

# PC STUDENT LEADERSHIP DIGEST

Informing the leaders of today, inspiring the leaders of tomorrow

## A Tribute to our Graduating Student Leaders

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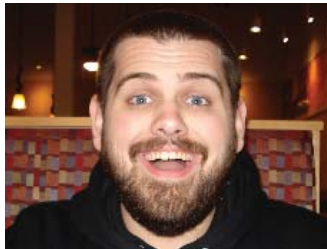
As we close out another year, we at the *PC Student Leadership Digest* would like to pay tribute to some of our graduating seniors. This group of students - selected by the members of Dirigo and the SAIL Office staff - not only represent the leadership community at Providence College, but also keep campus life going through the diverse programs they support and participate in.

On behalf of the SAIL Office and the members of Dirigo, I would like to wish the best of luck to all of our student leaders graduating this May. Thank you for making your mark on student life here at PC! ●



NAME: Nicole Picard  
MAJORS: English and Political Science  
INVOLVEMENT AT PC: Student Congress, Mock Trial, Campus Ministry, Dirigo, Intramurals, Resident Assistant  
MY MOST VALUABLE

EXPERIENCE AT PC HAS BEEN... "getting elected to Student Congress as a freshman. From there on out, over the past four years in that organization, I have learned things and developed skills that I could never have hoped to through books or in a classroom."  
ADVICE FOR EMERGING LEADERS: "Stick with it. Don't get discouraged with downfalls, failures or mistakes, learn from them and through them and you will ultimately better your organization and yourself."



NAME: Devin Driscoll  
MAJORS: English and Political Science  
INVOLVEMENT AT PC: PC Democrats, PC Sailing, Student Congress, Dirigo, Resident Assistant  
AFTER GRADUATION I PLAN TO... "be a Master's Degree candidate in public policy at the Hubert H. Humphrey center for public policy at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, with the possibility of pursuing a Ph.D."  
MY MOST VALUABLE EXPERIENCE AT PC HAS BEEN... "the opportunity to work closely to, and develop friendships with, a group of incredibly intelligent, talented, dedicated, and caring faculty. My education is ten times better than it could have been without that kind of personal interaction."



NAME: Pat Selby  
MAJORS: History and Psychology  
INVOLVEMENT AT PC: Board of Programers, Student Congress, PC Pals, Commencement Core, Intramurals  
AS A STUDENT LEADER I HAVE LEARNED... "the importance of understanding your role in any

situation or group... Understanding your own abilities and what is expected of you can only be helpful. I have learned there are times when you should be the one giving instruction and times when you need to accept instruction. A great student leader leads by example and not by authority, and I have been fortunate to learn this first hand through great friends and leaders I have worked with."  
ADVICE FOR EMERGING LEADERS: "Understand that the best way to rally people around your cause is to lead by example. If you display hard-work and determination, those around you will understand your compassion and will work hard as well."



NAME: Johanna Wenger  
MAJOR: Elementary and Special Education  
INVOLVEMENT AT PC: Pep Band, Admission Ambassadors, Habitat for Humanity, Intramurals, Council for Exceptional Children

MY MOST VALUABLE EXPERIENCE AT PC HAS BEEN... "participating in Habitat for Humanity for spring break during my freshman, sophomore, and junior years. It was such an incredible experience building a house with the people who would be living in it, while meeting, becoming friends, and experiencing a new part of the country with other PC students."  
AS A STUDENT LEADER I HAVE LEARNED... "that everyone has different talents to offer and by working together, you are able to achieve more."



NAME: Betsy Rouleau  
MAJOR: English/ Secondary Education  
INVOLVEMENT AT PC: Friars Club, JRW Core, Campus Ministry, PCAZ Alternative Spring Break, *The Cow!*, Dirigo

AFTER GRADUATION I PLAN TO... "volunteer in the Stony Hills of Jamaica with a program called Passionist Volunteers International for fourteen months. I will be living and working with the poor in order to serve and to learn more about social justice."  
AS A STUDENT LEADER I HAVE LEARNED... "to take a step back. Half of being a leader is allowing others to grow and flourish as leaders. Micromanaging never works—I have learned to celebrate the talents and gifts of others."



