Happy 2009 from A and Z!

Thank you to all of you who responded to our first newsletter with good suggestions and positive comments. Please keep them coming. We really want to know what is most helpful to the family and friends of our Chatham women!

This past Fall was an exciting time at Chatham, and 2009 promises to be a very good year. As we gear up for the Spring Term, we do want to take time to wish you all the best in the coming year. May 2009 be filled with health, happiness and prosperity.

Pictured to the left, the A to Z duo taking a break from serving food during Moonlight Breakfast.

Moonlight Breakfast

Students eagerly waited for “breakfast” at 8:00 p.m. This was an excellent break from studying all day long.

The dedicated faculty and staff who cooked and served delicious omelets all evening.

The amazing coach, staff and alumni who made up the cleaning Crew.

Congratulations

Three Chatham Women were awarded a Vira Heinz Scholarship to study abroad in the coming year. All members of the Class of 2011, Brittany Goncar (English major from Glenshaw, PA), Tiffany Tupper (Political Science major from Pittsburgh, PA), and Alyssa Crozier (Undeclared major from Kane, PA) will be traveling
abroad, learning and serving and participating in a leadership and service program in Pittsburgh before and after their trips, through the generosity of the Vira Heinz Foundation.

Cougars Serving the Community
Globally….
The Chatham social work program, SWIRL Social Work Club, and ForClub Forensics Club teamed up to support BeadforLife, an organization that helps Ugandan women living in extreme poverty. Close to 100 people attended the event on Monday November 10th and $2500 was raised through the generosity of the Chatham community. This amount was a record for our presenter Heather Ditillo, MSW, program director of BeadforLife.

A second event on December 3 brought the total to $5000. Special thanks to Dr. Melissa Bell (Assistant Professor of Social Work) and all the students in the clubs, as well as Dr. Sheila Seelau (Assistant Professor of Forensics) and Dr. Debby Rubin, Chair of Social Work and Forensic Science for their leadership of this effort. Information will be available about the connection between the work of BeadforLife and the reduction and treatment of HIV/AIDS in Uganda. You can also find out more about BeadforLife or order from their website at [http://www.beadforlife.org/](http://www.beadforlife.org/)

Locally….
The Chatham Bookstore hosted a toy drive which resulted in the generous donation by the Chatham community of well over 200 gifts and handmade holiday frames for the patients at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, Hematology/Oncology Department. Laura McCullough of CHP says, "The patients here are really enjoying them. Thank you for thinking of us."

Chatham Faculty in Action!!

Preparing for the Organic Gardening course this spring at Eden Hall Farm, Drs. Nancy Gift, Lynne Bruckner (not pictured) and Prof. Kerri LaCharite running the dingo-rototiller to prepare the soil.
Here are some highlights of what we have lined up for students in January. The Chatham community is encouraged to check the calendar on my.CHATHAM daily so they do not miss the fun that are added throughout the term.

**Murder Mystery & Casino Night**
Be part of the Murder Mystery fun hosted by the Forensic Club or just enjoy casino games and prizes.
*Friday, January 9, 8:00 – 11:00 p.m., Welker Room, Laughlin Music Hall*

**Dr. Martin Luther King is Honored at Chatham**
Martin Luther King Pathways to Reconciliation: Democratization and Social Justice in Brazil and America
Chatham will be honoring the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by hosting a program examining the struggles for emancipation, sponsored by the Global Focus Year of Brazil and Center of Study of Conflict.
*Monday, January 19, 4:00-8:00 p.m., Mellon Board Room*

**Inauguration Night Party hosted by President Barazzone**
Join us for a non-partisan celebration of this historic inauguration. Enjoy food, political button making and watch coverage of the Inaugural Balls featuring performances by some of today’s top recording artists.
*Tuesday, January 20, 8:00 – 11:00 p.m., Welker Room, Laughlin Music Hall*

**Lessons in Brazilian Business**
Hosted by the Department of Business and Entrepreneurship and Global Focus Program, local leaders working for Brazilian-based firms and Pittsburgh firms who do business in Brazil will share their wisdom as Chatham continues its Year of the Americas: Brazil.
*Thursday, January 22, 4:30-6:00 p.m., Welker Room, Laughlin Music Hall.*

**Study Abroad**
Program providers and Chatham staff will be available to help students explore the possibilities of broadening their world view and experience through study abroad.
*Friday, January 30, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, Welker Room, Laughlin Music Hall.*

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**Important Dates for Students**

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What is the “Add drop” period?
The first week of classes provides an opportunity for students to attend their classes and decide whether they would like to add a class or drop one. If the add-drop is done before the deadline. There is time for students to catch up in classes recently added and to adjust to a new schedule. There is also no financial penalty. However, after the add-drop deadline, students will be responsible for the grade and the cost of the class unless they withdraw by the withdraw deadline and receive a “W” on the transcript. After a certain point the student may not withdraw unless there is an emergency and approved by the Dean of the College. Please also note that dates are different for Spring courses that span 14 weeks and 7 weeks.
If you have any questions, please consult your Advisor, the Registrar’s Office or the Dean’s Office. The deadlines are above.

Opportunities—Experiential Learning Awards
There are multiple opportunities for Chatham Women to have support to conduct research, participate in service learning, and do summer science research through Chatham’s Experiential Learning Awards and the Summer Undergraduate Research Grant programs. These are fantastic experiences and provide excellent opportunities to gain skills, explore career options, and network and help prepare Chatham Women for graduate school and professional positions after graduation.

The deadline for applying for these awards is January 23, 2008. For more information on Experiential Learning Awards, contact Dean Skleder at Chatham College for Women at Freed@chatham.edu or stop by the Chatham College for Women Office outside of Anderson Dining Hall for information. Information on the Summer undergraduate Research Program can be obtained from Dr. Larry Viehland, Chair of the Sciences, at viehland@chatham.edu.

Over the past four years, we have enjoyed an amazing growth in both the undergraduate and graduate colleges. One of the major reasons contributing to this growth is the referrals we gratefully receive from alumnae, friends and parents of current students. One of our best forms of advertising is through word of mouth referrals. If you are aware of a student who would benefit from a Chatham University education, please feel free to reply to this email and simply request that an admissions packet be sent:
  * directly to the student
  * to you to deliver to the student
  * to you so that you may deliver it to a specific high school or organization

Students are always welcome to visit our web site and fill out a request for information to be sent via the postal service, email or a phone call from one of our counselors.

Thank you in advance for introducing Chatham to an inspiring young woman in your life.

Sincerely,
Michael Poll
Vice President for Admissions  admissions@chatham.edu  412-365-1825 or 800-837-1290
“Be a part of the creation of a Chatham family and friends community!”
Chatham’s Family and Friends Association would like to inform you of the ways you can be involved in the many aspects of university life. Please reply to this email if you are interested in being involved in any of the following activities and/or if you would like to know more about the Chatham Family and Friends Association:

- **Career Center**: Help place students in worthwhile internship opportunities
- **Admissions**: Spread the word! Your recommending Chatham to prospective students helps the university grow
- **Events**: Volunteer at events like Admitted Students Day and Family & Friends Weekend
- **Profiles**: Volunteer to be profiled on the Chatham website!
- **Parent to Parent**: Be available to other Chatham parents and prospective parents for questions, concerns, and conversation
- **Host**: a Chatham Family and Friends Association informational reception

You are one of our most valuable resources! Make your presence in the Chatham community known!