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Hudson Evei: A Scholar Gives Back

What kind of fabulous job do you land as a recent graduate of Georgetown University with a major in Finance? If you are Phillips Scholar Hudson Evei, you become a math teacher at Nativity Prep, a Boston middle school that provides a quality, tuition-free education to boys from low-income families. There the school day begins at 7:00 a.m. for students who come for the breakfast



program and other preschool activities. Classes run from 8:15 to 3:00, followed by two hours of sports (Hudson will coach soccer, basketball and lacrosse) then dinner, and finally study hall from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. "Then there are always a few kids who need a ride home before you are done for the day," says Hudson, who relishes these long days with the students. "Because it is a small school, the faculty develop very personal relationships with the students, and make connections with them on many levels. These relationships can make such a difference in the students' lives."

And that Hudson knows first hand, as Nativity Prep was a turning point in his own young life as a student. "The teachers care so much about you, even after you graduate. They follow you through high school and even college. It's more like a family than an institution." In addition to teaching and coaching, Hudson also has four advisees with whom he shares many lively conversations.

Teachers at Nativity Prep are volunteers, receiving free room and board and only a small stipend, which means that most move on eventually. But even once he does enter the world of finance, Hudson can't imagine a time when he wouldn't be associated with Nativity Prep in some way. The ties are just too strong, he feels, not to be a part of this remarkable community of learning and living.

Catherine Wood: Hola from Argentina

Since her departure last July for Argentina, Phillips Scholar Catherine Wood has sent fascinating e-missives about her studies in Buenos Aires and her travels in South America. As a Latin American/Latino Studies and Economics major at Fordham University, Catherine is interested in Argentina's economic recovery since their 2001 debt crisis. Recently she wrote about the widespread poverty that is ubiquitous in Argentina.



The multicolored Humahuaca Mountains in the northwest of Argentina, near the city of Salta.

It is hard to imagine the excessive wealth that this country once possessed, given the socioeconomic crisis and the poverty level

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today, four years after their economic meltdown. I have not taken a single subway ride where I have not been asked for money—by children, by blind and fatally-ill people, and by those who walk through each car handing out prayer cards, stickers, Kleenex, fire starters, food, or hair elastics, hoping for fifty centavos in exchange. Two weeks ago, I was sitting in a subway car when I was overtaken by a boy of eight or nine years of age who kissed me on the cheek, gave me a prayer card with a picture of the Virgin Mary on it, then proceeded to walk down the car kissing every single person sitting and standing, in an attempt to sell more of his cards. What was perhaps more surprising though, was that every one kissed him back on the cheek, including myself, because that is just the Argentine way. --*Catherine Wood*

Weathering the Storm:

Phillips Scholar Julie Dabrowski Reflects on Hurricane Katrina

As a sophomore, I returned to Tulane University two weeks before other students for Resident Advisor training. My fellow RA's and I were so busy preparing for the incoming freshmen that we managed to ignore the category 5 hurricane heading straight for the Gulf Coast. But halfway through our hectic move-in of a few hundred nervous-looking freshmen, we were informed that we would all have to evacuate. As I comforted anxious parents and hastily packed a bag for my trip, I was expecting to return to Tulane in a few days time. Had I known how long I'd be gone, I might have brought more, but, as others have reminded me, my own self was my most precious cargo. I spent the next several days in a gym at Mississippi State University, huddled with friends in front of a tiny television as we watched the tragedy unfold on CNN. When MSU lost power, we gazed worriedly through the small windows as the trees danced in the heavy rain and tropical storm winds. As an RA, it was part of my responsibility to prevent a mutiny by the 500 or so freshmen, and this may have been one of the factors that kept me from going insane during my 3-day stay in that stuffy gym. For the first-year students, this situation was unpleasant, but it helped them to form bonds well beyond those of the typical freshman experience.

When the storm was over, I was thrilled to finally escape the gym. At this point, we hadn't yet seen the full extent of the damage to New Orleans (and, in fact, much of it had not yet occurred), so we were hoping to be back at Tulane within a few weeks' time. However, when I finally returned home to Boston, I received the unfathomable news: Tulane would be closed for the semester. Though many schools in New England opened their doors to Katrina victims, I decided to stay with a friend in Texas and enroll at the University of Houston. After all, I thought, I'd never been to Texas. I'm really enjoying attending U of H, experiencing its sense of community and its vast diversity of students. I'm having a good old "Texas time," as one of my new friends here calls it. Nevertheless, I'll be absolutely thrilled to get back to Tulane in January to see all my friends and to attend my home school, despite how different it and New Orleans may be.

Katrina had splashed us all in a little bit of irony, but it wasn't long before I was able to laugh at my situation. After all, I'm alive and have a nice dry home. I have absolutely no reason to complain, and thus, though at times it's hard, I try not to do so. I think the one thing I've learned throughout this process has been that sometimes life affects us in ways we could never have imagined, and that sometimes the unfathomable must be fathomed; the only thing to do is roll with the punches – or, in my case, the waves. --*Julie Dabrowski*

A Phillips Celebrity

David Gay, pictured here with his father at our 2004 Open House, filed the FIRST Renewal Application last year, on January 27th! David attends Brandeis University, where he plans to major in biology.

As we expect to process close to 500 renewal applications next spring, we applaud his promptness--and challenge each of you to be earlier than he this year!