NAME: Kevin Moore  
MAJOR: Public and Community Service  
INVOLVEMENT AT PC: Habitat for Humanity, PC Labor Alliance, PC Project Hope  
AFTER GRADUATION I PLAN TO... "work for Habitat for

Humanity of Coastal Fairfield County as a project manager in their construction department."  
AS A STUDENT LEADER I HAVE LEARNED... "that a group of students organized for action can change our college for the better."



NAME: Kate Connolly  
MAJOR: English  
INVOLVEMENT AT PC: Best Buddies, Campus Ministry, College Republicans, Dirigo, Admission Ambassadors, Senior Gift Core  
AS A STUDENT LEADER I HAVE LEARNED... "that often as a leader you will not have all the answers, but need to rely on the guidance of God and the wisdom of others."  
ADVICE FOR EMERGING LEADERS: "Always stay true to the principles that are most important and remember that you have a responsibility to faithfully serve those who look to you as a leader in the totality of your actions."



NAME: Meg Ryan  
MAJOR: Theology with a Public and Community Service minor  
INVOLVEMENT AT PC: Campus Ministry, Liturgical Choir, Habitat for Humanity, PC After Hours, Orientation Leader

MY MOST VALUABLE EXPERIENCE AT PC HAS BEEN... "spending time in the basement of St. Dominic's Chapel. Whether it was in meetings, in times of prayer, or just hanging out eating food and having conversations, the relationships I developed and the lessons I have learned there will stay with me long after I have moved on from PC."  
ADVICE FOR EMERGING LEADERS: "Never lose sight of why you love what you are doing. It is easy to get bogged down in the day to day of involvement and the pressures of leadership, but it is important always to remember why you are involved and why it brings you joy."

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THIS YEAR'S CONTRIBUTORS:  
MANDEE ADAMS '08  
ALISON DENISCO '11  
EMILY EWENS '07, '09G  
SARAH HIGHLAND '08  
KRISTINA REARDON '08  
YARA YOUSSEF '08

### TAB

IN THIS EDITION  
SENIOR TRIBUTE  
STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARD WINNERS

### QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"We have an innate desire to endlessly learn, grow, and develop. We want to become more than what we already are. Once we yield to this inclination for continuous and never-ending improvement, we lead a life of endless accomplishments and satisfaction."

— Chuck Gallozzi



**NAME:** Kathryn Dykas  
**MAJOR:** Elementary and Special Education  
**INVOLVEMENT AT PC:** Campus Ministry, HIV/AIDS Awareness Week, Orientation Leader  
**MY MOST VALUABLE EXPERIENCE AT PC HAS BEEN...** "being an orientation leader, and meeting people

who I never would have dreamed could make an impact on my life."  
**AS A STUDENT LEADER I HAVE LEARNED...** "that without a sense of humor many things will seem overwhelming. It is so important to be flexible in all situations, as well as open to the many challenges which will eventually come."



**NAME:** Katie Walsh  
**MAJOR:** Health Policy and Management  
**INVOLVEMENT AT PC:** Women's Rugby, Friars Club, Resident Assistant  
**AFTER GRADUATION I PLAN TO...** "travel to Beijing, China to teach English at one of the top public

schools in the city."  
**ADVICE FOR EMERGING LEADERS:** "Learn as much as you can from the people in similar roles as you, and have fun. If you aren't laughing anymore then you are not living to your full potential."



**NAME:** Katrina Simpson  
**MAJOR:** Mathematics  
**INVOLVEMENT AT PC:** Resident Assistant, African American Society, Orientation Leader, Dirigo  
**AS A STUDENT LEADER I HAVE LEARNED...** "that our differences are what make us individuals, and everyone has a special value that cannot be duplicated."

**MY MOST VALUABLE EXPERIENCE AT PC HAS BEEN...** "connecting with residents as an RA on the fourth floor of Meagher Hall."



**NAME:** Bridget Hayes  
**MAJOR:** Elementary and Special Education  
**INVOLVEMENT AT PC:** Education Club, Campus Ministry, Colleges Against Cancer, Special Olympics  
**AS A STUDENT LEADER I HAVE LEARNED...** "that

organizations and events run so much more smoothly when you are surrounded by a great team, and here at PC - especially in Campus Ministry - I have had a wonderful and supportive group."  
**ADVICE FOR EMERGING LEADERS:** "Be passionate when you are leading, and don't be afraid to try new things."



