

# PC STUDENT LEADERSHIP DIGEST

Informing the leaders of today, inspiring the leaders of tomorrow



LISEMARIE CURDA has been committed to student involvement at Providence College since first stepping onto campus as a freshman

## Student Leader of the Month: LiseMarie Curda '10

Megan Keenan '12

**L**iseMarie Curda, a history and accounting major, has leadership and involvement down to a science. "President" of the Accounting Association, "secretary" of Friars Club, "Admission Ambassador", and "Transformations Retreat leader" are titles that do not even come close to projecting the dedication and pride that LiseMarie has in being a student leader at Providence College. Throughout the years, LiseMarie has also been a resident assistant, and has spent a good deal of her time practicing with the Men's Club Volleyball team.

As a freshman, the Transformations Retreat was an important turning point in LiseMarie's quest to become a leader and active member of the PC community. This quest continued at that year's Fall Involvement Fair. Signing up for a variety of clubs, LiseMarie just wanted to see what PC had to offer her, and soon enough she found her place.

LiseMarie first became passionate about the Accounting Association (a group she now leads). Additionally, as an Admission Ambassador, she was given the chance to promote the college she loves and to serve as one of the student

representatives so crucial to the college selection process. She also continued to try new things and explore her involvement options on campus, which culminated in her being selected as a member of the Friars Club.

When asked about her greatest success, LiseMarie very admirably responded that there is "still so much more (she) would like to accomplish." One of her goals is to achieve a balance between life and involvement through better time management. Some of her greatest challenges as a student leader are her constant desire to be involved, high academic expectations of herself, and commitment to giving 110% to all of her activities. It makes sense that two of the most influential people in LiseMarie's life are her parents, who worked hard to get to where they are today, and have inspired her to do the same.

Another significant mentor in LiseMarie's life was her Transformations Retreat leader from freshman year. This student leader passed on a lot of wisdom and advice, and continued to be there for her even after the retreat. LiseMarie admired

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## Giving Thanks

### Recognizing the Members of Clubs & Organizations

Alison DeNisco '11

**F**or the executive board members of PC's student clubs and organizations, there is no time like the Thanksgiving season to let the members of your group know how much you appreciate all of their hard work and dedication. From making sure we have great music to listen to and articles to read, to planning major social events and concerts, it is these students who make many of our experiences at PC so exciting and memorable. Here are some tips to help you remember and give thanks to the students who are involved in making life on campus so entertaining:

#### Say It

Wondering what's the easiest way to give thanks? Tell each group member directly when you see them around campus or after a club meeting how much you appreciate all of the work they do to ensure that your organization runs smoothly.

#### Bake Something

Everyone loves holiday treats, and if you're looking for a creative way to give thanks to your club or organization members, bake them some festive cookies or cupcakes for your next meeting or social function.

#### Write a Letter

A personalized letter is a great way to show someone how much they are appreciated. Handwritten letters that identify a student's strengths are something that can be kept and treasured for a long time. If you are the leader of a particularly large organization, a handwritten letter to each committee chair or typed letters to everyone in the group are also great ways to show your gratitude.



#### Make a Sign

An original poster with a message of thanks that can be hung in your group's office or at your next meeting shows just how much you care about members' hard work, and provides motivation. Adding

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**Do you know someone who deserves to be recognized as "Student Leader of the Month"? We want to hear from YOU!**

Visit the Student Leadership webpage or the SAIL Office for a nomination form

Nominations accepted on a rolling basis

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"What we see depends mainly on what we look for."

-John Lubbock

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# Three Juniors to Represent PC at College Leadership RI 2010

Leslie J. Heller, SAIL

Three members of the Class of 2011 will represent Providence College as participants in the College Leadership Rhode Island (CLRI) program this spring.

Jared Cunningham, Michelle (Shelley) Pinsonneault and Kyle Heaney were selected as this year's participants because of their interest in leadership development, involvement on campus and in the community, and interest in

issues facing both our city and state.

CLRI is presented by Leadership Rhode Island, a local organization dedicated to providing community leaders and local students with knowledge and experience to help them positively affect our state. Each year PC sends three to four students to participate in the program alongside students from several other local colleges and universities. ●

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her passion for Providence College, positive attitude, wide range of involvement, and continuous presence as a resource. LiseMarie herself later became a Transformations leader so that she could serve others in the same way.

As a senior at Providence College, LiseMarie's hope for the future is to keep the people who have influenced her in her life. She recognizes that the past is the future, and that it is important to keep the people in her life who have helped her become the person she is today. LiseMarie acknowledges that she has the people who surround her and support her to thank for her accomplishments and happiness. One of her greatest realizations as she graduates from college is that success is a team effort; it's all about the teamwork.

LiseMarie's hard work and dedication has been nothing but beneficial for her future. As a certified public accountant, she will begin working for the global accounting firm Deloitte after

graduation in May. We wish her the best of luck in the future and thank her for her continued dedication to the PC community and her fellow students. ●

**"Student Leader of the Month" Facts:**

*Favorite Spot on Campus:*  
Lawn in front of Siena Hall, "where the sun always shines"

*Favorite Book:*  
"Pride and Prejudice"

*Favorite TV Shows:*  
"The Office" and "How I Met Your Mother"

*Favorite Quote:*  
"Life moves pretty fast. You don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it."  
- "Ferris Bueller's Day Off"

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pictures from your events can also make it a memorable keepsake for the group.

office or at meetings later on!

Have a Special Holiday Get-Together After or in place of a weekly meeting, organize some holiday festivities, complete with food and music. Take lots of pictures to print and hang up in your

However you decide to give thanks, know that it will be appreciated by the enthusiastic members of the clubs and organizations that help make PC the active and thriving social community that it is. Thanks for all the work you do! ●

**Attention Juniors:**  
Don't miss your opportunity to apply for

# Dirigo

**Providence College's Leadership Honor Society**

*Application materials and more information about Dirigo can be found on the L3 website:*

<http://www.providence.edu/Student+Life/Student+Activities/Student+Leadership/Dirigo+Honor+Society.htm>

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2009**

*Join the Lifelong Leadership @ PC Facebook Group*

*for invites to L3 events and conferences, and for general announcements throughout the year*

**"I'M AN ORIENTATION LEADER" TRUE LIFE**

## CASTING CALL

### 2010 Orientation Leaders Wanted!

**Information Sessions to be held:**  
Tuesday, December 8th at 4:00pm  
Wednesday, December 9th at 3:00pm  
January 2010  
All sessions will be in SLAVIN 112

It is required that interested candidates who were not '09 Leaders must attend one Information Session

## 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)**

## WRITERS WANTED

The SAIL Office is always looking for contributors to the PC Student Leadership Digest

If you have an interest in leadership and a strong writing ability, please send a brief writing sample to lheller@providence.edu

**Want even more information about leadership @ PC?**

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