Hundreds of Students Attend IOP’s Midterm Election Night Event
The past six months have been very exciting for the Institute. In addition to welcoming new fellows and hosting some of the highest-profile forums in recent memory, we hosted a three-day celebration commemorating our 40th anniversary in September.

This summer we made several new visual and organizational enhancements to our website (www.iop.harvard.edu), including a new, dynamic calendar feature, enabling the Institute to provide information on our programming and events faster and easier than ever before. If you haven’t lately, make sure to check it out when you visit our website!

This fall, Harvard students and IOP staff continued their work to foster political engagement on campus and in our community in advance of the 2006 midterm elections. Below is a quick look at some of our exciting programs and efforts at work:

• To encourage public service and instill leadership skills among Harvard students, we launched two new initiatives, our “Public Service and Mentoring” and “Women’s Initiative in Leadership” (WIL) programs.

• Our Resident Fellows who were a great attraction throughout the fall included a prominent member of the U.K.’s House of Lords; a former Chief Counsel to U.S. Senator Edward M. Kennedy; a former Field Director for the Democratic National Committee; a Co-founder of City Year; a former Press Secretary to U.S. House of Representatives Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-GA); and a former Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs and career member of the U.S. Foreign Service.

• Harvard’s get-out-the-vote effort, HVOTE, kicked into high gear leading up to the midterm elections, registering hundreds of students. The campaign’s online “how-to” guide to absentee voting, downloaded nearly 18,000 times since March, helped thousands of college students vote in states across the country.

• For the first time in six years of polling, we expanded our national survey of young people to include both college and non-college 18–24 year-olds, providing the most comprehensive look yet at the political views of this critical voting bloc.

We work every day to stay at the forefront of political activity, research, discussion, and debate. To learn more about our programs and events, please visit our website—www.iop.harvard.edu. I hope to see you soon at the IOP!
After receiving additional Harvard University endowment funds, the Institute decided to create a new funding resource for Harvard alumni interested in pursuing a career in public service. This year, the IOP awarded its first-ever Kennedy School scholarship. The scholarship offers an opportunity for alums of the Institute’s Student Advisory Committee to receive financial support toward a graduate degree at the John F. Kennedy School of Government.

The inaugural recipient of the IOP’s Kennedy School scholarship is Eli Rosenbaum, an active Student Advisory Committee member who graduated from Harvard College in 2005. Rosenbaum is currently pursuing a joint J.D./M.P.P. degree at the Kennedy School and Harvard Law School where he is focusing on local and regional government, U.S. campaigns, and redistricting and campaign finance. While at the IOP, Rosenbaum served as editor of the Institute’s student-run publication, the Harvard Political Review, where he shaped the magazine’s content and conducted interviews with the biggest names in politics like Republican National Committee Chairman Ken Mehlman in 2004 (see photo at right).

On being the inaugural recipient of the IOP’s Kennedy School scholarship, Eli said:

“I was surprised and honored to be the first recipient, and now my goal is just to make the Institute and my fellow Student Advisory Committee alums proud. Given that I went straight to graduate school out of college and am doing a joint program, the funding was essential to my pursuit of a Kennedy School degree.”

On the importance of getting a John F. Kennedy School degree, Eli said:

“No question, more Harvard College students should apply, whether or not, but especially if, they plan on a future in public service. The worldwide student body, huge course catalog, and incredible faculty—including the vast majority of Harvard professors focused on U.S. government and politics—makes it a unique and indispensable educational experience. It’s also a perfect complement for law, business or any other graduate program, especially considering how easy the school makes it to do joint or concurrent degrees at any number of universities. The SAC scholarship only helps.”

