

MCDANIEL WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP NETWORK

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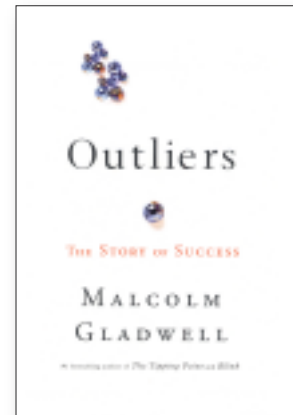
Recognizing the unique gifts and perspectives of women, the McDaniel Women's Leadership Network will develop programs to provide personal and professional growth opportunities for Network members and McDaniel students.



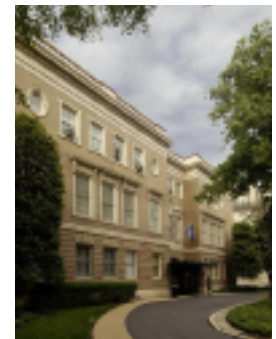
Two Special Events have been planned for MWLN membership for this academic year.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: October 29, 2009 and March 25, 2010

Learn about *Outliers*, the title of author Malcolm Gladwell's story of success, debated by this year's freshmen during Orientation. "The book challenges assumptions about American exceptionalism and the power of all to be successful," says Debora Johnson-Ross, associate professor of Political Science and associate dean of Academic Affairs. Dr. Johnson-Ross will lead a panel discussion on the book's themes and relevance to women in seeking and seizing opportunities for achievement. The Thursday evening event will offer a reception at the President's House followed by a 7:00 p.m. discussion in McDaniel Lounge.



Then on Thursday, March 25 during Women's History Month, talk show anchor and McDaniel Trustee Diane Rehm will host an evening to celebrate President Joan Develin Coley at a reception to be held at the historic Wadsworth House, now home to the Sulgrave Club in Washington, D.C. Reservations will be on a first-come, first-served basis at a discount cost of \$20 per person. Join Ms. Rehm in honoring President Coley and her accomplishments as McDaniel's eighth president. Ms. Rehm's daily radio program, *The Diane Rehm Show*, airs on 99 public radio stations around the country, with more than 1.6 million listeners weekly. In 1992, she was awarded an honorary degree in journalism from McDaniel and has served on its Board since 1994.



Member invitations will be e-mailed in early October with reservations details.

SHARE YOUR NEWS

Network members may send announcements of promotions, achievements, and adventures to be compiled for our next newsletter. E-mail the Membership Committee Chair Susan Fleishman at susf104@comcast.net.

Meet MWLN Co-Chairs

Co-founders of MWLN, Barbara Payne Shelton and Barbara Thomas are proud members of the Class of 1970 and both serve on the McDaniel Board of Trustees. In July, both traveled to Romania where they participated in a Habitat for Humanity project to construct new housing for extremely impoverished families who encounter prejudice and suffer high levels of unemployment as members of the Roma (gypsy) community.

Ms. Thomas, a former CEO of Habitat for Humanity of Orange County, California, now lives in South Carolina where she has been the President and Executive Director of LowCountry Habitat for Humanity, and has served on a number of non-profit boards, including the Beaufort Regional Chamber of Commerce. She also consults to small businesses in customer service and organizational development. Ms. Thomas earned her bachelor's degree in German/Education and received her MBA from Virginia Tech.



Ms. Thomas leads a Habitat for Humanity Global Village trip every year. Costa Rica is scheduled for February 2010 for all who are interested.

Ms. Shelton, a recognized expert in the education and development of young children, teaches part-time at Towson University and works as a consultant. Shelton's work has focused on improving the quality of early education and care through teacher-preparation degree programs she designed for both traditional and non-traditional students. She graduated from McDaniel in 1970 and earned a master's degree in Social Work from the University of Pennsylvania, a master's degree in Education from Towson University and an Ed.D. in Education from NOVA Southeastern University.



Ms. Shelton participates annually in a 50K walk to raise funds for MS research.

SPREAD THE WORD

We are a growing organization dedicated to engaging members in the life of the College today; linking alumnae, students, faculty, staff and friends through programs that address timely issues of personal and professional growth and providing opportunities for mentoring. Our annual membership helps to grow the endowed MWLN scholarship awarded annually to a young woman who has demonstrated leadership potential, but who might not otherwise be able to attend the College.

Forward this news to friends and colleagues and urge them to join with a gift to the scholarship at the next event or online at www.mcdaniel.edu/makeagift. Be sure to indicate McDaniel Women's Leadership Network in the online gift designation.

Letter from President Coley

One of the best parts of my job as College president is hearing from alumnae and friends. Your stories keep me posted on your careers, travels, families, and interests. They make me smile and fill me with pride. I am in awe of your accomplishments, attitudes and continued quest for learning.

It will come as no surprise for you to know that our recent graduates are much the same. I'm sure you'll enjoy reading about four May graduates who served the MWLN while students on the Hill. That can-do spirit prevails. It is a tradition that transcends the decades. The College inspires life-long learning. Our graduates are prepared for life – and live it to the fullest.

On behalf of our students and professors, thank you for joining the Network and pledging your support to the MWLN scholarship. We are still changing lives just as we did when you were a student here. Your gift keeps those traditions strong. Your gift keeps the College accessible and affordable. Your gift makes a difference to students today.

I look forward to seeing you at MWLN events and the sponsored informative programs for women by women. I also want to thank our co-chairs Barbara Thomas and Barbara Shelton for their continued commitment to the Network and their "sworn sisters" who volunteer on the Advisory Council for their support and hard work which make these events successful.

Most sincerely,

Joan Develin Coley



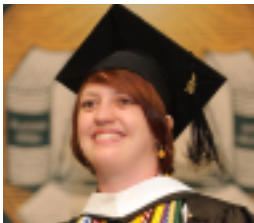
Graduating Seniors Launch Careers

Four seniors who represented current students on the MWLN Advisory Council graduated this past May. Read on to learn where their diplomas have taken them...

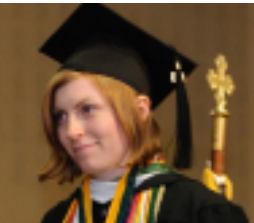
Best friends since sixth grade in Columbia, Md., History major April Curley and Sociology major Jen Beckwith add the prestigious Teach for America corps to the long list of activities, accomplishments and life-changing experiences they've shared. Curley will teach in a Baltimore city elementary school, and Beckwith is D.C.- bound to teach high school chemistry.



It's a case of double role reversals for three McDaniel College French majors who will spend the coming year as French lecturers at schools in France. In the fall, Laura Descher along with classmates Mary Beth Bounds and Greg Dubicki will go from being students to being teachers, and from learning French on an English-speaking campus to teaching English to French-speaking students. Laura is going to Grenoble. The French government will pay them salaries and cover the cost of university courses.



Now in its second year, McDaniel's new Center for Community Outreach and Service will be coordinated by Siri Hiltz who will make connections between needs and student volunteers, between service-learning opportunities and professors, between the community and McDaniel students.



McDaniel students have always reached out to the local community, but the refocused effort is bound to see community outreach grow. Three different programs – two with grants – mesh in the center's mission. The programs – AmeriCorps VISTA, the Bringing Theory to Practice (BTtoP) project and the Campus Compact – share some common goals. AmeriCorps VISTA promotes community outreach and service as a means of fighting poverty. The BTtoP project encourages experiential learning through service within the local community.



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