**NAME:** Yara Youssef  
**MAJOR:** Health Policy and Management  
**INVOLVEMENT AT PC:** Healthcare Executives Club, Friars Club, Student Congress, Campus Ministry, Dirigo  
**AFTER GRADUATION I PLAN TO...** "work in a healthcare setting. After this experience I hope to apply to dental school."

**MY MOST VALUABLE EXPERIENCE AT PC HAS BEEN...** "leading the freshman retreats through Dirigo and Campus Ministry and feeling like I made a connection and impact on many of the students."



**NAME:** Mary Alice O'Connor  
**MAJOR:** Public and Community Service, with a minor in Studio Art  
**INVOLVEMENT AT PC:** Crew Club, Liturgical Choir, Student Labor Alliance, Habitat for Humanity

**AFTER GRADUATION I PLAN TO...** "go to Italy with Providence College's Liturgical Choir. We will be singing at different churches throughout Italy but I am really looking forward to the opportunity to sing for Pope Benedict XVI at the Vatican. In June, I will be leaving to serve as an Americorps NCCC Team Leader in their Iowa Campus."  
**AS A STUDENT LEADER I HAVE LEARNED...** "how important it is to have team members who are as committed to the project or team as you are. Their dedication and enthusiasm is crucial in times when you need a little extra motivation."



**NAME:** Pete Boggeman  
**MAJORS:** English and History, with a Studio Art minor  
**INVOLVEMENT AT PC:** Student Congress, Friars Club, Orientation Leader  
**MY MOST VALUABLE EXPERIENCE AT PC HAS BEEN...** "losing my election for

Class President after already serving as President for a year. It taught me not only that failure can happen and you must be prepared for it, but out of what may seem like something bad, great things can happen."  
**ADVICE FOR EMERGING LEADERS:** "Be optimistic about outcomes, but knowledgeable about potential failure. With that foresight, you can turn any situation into the best situation for you and those you are leading!"



**NAME:** Kristina Reardon  
**MAJORS:** English and Spanish, with a minor in Women's Studies  
**INVOLVEMENT AT PC:** The Cowl, The Alembic, Dirigo, MSP &

International Orientation Leader  
**AS A STUDENT LEADER I HAVE LEARNED...** "to be compassionate but firm in what you know is right, despite what others might say or think."  
**ADVICE FOR EMERGING LEADERS:** "Be dedicated enough to put the time into the things you carry responsibility for, and to have enough confidence to believe that your time and dedication are worthwhile for the greater student body and for Providence College."

*The following awards were given at the 13th Annual*  
**STUDENT RECOGNITION PROGRAM**

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

**Emerging Leader**  
 Jack Wallace '10

**Unsung Hero**  
 Claire Seguin '08

**Student Leader of the Year**  
 Jenna Pettinicchi '08

**Most Successful Fundraiser**  
 5k Walk to Support Victims of Domestic Violence (PC Sailing)

**Outstanding Multicultural Program**  
 Byron Hurt: Beyond Beats & Rhymes (Board of Programers/Balfour Center)

**Outstanding Service Project**  
 AIDS Week (Campus Ministry)

**Outstanding New Event**  
 Black & White Dance: Boogie Down in Friartown (Board of Programers)

**Outstanding Event**  
 Pathways to Success: PC Business Conference (Future Friar Executives)

**Most Improved Organization**  
 Science Fiction Club

**Outstanding Performance Organization**  
 Dance Team

**Outstanding Media Organization**  
 WDOM

**Outstanding Athletic Organization**  
 Women's Rugby

**Club Spirit Award**  
 PC Sailing

**Outstanding New Organization**  
 Providence College Dance Club

**Outstanding Organization**  
 Future Friar Executives

**Special Recognition Award**  
 Office of Residence Life ("PC Idol")

**Dirigo Leadership Award**  
 Claire Seguin '08

**Dirigo Honorary Membership Award**  
 Colleen Rost-Banik (Feinstein Center)

**Dirigo Special Recognition Award**  
 Dr. Joe Cammarano (Political Science/Public Service)

*On behalf of the SAIL Office & Student Congress:  
 Congratulations to all of this year's winners!*

**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)