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Mariam Mitry and her fiancé, Mark – They were engaged this summer and will be getting married in June 2013 in Cyprus.

(L to R) Alums **Joey DeSanto Jones**, **Ashlee Kerkhoff**, and **Mario Paraza** with Dr. Jill Biden and friends Jason DeSanto Jones and Alison Kootstra.

Get *IN* the *BASKET*!

Share the good news! Submissions for the InBasket can be emailed to sagrad-InBasket@umd.edu

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Alumni News

EMAIL CHANGING?

We want the InBasket and other CSP/SAC items to make it to your InBox! If you need your email updated on the CSP-alumni Listserv please contact Marylu K. McEwen at mmcewen@umd.edu.

Patrick Grayshaw was named as the NASPA IV West Rising Star New Professional Award recipient. We have known this "star" since the very beginning! Congratulations.

In May 2012, **Mary Hennessey** was named Assistant to the Provost at Slippery Rock University in Western Pennsylvania. She also completed a doctorate at the University of Pittsburgh. What magnificent accomplishments. We are so proud of you.

After 10 years at the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U), **Nancy O'Neil** started at the University of Baltimore this past July in the Provost's office as Director of Learning

Initiatives and Co-Director of UB's Center for Excellence in Learning, Teaching, and Technology. Nancy's thrilled to be a Marylander once again! Welcome back home, Nancy.

Kathleen Rice joined Nanci Luna Jiménez's team of associates, assisting in the facilitation of incredible three-day diversity and inclusion workshops. Kathleen is deeply grateful to be a part of this team. We always love hearing of the great new work adventures our alumni are having. Congratulations, Kathleen.

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Larry Roper was featured on Student Affairs Live in a conversation about the role of mentoring in Student Affairs and the importance of persistence in higher education. If you wish to see that conversation you may access it via <http://higheredlive.com/larryroper>. Larry is one of the wisest people in the Student Affairs profession.

Malaika Marable Serrano is now Assistant Director, Global Communities in the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences at the University of Maryland. Welcome back home, Malaika.

Lindsay Throne Knight starts her new position in October at Texas Christian University as Assistant Director of Transition. It is amazing to watch Lindsay's career bloom in the great state of Texas. We are thrilled for you and look forward to hearing of your great success at TCU.



Erika Cohen Derr and **Jacqueline Mac** after they just finished two legs of the Ragnar Relay. Two generations of CSP Alumnae who now are leaders at Georgetown University – in student affairs and in running!

Community Engagement by Will Simpkins

The Maryland CSP / Student Affairs community is an engaged community. The contributions of individuals who have graduated from our program have shaped students' experiences around the globe. And while we see each other at conferences, speak on conference calls, and run into each other in some very unexpected places, we don't often share with each other the work we do outside of our professional roles. We Terps engage with our communities through local organizations, political movements and advocacy campaigns, and through our faiths.

We asked two alums about the reasons they are engaged beyond their own campus. **R.J. Holmes-Leopold**, Director of the Career Engagement Center at Cornell College, is active with a number of causes. He serves on the Board of Directors for Legion Arts, an artist-run arts presenting organization in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, that brings artists from around the world to Iowa to showcase their work. He is also active on the advisory committee for the Hancher Auditorium Young donors group at the University of Iowa and previously worked with Access

Iowa, the Iowa Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership seminar, and several professional organizations. When asked why it is important for him to be involved, R.J. listed several things that many of us could echo – engagement is part of active citizenship and community involvement as professional development. But he also says that "In student affairs, too many of us live in our jobs and don't get to create separation between our professional and personal lives. Being a community volunteer has forced me to leave my office on some days when I otherwise would stay late, or given me an opportunity to breathe away from the stressors of the profession."

Joey DeSanto Jones, Director of Project Development and Communications for Keeling & Associates, LLC, has remained active at the University of Maryland through Lambda Pride, the University's official LGBTQA alumni club. He describes the reason for his involvement from another angle: "Simply put, it's important for me to be involved as a way to give back to a

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community that shaped me in numerous ways.”

Both of these alumni talk about the values of our profession as congruent with the values of community engagement: social justice, equity and inclusion, challenge and support, service, leadership, and more. When you stand in a room full of fabulous scholars and practitioners who were touched by the Maryland CSP / SA Program, it is no secret that we are committed to our work with students. Let’s also celebrate our work with our neighbors, friends, and fellow citizens of our communities and our world.

Stop by our LinkedIn Group to join the conversation. To find us, log-in to Linked In and search for our group, "University of Maryland CSP / Student Affairs Concentration Students & Alumni". Tell us what you’ve been up to and how you’ve put your student affairs background to use making change in your community.

SPOTLIGHT

The Gen First project at the Indiana State University has been collecting the stories of student affairs professionals and graduate students who were themselves first generation students and making them available on a blog (<http://project1stgen.blogspot.com/>). Since the project began in the Spring of 2012 there have been over 5000 hits. They continue to seek more stories so consider writing for the blog.

Those interested in service-learning and civic responsibility have access to a new resource! A new series of online training modules from AACC can be found at <http://www.aacc.nche.edu/Resources/aaccprograms/horizons/Pages/curriculumtools.aspx>.

Articles, Books, Book Chapters, & Talks

Hunt, P. F., **Boyd, V. S.**, **Gast, L. K.**, **Mitchell, A.** & **Wilson, W.** (2012). Why some students leave college during their senior year. *Journal of College Student Development* 53(5), 737-742.

Jacoby, B. (October, 2012). Civically Engaged Leadership for a Better World. Webinar presented for the National Clearinghouse for Leadership Programs in Partnership with the Association of College Unions International.

Jones, S. R. & Gilbride-Brown, J. (2012, September). Understanding the Contributions of Qualitative Approaches to Service-Learning Research and Assessment. Preconference presented at the annual meeting of the International Association for Research on Service-Learning and Civic Engagement, Baltimore, MD.

Niehaus, E. (2012, September). Interactions Across Difference Through Alternative Breaks: The Relationships Between Interaction, Difference and Learning. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Association for Research on Service-Learning and Civic Engagement, Baltimore, MD.

Kiely, R., Hartman, E., **Niehaus, E.**, Reynolds, N., & Arends, J. (2012, September). Research Driving Better Design, Practice, Evaluation and Assessment in Global and Immersive Service-Learning. Preconference presented at the annual meeting of the International Association for Research on Service-Learning and Civic Engagement, Baltimore, MD.

Owen, J. (October, 2012). Examining the Design and Delivery of Collegiate Student Leadership Development Programs: Ten Key Findings. Webinar presented for the National Clearinghouse for Leadership Programs in Partnership with the Association of College Unions International.