

Time Sensitive - Your MAPP Alumni Update for August!

Hello MAPPers!

Welcome to your August dose of Alumni News! Congratulations to our class for completing the first capstones ever in MAPP!

Here's the latest on our three class priorities: Alumni Community building, Continuing Education and Development, and Communications (external and internal).

Community Building (David and Team)

Here are the top updates in our community building efforts. Thank you to James and Debbie for their help on these initiatives.

New MAPP Alumni Officer Position: After much deliberation together with James and Debbie, it has been decided that the joint Secretary/Treasurer portfolio should be split into two separate roles. This will ensure that the commitments that projects managed by the Alumni committee would be better served. To this end, we are inviting nominations to the position of MAPP Alumni Treasurer 2006/2007.

■ *Treasurer Responsibilities Include:*

- Preparing Annual Budget for the Alumni Organization
- Preparing Semi-Annual Revenue and Expense Reports
- Dues Solicitation and Collection
- Sourcing Corporate and Individual Sponsorship of Programs
- Fund raising - Solicitation and Collection
- Working with the UPENN Fund Raising Infrastructure
- Working with the Positive Psychology Center and UPENN Payment Infrastructure

Process for Selection:

- Sept 1: If you would like make a nomination for the Treasurer position, or you are interested in the position yourself, please email David Pollay by this date.
- Sept. 8: The three people with the most nominations will be asked if they would serve if elected.
- Sept. 15: Announcement of the names of the three people with the most nominations.
- Sept.22 : Voting open. One vote per alumni member.
- Sept 29: Announcement of the individual with the highest number of votes who will assume the Treasurer position.
- Thereafter, announcement of election result and integration of the new appointee into the MAPP Alumni Officer Team.

If you have any questions about the position, email David. David will be in Poland on business from August 19 – September 4. If he is delayed in responding to you, please contact Margaret or Sulynn for more information. Thanks for your interest!

- Funding of MAPP Alumni Education and Scholarship Programs: We have begun securing the funds necessary to run our education and scholarship programs this year. David is first approaching those of us who are working inside corporations (to seek corporate support). We have raised approximately \$1,400 so far. If you'd like to beat David to the punch, email him with your contribution commitment. We will soon be in touch with the whole class about how we can all contribute. We are proud of the commitment our class made to secure 100% participation from the class (in whatever amounts). Our participation sends a loud message to the world about our commitment to our community and the future generation of MAPPers.
- Pulse Point Program: Giselle has volunteered to be the editor and assignment desk manager for our Pulse Point Program. We plan to include our first "What's Up with Our Classmates?" update in our first newsletter due out in September. Dana, Angus, Amanda H., Marge, Kathryn, Sulynn, and Giselle will be contacting you soon. Be ready to "capitalize" and share your latest update.
- MAPP Alumni Reunion at IPPS: Doug is leading the planning for this event. He has been working with James, Debbie, and David closely. Nick, Caroline and I have all pledged our support. The "MAPP 1.0 meets MAPP 2.0" Reception will be held on Friday night of the Summit.
- Final Conference Call for MAPP 1.0 (Our "Wrap Up" Call): We will be organizing a conference call to celebrate the completion of our Capstones and our MAPP Journey. Debbie and James will join us! Marty may also be on the call to "knight" us. We are looking at the week of September 18 or September 25. We'll let you know as soon as we can firm up a date and time.
- Semi-Annual State of the Union of Positive Psychology with Marty, and an Update on the MAPP Program from James and Debbie: Remember to mark your calendar for our first official State of the Union call to take place on Friday, November 10, at 11:00 a.m. EST.
- MAPP Financial Infrastructure: We have secured support from the University to place our funds in their care. They will process contributions for us, disburse funds as we direct them to, and provide reporting to us.

Continuing Education & Development (Margaret and Team)

Like all of you, the month of July was consumed with finishing our Capstones. The Continuing Education & Development Committee is now in "back to school" mode and has resumed work on your behalf. Below is a report on our three focus areas:

- **Mentoring** opportunities for the new MAPP class - Emma has spearheaded this effort, working with James and Debbie. A call will be scheduled next month for those who are interested in mentoring members of the class of '06-'07.
- **Quarterly teleconferences with key researchers** in the field of Positive Psychology - Senia is leading this initiative. Stay tuned for the upcoming fall schedule.

- **Creating a directory of current Ph.D. programs**, related to the field of Positive Psychology - Nick has offered to lead this initiative with the help of Diana and Tom. Researching what is currently available at various institutions is a big task. If you are interested in helping Nick, Diana and Tom, please contact Nick at Nickhall@yahoo.com or 716-200-2619. A big thanks goes out to Diana for getting this committee established. Diana will continue to serve on this committee as she adjusts to her new job and new life in Philadelphia.

