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STUDENT NEWS

We Sadly Announce the Passing of JMC Student Jessica Hockensmith
There will be a gathering of remembrance for Hockensmith (SRP junior) on the MSU campus in the 207 & 208 Lounge of Eustace-Cole Hall on Monday, December 5 from 7-8pm. Everyone is welcome, especially members of James Madison, the Honors College, and the MSU Debate Team, organizations in which she was an active participant.

Madison senior awarded a Marshall Scholarship
Rebecca Farnum (IR senior) has been named a Marshall Scholar. The JMC and Honors College member is majoring in international relations, anthropology and global and area studies. Farnum has served as an intern for First Lady Michelle Obama. She is co-founder of MSU's Campus Interfaith Council, and she holds an executive position with the Girls Scouts of America. After graduating, Farnum plans to work with NGOs in the Middle East and North Africa region.

Students Nominated for Prestigious National Awards
Madisonians Kevin Dean (PTCD senior), Rebecca Farnum (IR senior), Marissa Perry (IR senior), and Evan Stewart (PTCD senior), along with three other MSU students, were nominated this fall by MSU to compete for Rhodes, Marshall, and Mitchell Scholarships, based on academic accomplishment and excellence in research, community engagement and other leadership activities.

Madison student Christopher Schotten is Michigan's First Kremlin Fellow
Fully funded by the Russian Federal Agency on Youth Affairs, Schotten (PTCD senior) spent Nov. 13-20 in Moscow meeting with senior Russian officials from all branches of power, as well as Russian students and academics, think tanks and corporations.

JMC Student Charlie Kraiger Chosen as White House Intern
The White House Internship Program selected Charlie Kraiger (IR junior) among its participants for the Fall 2011 session.

Madison to Graduate Fall Class on December 10th
Fall Commencement is Saturday, December 10th at 10:00am at the Breslin Center. JMC has a class of about 70 students graduating. Author and columnist Mitch Albom will address undergraduates from JMC, as well as the colleges of Arts and Letters, Eli Broad Business, Education, Music, Social Science, and the Residential College in the Arts and Humanities.

ALUMNI NEWS

JMC Alumni are Successful in Elections
Congratulations to JMC alumni Laura Casey (SRP ‘97), Derek Dobies (PTCD ‘08), Patrice Johnson (SRP ’11), Peter Spadafore (SRP ’07), Larry Spataro (IR ’86), Zack Stanton (SRP ’07), Nathan Triplett (PTCD/SRP ’06).
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Heffern

Madison Alumnus Confirmed as Ambassador to Armenia
John Heffern (IR '76) was unanimously approved in September 2011 to serve as US Ambassador to Armenia by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Heffern is a career diplomat who has spent much of his career working in East Asia.

JMC Alumnus Publishes Book
Lawrence Sheets' (IR '90) book "Eight Pieces of Empire: A 20-Year Journey Through the Soviet Collapse," a sweeping portrait of the disintegration of what once was the mighty empire of the Soviet Union, is the author's story of his life as an American journalist and political analyst who has lived and worked in the region since 1990.

Alumni News Updates Sought
The JM Scene newsletter is seeking updates on all Madison alumni, whether you have completed a graduate program, published an article, were named an ambassador, had a baby, or changed jobs. The Madison community enjoys reading all alumni news, personal and professional. Please send it, at any time, to allank@msu.edu.

Attention Alumni Bloggers
If you keep an active blog about current affairs or other matters of interest to the Madison audience, and you would like to be included in a new bloggers page on the JMC website, please send the information to allank@msu.edu.

JMC Alumni Association (JMCAA) Announces New Officers
The JMCAA Board of directors has elected Peter Spadafore (SRP '07) as president, Laura Casey (SRP '93) as vice president, and Karissa Chabot-Purchase (PTCD '06) as secretary. Chabot-Purchase is a new board member. Other board members include: Tim Soave (Ethnic '78), treasurer; Directors: Regina Bell (PTCD '96); Fred Headen (JMC '07); Kendra Howard-Averett (MS '92); Bill Keep (SOCEC '81); Scott Sowulewski (IR '86); Ruju Bhatt Srivastava (IR '93); Scott Watkins (IR '01); and Amy Witt (PTCD '99).

EVENTS

JMC Spring Break 2012 Career Exposure - Washington DC
The JMC Career Services Office is planning a career exposure trip for 28 Madison students during spring break 2012, March 3-9. This trip will be an eye-opening experience for students, allowing them to learn what successful alumni have done with their degrees, with visits to, among other things, Capitol Hill, an association, a business, the State Department, the CIA, and an NGO.

DC Area Alumni/Student Networking Reception
Sunday, March 4, 1-3pm
Register Here

Student/Alumni Career Day
Saturday, January 28, 2012
Case Hall, time to be announced
Reception to follow at 4:30, everyone is invited

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James Madison College at MSU offers sophisticated multidisciplinary programs in the social sciences founded on a model of liberal education and designed to prepare students for law school, graduate study, decision-making roles in public and private enterprise, and careers in government, media, politics, social services, public administration, education, business, and the foreign service. Students examine how public policy problems are identified, analyzed, and resolved in the US and globally. It is an unusual, exciting, innovative place where students and scholars examine and debate important public affairs issues.