

Center for Civic Engagement Observer

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"In true democracy every man and woman is taught to think for himself or herself"
-Thomas Jefferson

Rendez-vous a Hofstra: Togo Students Visit Campus

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As part of a collaborative effort amongst the Center for Civic Engagement, the Anthropology department, and Plan International, Hofstra had the unique opportunity to host a group of students and professors from the University of Lomé in Togo. After a small delegation of Hofstra students travelled to Togo last summer, the Togolese visit to the U.S. marked a milestone in the two year relationship between our two universities.

The Togo students were housed in Colonial Square and were treated to a sampling of life at Hofstra during one of its most exciting and interactive moments – debate week. Beyond Hofstra and Presidential politics, they broadened their view through visits to New York City, where students and professors from Hofstra and the University of Lomé were taken on tours of the United Nations, re-greening efforts and projects of the Bronx, and the Museum of Natural History.

Through parallel community engagement, the CCE and Togo students will work towards enriching cultural understanding and the betterment of our respective communities. To these ends, students from the CCE have been cultivating a relationship with Westbury Middle School while our Togolese counterparts work in a nearby village's middle school. Through our collaborative work and exchanges we intend to inspire in younger students a sense of empowerment and greater global understanding.

Upcoming Events

October

28th @ 8pm - PSU's Know Your Rights Night
Multipurpose Room, SC

29th @ 8:30 p.m. - Sustained Dialogue Series
Nassau Hall

30th @ 8:30 p.m. - Sustained Dialogue Series
Utrecht, Netherlands South

November

3rd @ 12:45 p.m. - "America Overextended"
Cultural Center Theatre - Educate '08

11th @ 8:30 p.m. - Coffee Hour
Student Center, Main Dining Room

12th @ 2:00 p.m. - Our Jobs?
Cultural Center theatre - Educate '08

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Like most students at Hofstra University, I was extremely excited when I learned that the final Presidential Debate between Democratic nominee Senator Barak Obama and Republican nominee Senator John McCain would be held on our campus. I am also lucky enough to be the standing president of the Hofstra Progressive Student Union, a grassroots action organization that strives for social change through education, peaceful activism, and charity. In the past year and a half this organization has tripled in size and won the Student Leadership and Activities 2007-2008 awards for Political/Social Action club of the year and Community Service Event of the Year. A large part of this recognition and growth can be attributed the Campus Camp Wellstone training that some of us in PSU, myself included, received last year.



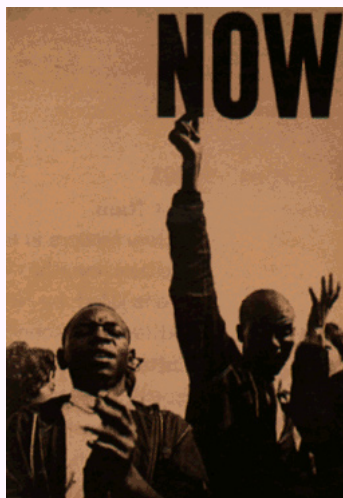
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Campus Camp Wellstone comes to Hofstra on November 7th and 8th

Friday, Nov 7th: 3:30pm - 9pm
Saturday, November 8th: 10am - 6pm



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