Poster Presentation at Gallup International Positive Psychology Summit. In addition, we received approval from Gallup to present posters of our Capstones at the upcoming IPP Summit in DC, October 5-7. Hurray! Thank you James and Debbie for exercising your perseverance! We will have a 2-hour block of time to present our posters in the Roosevelt Room (5th floor of the Gallup building). If you would like to share your research with other Summit attendees, **please submit the Title of your Poster to Margaret** (margaret@thegreenberggroup.org) by **Friday, August 25**. Guidelines for creating posters will be forwarded to you once you submit your intention to Margaret. The Summit organizers will include our names and the titles of our poster in an insert to the Summit materials. We will be expected to stand by our posters for the 2-hour block of time and field questions. Margaret will arrange to have poster board delivered to the room in advance of the session so you can assemble your posters. What a great opportunity to share our work with the Positive Psychology community!

Communications (Sulynn and Team)

The revamp of the UPenn Positive Psychology website will include showcasing each MAPP Alumni member with the following information:

- A one-paragraph bio (Word doc 50-80 words) and area of expertise/specialty
- A one-paragraph (Word doc 80-100 words) about your Capstone project
- A one-paragraph summary (Word doc 80 -100 words) of each cohort's MAPP 702 service learning project
- Email links to your 702 final paper and Capstone report

Here's Peter Schulman's directive: *"We really want just one paragraph for the bio and the summary of the Capstone project. If it is longer, please send it back to them to revise, as I do not think it will be useful for the website if it is longer than this."*

So please prepare and send your 50-80 word bio, 80-100 word Capstone summary, and 80-100 word paragraph on your MAPP702 service learning project to sulynn_choong@yahoo.com. The deadline is extended to 28 August 2006 for those who have not sent theirs in yet.

Also, we need your express permission to place the above materials on the MAPP website, where it can be seen by anyone with Internet access. If you have concerns about this, let us know. In your email, please include this statement **"I hereby grant permission for the publication of my MAPP702 final paper, Capstone report, and attached materials"** and sign the email with your full name.

In the case of multiple authors, permission from each author to post the MAPP 702 paper and Capstone report on the website is absolutely necessary.

Reminder: if you wish to download any work or paper from **eCollege**, do it soon before access is to eCollege is terminated with the expiration of your student status with UPENN.

There will be news later about how internal communications among Alumni members will be set up. New developments have superseded earlier plans. Please be patient. Meanwhile send an email to sulynn@streamyx.com if you wish to post something for everyone without sending direct emails (yep she's back on the other side of the world).

Thank you everyone for remaining committed to keeping us together as a community. Thank you also to all of you who have volunteered your time, energy, and ideas to our alumni program. We're setting a great example and establishing a solid foundation for the classes that follow us.

Warm Regards,

David, Margaret, and Sulynn

Dates to Plan for and Put In Your Calendar:

August 25 – Email Margaret at margaret@thegreenberggroup.org if you would like to create and display your research in a poster during our IPPS weekend. Please tell Margaret the title of your research poster.

August 28 – Send your 50-80 word bio, 80-100 word Capstone summary, and 80-100 word paragraph on your MAPP702 service learning project to sulynn_choong@yahoo.com. Also email “permission to publish” to sulynn_choong@yahoo.com.

September 1 – Email nominations for Treasurer to David at david@themomentumproject.com.

September 1 – Email the attached form to UPENN Alumni Records.

September 15 – Top three nominees for Treasurer announced.

September 22 – Voting for Treasurer concludes. Result announced the following week.

October 6 – MAPP 1.0 and MAPP 2.0 Class Reunion and Reception at the IPPS in D.C.

November 10 at 11:00a.m. – Semi-Annual State of the Union of Positive Psychology with Marty, and an Update on the MAPP Program from James and Debbie.

**University of Pennsylvania
Alumni Records**

(This questionnaire will be filed with the permanent records of the University and is intended to help the University keep in touch with alumni.)

Last four digits of SS# _____ Date _____
Mr./Mrs./Ms./ Miss/Dr. /Rev _____ Degree or Certificate expected _____

Please print full name

School and Class _____ Major field of study _____

Date and place of birth _____ Marital Status _____

Name of Spouse _____

Mailing address after graduation or leaving the University _____

_____ Home Phone _____

Business Address _____

Please give name and address of firm or organization

_____ Business Telephone _____

Secondary school or college(s) previously attended, and degree attained _____

Fraternity/Sorority affiliation (if any) _____

College House, clubs, societies, organizations, teams, and activities (if any) _____

Title of thesis (if any) _____

Honors, records, prizes, etc. _____

Class or Society office held _____

Expected institution for continued study _____

Name and address of parents or guardian _____

In case address information cannot be obtained through sources named above, I may be reached by communicating with: (Give one or more names and addresses. Please print.)

Signature _____