News from the House

More than 4,000 visitors from around the world toured the historic Stephen Phillips Trust House and viewed its collection of carriages and antique cars this year. In addition, museum staff provided many special events throughout the season, including a presentation of “Early Home Movies” at the National Park Service Visitor Center. Filmed by Stephen Phillips and his uncle James Duncan Phillips between 1925 and the 1940s, these films have been preserved and recorded on DVDs and include family footage, scenes from Salem, New England and even family world travels. Descriptions of the films are posted on the Phillips House website, where visitors will soon be able to view se-



lected clips from the films.

The Trust House also sponsored the third annual Antique Car Meet in August. Antique cars of all descriptions lined Chestnut Street for the enjoyment of both car aficionados and general visitors that day.

Also this year, the museum undertook an extensive preservation project of more than 180 dresses, shawls, coats, hats, and undergarments, which were photographed, catalogued, and properly re-housed in acid-free boxes. Anna (Wheatland) Phillips’ wedding dress was briefly displayed in July. The beautiful floor-length ivory satin and lace dress brought exclamations of delight from the visitors, especially when they also viewed a copy of the 1899 invitation, and a small box holding a piece of the cake from that long-ago June wedding!

The Museum is open from Memorial Day Weekend through October. Please visit www.phillipsmuseum.org to stay abreast of all the news and special events!

Renewal Reminders

Now is the time to order your transcript and think about the Renewal process! To access the 2006 Renewal Application, visit our website at www.phillips-scholarship.org. You may fill it out on the computer, then print and mail it in along with your supporting documents. If your e-mail address has changed, please be sure to send us that change so that we will be able to send you updates and reminders.

File the Renewal FAFSA (preferably online) as soon after January 1 as possible to avoid delays in receiving your Student Aid Report. Remember: **April 1st is the mailing deadline** for your application, a copy of your most recent financial aid award letter, your W-2 form(s), and a sealed transcript with fall semester grades. If you have trouble downloading the application, please email us (renewal@spscholars.org) and we will send one to you. We will not, however, automatically mail applications to all current recipients, as the application is available at the website.

Each year, some students do not receive a scholarship because they fail to send in the Renewal Application on time. Please don’t forget to renew your award!

Words of Thanks

The following Phillips Scholar Alumni/ae have donated generously to the Alumni/ae Fund during the past year. To read about this year’s recipient of the Alumni/ae Scholarship, please turn to page four. And many thanks to all for your support.

\$1,000 and above

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†Emma Nowinski

\$100-\$499

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Welcome to Kate Gearan



We are very happy to introduce you to our new staff member, Kate Gearan, who will be coordinating our sponsor program. Working with organizations that provide services for high school students from tutoring and mentoring through college admissions and financial counseling, the Phillips Scholarship can draw on their long-term working knowledge of students' abilities and strengths to make better decisions about awards.

Although Kate is new to this position, she is no stranger to the Phillips Scholarship, as she has served as one of our readers for 7 years and will continue to do so in her new position. Kate has worked both in college admissions at the University of New Hampshire and as a high school guidance counselor. She is married and has two daughters who are both quite a ways away from worrying about college admissions!

The Scholarship Office Is Moving

As those of you who have visited us in Salem know, the Scholarship Offices are located on the third floor of the Phillips Trust House, the stunning Federal-style home of the Phillips family. Sited on beautiful Chestnut Street in the McIntire Historic District of Salem, this house museum displays generations of artifacts collected by the Phillips family. While it is a treat for the scholarship staff to work in such interesting surroundings, we are beginning to outgrow our space here and so, in mid-December, we will be moving just up the street to new office space at 27 Flint Street. Built in 1826, this historic brick building has served at various times as an apothecary and an antique, dry-goods, and hand needlework store. Renovated carefully to highlight its historic features, the new offices provide us needed space for new staff member Kate Gearan as well as the temporary workers during the scholarship season, increased file storage, and very pleasant surroundings to host visiting Phillips Scholars! Most importantly, however, it allows us to maintain our connection to the Phillips Trust House and to ensure that students who come to visit us can easily tour that wonderful museum.



Travers Guy: Alumni/Alumnae Scholar



The Phillips Scholar Alumni/Alumnae Award was established in 2003 to recognize one new scholarship recipient in particular who personifies the criteria of the scholarship. Generous donations from Phillips Scholar graduates were matched, dollar for dollar, by a friend of the scholarship, and all monies collected were used to fund this award. The Trustees are pleased to announce that this year's recipient is Travers Guy, a resident of Salem, Massachusetts, and graduate of St. John's Prep in Danvers.

Travers was singled out for his impressive combination of hard work, community service and strength of character. Working thirty hours a week at two jobs while attending an academically demanding high school, Travers has clearly demonstrated the qualities of perseverance and academic seriousness of purpose that Mrs. Phillips hoped to encourage through this scholarship. Now studying finance at Bryant University, Travers belongs to the Finance Association; the Collegiate Entrepreneurial Organization, working recently on a fundraiser for a camp for terminally ill children; and the Multicultural Student Union. He writes that he finds that, "The whole college experience is what you get out of it; it involves sacrifices, finding out who you are as an individual, completing goals and, hopefully for everyone, happiness and personal success." He also admits to a new coffee addiction, late hours in the library, and plenty of fun.

Congratulations to Travers and many thanks to the generous Phillips Scholars who helped us expand our ability to assist students with college costs in these difficult financial times.