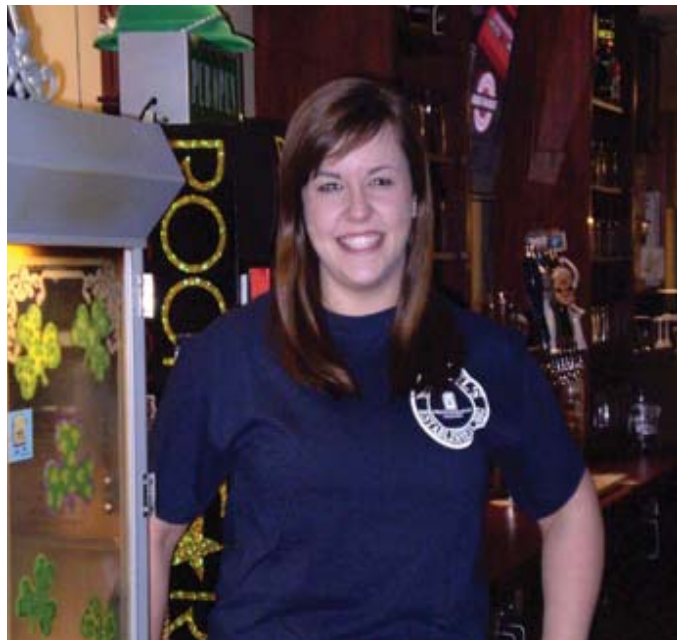


# PC STUDENT LEADERSHIP DIGEST

Informing the leaders of today, inspiring the leaders of tomorrow



Despite being involved in a number of campus organizations, MANDEE ADAMS also finds time to work in McPhail's, PC's entertainment facility

## Student Leader of the Month: Mande Adams '08

Alison DeNisco '11

Mande Adams '08 is a perfect example of how a student leader at Providence College can effect big changes on campus. The French major and Spanish minor from Sutton, MA is involved in a variety of activities on campus that have led to the betterment of many student programs and the survival of others.

Choosing to attend PC was an easy choice for the student leader. "PC was my first choice after touring the campus. I loved the people and the atmosphere, and I thought I would be really happy here. Orientation confirmed my first impression. I was impressed by the Modern Language Department as well as the institution as a whole. After seeing the orientation leaders interact with each other and the incoming students, I decided that I wanted to be involved in student leadership at PC," she said. Adams went on to be an orientation

leader in 2005, which was her first leadership experience here, and said that the experience introduced her to all of the leadership possibilities at PC.

Adams is an active member of PC's Student Congress, and is an elected Representative for the Class of 2008 as well as a member of the Committee on Academics. She cites her involvement with Student Congress as one of the highlights of her college years, as it has given her the opportunity to affect the PC community, plan student events, and form strong friendships along the way.

She is also a Student Representative on the International Programming Advisory Committee. "One thing that I do feel passionate about is improving the study abroad program, which I have been working with since my sophomore year. I want to graduate knowing that I have helped move the program in the right

direction, inevitably helping future students understand the importance of cross-cultural education. Student Congress has given me the opportunity to reach for this goal, among other things. Through Congress, I can not only improve the problems that the student body faces, but I can also help improve their experience here by planning events that are part of the PC tradition."

Adams has also been given the opportunity to explore her love of languages at PC, and is a member of Pi Delta Phi, the National French Honor Society, as well as Phi Sigma Iota, the International Foreign Language Honor Society. She is also a member of the Dirigo Leadership Honor Society, and the President of Best Buddies. And on top of all of her leadership commitments, she still finds time to hold a job in McPhail's.

The Best Buddies organization was without an executive board at the beginning of the school year, Adams explained, and its existence would be in danger without a president. Knowing this, she decided to take on the role herself among her various other commitments. "It has been a very stressful but very rewarding experience, especially knowing that the organization will continue to exist after I graduate. I admit that there have been times that I wish I had declined the opportunity, but

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## Preparing to Pass the Torch

Leslie J. Heller

As the end of the semester approaches, and clubs and organizations elect new leaders, now is the perfect time for those graduating or moving on to new leadership roles to leave their legacy. It is up to you as student leaders to prepare your successors for their new roles, to ensure both continued growth and success of your organization and its activities.

As a longtime procrastinator myself, I completely hear all of you who are saying "I have plenty of time left to do this," or "I'll get to it after..." (insert your excuse here). But with the days and weeks flying by, there is no time like to present to prepare your organization for its future. The following suggestions should serve as a jumping off point for a smooth transition process:

To begin, create a binder - or update one passed on to you - to serve as a how-to guide for your position. Include a listing of responsibilities, contact information for resources on campus and off, frequently used forms, budgets, and your own contact information should new exec members have any questions. Checklists for large-scale events can also be helpful, along with reviews of previously planned events your group has sponsored.

Next, arrange a meeting with your advisor and all of the outgoing and incoming leaders of your organization. The meeting will give you all an opportunity to assess the group's structure, goals, activities, and progress over the past year(s). This will help new leaders determine a course of action for the next academic year, and allow outgoing leaders to share their goals and hopes for the group.

Finally, take some time to reflect on your experience and get things in order as you move onto new roles and experiences. Share some of this reflection time with the new exec board and members of your group. Doing so will hopefully ease the transition, help you develop new goals for yourself, and get group members motivated and excited for what lies ahead.

