

# PC STUDENT LEADERSHIP DIGEST

Informing the leaders of today, inspiring the leaders of tomorrow



**JONNY STYRON** stands outside the Slavin Center, where he's spent much of his time over the past few years as a student leader.

## Student Leader of the Month: Jonny Styron

Moira Kelley '09

**"I** really love this school, and I am so happy to know that I may have contributed, in even a small way, to fostering that same love in someone else."

These words were proudly spoken by this month's student leader, Jonny Styron. Normally, it's a journalism "faux pas" to start an article with a quotation, but with a quote like that, how could I resist? It shows, in one sentence, why Styron has become such a well-known campus leader. He has an innate love of Providence College and a strong will to make those around him appreciate the school as he does. That is truly what a leader should be.

Styron, a secondary education social studies major, is involved in Student Congress as the Executive Treasurer, Urban Action as one of this year's coordinators, and Kappa Delta Pi (Providence College's Education honor society). When not wrapped up in campus activities, Styron likes to draw, attend on-campus concerts, hang out with friends, and, naturally, go to PC basketball games.

"Basketball games are always so much fun because they are a reason and an excuse for PC students to really show some school spirit," said Styron.

As a leader it's important to get as many students involved as possible. Student participation is essential to the growth and well-being of any college. Styron has realized and embraced this fact by strongly encouraging students to: "Get involved! Not only will it introduce you to new friends who have common interests with you, but it will also show you a different side of PC; one that is more than simply class and studying." Ahh, the words of a true leader!

After graduation, Styron plans to join the Peace Corps. Eventually, he would like to put his degree to good use by becoming a high school Social Studies teacher. We wish him the best of luck! ●

## Ten Great Reasons to Become an Orientation Leader

Leslie J. Heller & '06 OLS

**W**ith the help of the 2006 Orientation staff, I have compiled a list of ten reasons to apply to be a 2007 Orientation Leader (see ad on the right for more details).

- To share your love of PC with incoming students

- In the fall, you will recognize all the freshmen you met and they will be excited to see you

- A dance party in McPhail's every other night - what more could one ask for?

- You will make 15 unique best friends

- To have the chance to see the campus at its greenest - when there are few people and wonderful weather

- To learn more about PC (and yourself) than you ever thought possible

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## Defining "LeaderShape"


Jacqueline Cassidy '07

**W**hat is The LeaderShape Institute? What makes it different from any other leadership program? These are some of the questions I asked myself last summer before I attended and experienced LeaderShape firsthand. LeaderShape's vision is to change society through "inspiring, developing, and supporting more people who are committed to lead with integrity". Over the course of the six-day program, students engage in group discussions, team activities, as well as periods of self-reflection. You may go in as sixty strangers, but you leave a family, connected through this powerful experience.

LeaderShape changed the way I see myself and my place in society. Meeting the diverse group of people who approached life, work, and goals in comparable ways was life changing. Each participant's unique dream was expanded and strengthened in a safe and supportive environment. LeaderShape stresses both collaboration and individual goal achievement as the most important ways to recognize individual fervor and make it a reality. There is a bond among the graduates of The LeaderShape Institute, each of us emerging as better versions of ourselves with renewed dedication to our core ethical values and what we want to do to make a difference in this world.

This summer, the Ocean State Leadership Consortium is bringing LeaderShape to Rhode Island. From May 28th to June 2nd, sixty students from Rhode Island colleges and universities will have the opportunity to participate in this amazing program at Roger Williams University. Providence College has the chance to send six students and is looking for both experienced and emerging leaders with

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*there are some things your PC experience can provide, for everything else there's Orientation.*

**Orientation Leader Information Sessions**

Monday, January 22 at 4pm  
 Wednesday, January 24 at 7pm  
 Thursday, January 25 at 3:30pm

**All sessions to be held in Slavin 117**

*It is required that applicants attend one of the sessions listed above*

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**QUOTE OF THE MONTH**

Management is efficiency in climbing the ladder of success; leadership determines whether the ladder is leaning against the right wall.

-Stephen R. Covey

# Spring into Leadership

Leslie J. Heller

The SAIL Office staff and the Leadership Advisory Board have been hard at work planning the college's annual student leadership conference. This year's conference, to be held Saturday, February 10th from 11:15am-4:30pm is titled "Accepting the Challenge." The conference will focus on challenging students to think outside of the box and grow as leaders both on campus and in their local communities.

This year's keynote - titled "Embrace Your Obstacles" - will be presented by Paul Martin: author, world champion triathlete, and Paralympic competitor. Martin, who lost his leg in 1992, has learned to overcome a variety of obstacles and will discuss ways for students to do the same.

Students interested in attending this year's conference can sign up in the SAIL Office (Slavin 104). A \$5 registration fee - due at sign up - will include the cost of both the conference and meals.



PAUL MARTIN will be our feature speaker at this year's student leadership conference. (Photo courtesy of Paul's website: www.onemansleg.com.)

We encourage student leaders of all levels to sign up for this valuable opportunity to develop your leadership knowledge and abilities while also networking with other campus leaders. ●

## This Spring's Specials...

Leslie J. Heller

Spring is almost here, and you know what that means: a new semester and a new series of Breakfast of Champions workshops! On the menu this semester, we have several new topics and speakers, including sessions on peer leadership, public speaking, leading change, and a special presentation by Fr. Shanley on his leadership philosophy and experiences.

Breakfast of Champions is held Tuesdays at 8:30am in McPhail's (February 6 - April 3). Student leaders of all levels are invited



to attend the series to develop their leadership skills and understanding of leadership theory. A FREE breakfast is provided each week. Those interested in signing up for the program should visit the SAIL Office today (Slavin 104). Please note: a \$5 refundable deposit is required of all participants. ●

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an interest in participating. You don't have to be in a leadership position to attend, you just have to be willing to stay in Rhode Island a little longer this May!

There are many leadership programs offered for college students, but LeaderShape is unique in that it will completely shift the way you see the world. It is an intense, energizing, relationship building experience that helps convert personal vision into action. ●

## Spotlight on Leadership



### SHEPARD

Leslie J. Heller

It is the mission of SHEPARD (Stopping Homophobia, Eliminating Prejudices and Restoring Dignity) to educate the PC community on issues related to sexual orientation, and this fall the student organization provided the campus community with a number of opportunities to learn. World AIDS Week, (November 27 - December 1; co-sponsored by Campus Ministry, Women Will, Amnesty International, and Step 1) offered free HIV testing for members of the PC community, as well as a mass and candlelight vigil, among other awareness activities. Other events held this fall by the group included a showing of the film "Philadelphia"; a speaker on same-sex domestic violence, and a "Thank a Feminist/Thank an Ally" dessert social.

This Spring, SHEPARD will be gearing up for the National Day of Silence protest (April 18th) and "Agape for All" - an open-mic event celebrating diversity. The group also plans to host a mass for victims of hate crimes, and a lecture about living with HIV.

The Student Leadership Digest is proud to recognize the positive contributions SHEPARD is making to our campus community. ●

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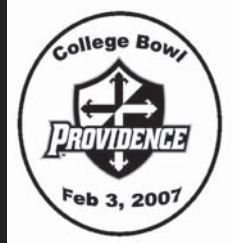
• To get paid for an extraordinary summer

• You will get to know the administration and learn a lot of how the College runs

• You will get to live in Providence for the summer (can you say "roadtrips"?)

• To be a resource for new students and their parents by sharing your experiences and calming their nerves ●

Still seeking teams and volunteers!



Stop into the SAIL Office for more info

Leadership Conference  
February 10th



Sign up in the SAIL Office TODAY!

### WRITERS WANTED

If you are interested in having your voice heard, look no further...



...write for the PC Student Leadership Digest! Contact Leslie Heller at lheller@providence.edu, or in the SAIL Office at x2211.

Can YOU learn how to change the world in six days?

## LeaderShape Info Session

Monday, January 29th  
5:30pm - Slavin 112 (Glass Room)

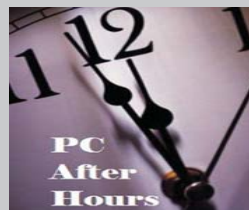
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www.leadershape.org

Does your group have leadership news to share? Let us know!

Email: lheller@providence.edu

## Get Involved



Event volunteers and committee members needed

Email  
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## DISCOVER WHERE YOU FIT IN SPRING INVOLVEMENT FAIR



THURSDAY, JANUARY 25TH  
'64 HALL  
11AM - 4PM

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