I know that leaving a role for one reason or another can be bittersweet, but that is truly part of being a leader. As stated by one of our most famous historical leaders, Abraham Lincoln: "You cannot escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today." At this point in the game, it is time to pass the torch, and leave your organization prepared and in good standing. So, go ahead...get to it! ●

### Student Leader of the Month Facts

- Favorite color: Green
- Favorite movie: "Chocolat"
- Favorite TV show: "Sex & the City"
- Favorite food: Chicken Piccata
- Favorite "real life" leader: Ségolène Royal
- Favorite fictional leader: Katherine Watson (from "Mona Lisa Smile")

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"MAKING YOUR MARK" CONFERENCE

#### QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"The basic difference between people who live their dreams and those who only dream about how they would live, are the accuracy of their plans, their ability to generate new ideas, and their ability to take action."

-Unknown

# Conference Attendees Encouraged to "Make Their Mark"

Leslie J. Heller

On February 8th, approximately 35 PC students spent a rainy Saturday in the Slavin Center learning more about "making their mark." As part of this year's student leadership conference, attendees were encouraged to examine their characteristics, values, biases, and individual roles as leaders in their communities. Attendees left the conference with a better understanding of themselves as leaders, and the motivation to become fully engaged and committed to their personal and organizational goals.



**ED GERETY'S** keynote presentation was the highlight of this year's Student Leadership Conference

During the event, students had the opportunity to select from a variety of workshops on topics including personal values, understanding stereotypes, the senior transition, getting organized, and branding your student group. Workshops lasted 50 minutes and included time to reflect and ask questions. Attendees walked away with valuable resources for themselves and the organizations they lead or participate in.

The highlight for most attendees was keynote speaker Ed Gerety's afternoon presentation. Gerety's interactive speech gave students action steps they could take to truly live the principles of leadership: gratitude, respect, responsibility, kindness, and the belief in ourselves and one another.

Students were enthralled by Gerety's personal experiences and real-life examples - many involving workshop participants.

According to Gerety: "As leaders, people do not care how much education you have or what position you hold until they know how much you care." To prove the

one volunteer call home to say "I love you" to his mom.

Gerety challenged students to be respectful and sensitive, because "we don't know everyone's story." He stated that this is the foundation for leading by example, creating community - and eventually - a more peaceful world.

PC has hosted leadership conferences on campus since the creation of the College's leadership development program in 1991. Each year's events have focused on different aspects of leadership, with workshops presented by both members of the PC community and local leadership educators.

Student leaders: Keep your eyes peeled for information on next year's event! ●

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in the end, I'm glad that I was able to impact such an important group in the Providence College community," she said. As far as being influenced as a student leader, Adams has found inspiration from her professors at PC as well as her friends, many of whom are also prominent student leaders. "We play off of one another all the time, sharing ideas and listening to each other's problems," she said. "If it weren't for them, I wouldn't know how to be a leader, and I probably wouldn't be inspired to do half the things I do. Everything that Providence College means to me is because of them."

With all of her leadership experiences, it is expected that Adams has lots of advice for her fellow students. She stressed how being a leader also means being a part of a team, and how a good leader must learn to work well with others. Being a strong leader "means being able to ask for help, and knowing who to ask when you need

it. Having people who support you and your efforts is always important, and knowing that you're not in it alone may just make it a little easier! Adams stated that: "Passion is something else that every good leader has. If you are passionate about something, you should get involved in it, and never lose that passion.

"The last bit of advice I can give is don't give up on yourself or your potential to do great things. You will find your niche somewhere if you keep trying," she said.

In terms of the future, Adams plans to travel for a couple of years, improving her language skills and learning more about worldwide cultures. After that, she plans to teach. "Though I'm graduating in May, I'm not ready to stop learning, and whatever I end up doing in the future, my main goal is to be educated, cultured and happy," she said. ●

## All are invited to attend the 13th Annual STUDENT RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Thursday, April 17, 2008  
4pm, '64 Hall

Help celebrate the accomplishments of our student organizations and their leaders

Event to be followed by Student Congress's Club Appreciation Dinner

Sponsored by the Lifelong Leadership Program & Student Congress

Congratulations to those students selected for the 2008 Orientation staff:

Jack Annunziato  
Kealan Bakke  
Alex Barry  
Rich Dell'Isola  
Kathleen Durkin  
Victoria Fruh  
Katie Gilseman  
Christine Halkett  
Kyle Heaney  
Sean Jones  
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Rachel Sheehan  
Anthony Valentino  
Mike Vaudo  
Jack Wallace  
Kylie Waltz

## Lessons in Leadership Tips for student leaders of all levels

Topics include:  
Public Speaking  
Time Management  
Conflict Resolution  
Budgeting  
Problem Solving  
Leading by Example

To learn more, visit the L3 webpage (listed below)

### Want even more information about leadership at PC?

Visit the L3 webpage:  
<http://www.providence.edu/Student+Life/Student+Activities/Student+Leadership/>

Join the "Lifelong Leadership @ PC" Facebook group

Stop into the SAIL Office (Slavin 104)

COMING NEXT EDITION:

A Tribute to our Graduating Seniors

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