For more information on the IOP’s Kennedy School scholarship for Student Advisory Committee alums, please contact the IOP’s Karin Kane Bloom at karin_kane@harvard.edu.
IOP Turns 40
A look at the IOP’s September celebration of 40 years of inspiration

FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: U.S. Senator Edward M. Kennedy interviewed by Judy Woodruff at opening celebration; IOP board member Caroline Kennedy and IOP Director Jeanne Shaheen; futurists’ discussion panel with KSG faculty member Elaine Kamarck, futurist Alvin Toffler, and inventor Dean Kamen; former White House special assistant and IOP Forum Director Bill White at a career workshop; IOP board member and U.S. Secretary of Labor Elaine Chao greeting Senator Kennedy; student posing a question to the young elected leaders panel; former IOP Directors Phil Sharp and Baroness Shirley Williams at Eliot House; IOP board member and PBS’ Gwen Ifill, spring 2006 fellow Al Felzenberg, and former IOP Director U.S. Senator David Pryor at Quincy House; former IOP Director Ernie May and former foreign service officer Judith Kaufman with student at Kirkland house.
It’s the question we all face every two years on the first Tuesday in November. Where do you go to get live punditry and the most up-to-date and timely election night information?

Stay glued to one of the cable or network news channels—if so, which one? Or, do you scour the web on your computer to get the latest results, trends, and analysis? The Institute answers these questions the same way every two years—go to the IOP’s famous Election Night celebration and get it all!

The IOP hosted a packed house on election night as hundreds of Harvard and Kennedy School students, faculty and the general public stormed the John F. Kennedy Jr. Forum to watch the midterm election results roll in. Attendees were given a balanced cross-section of national cable news coverage throughout the night and had access to numerous wireless laptops provided by the IOP for tracking U.S. House, Senate and Governors races online.

The Institute’s election night celebration also featured some of the best political campaign analysis in the business. The IOP convened two discussion panels to scrutinize results as they came in, featuring IOP Director Jeanne Shaheen, Kennedy School Center for Public Leadership Director David Gergen, Shorenstein Center Edward R. Murrow Visiting Professor and Newsweek editor Evan Thomas, and fall 2006 IOP fellows Karen Hicks and Christina Martin.

Throughout the night the IOP also took phone calls from top political pundits and aired their conversations with Governor Jeanne Shaheen over the Forum speaker system. Callers included CNN’s Paul Begala, spring 2005 IOP fellow and Kerry-Edwards campaign manager Mary Beth Cahill, fall 2005 IOP fellow and Republican consultant and strategist Joe Gaylord, ABC News’ Political Unit Director Mark Halperin, and spring 2006 IOP fellow and member of CBS News’ Election Night Decision Desk Dotty Lynch.
Fall in the John F. Kennedy Jr. Forum
High profile leaders, debates and panels kept campus riveted all semester

HEADS OF STATE

This semester, the Forum had the honor to host four heads of state representing cultures and viewpoints not often heard in America. Former Iranian President Mohammad Khatami spoke in early September at an event where students took advantage of the unique and unfiltered opportunity to pose questions on the issues of the day. Just eight days later, the Forum welcomed newly elected Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, the first female head of state from Africa and a graduate of the Kennedy School of Government. And in the first-ever event with two current heads of state on the Forum stage, President Stjepan Mesić of Croatia and President Boris Tadić of Serbia reflected on the tumultuous war over ten years ago.

DEBATES

This fall debates were front and center in the Forum, as the IOP opened the semester with a lively televised debate with Massachusetts Democratic gubernatorial candidates Chris Gabrieli, Deval Patrick and Tom Reilly, which was moderated by Governor Jeanne Shaheen. In October the Forum offered another timely, spirited debate focusing on the upcoming 2006 midterm elections, “Election 2006: What’s at Stake?” featuring former RNC Chair Ed Gillespie and former DNC Chair Terry McAuliffe. Two leading thinkers also came to address “Iraq: Accomplish Mission or Withdraw?”: Victor Davis Hanson of the Hoover Institution and Lawrence Korb of the Center for American Progress engaged in a substantive and engaging debate on the way forward in Iraq.

ANNIVERSARIES

The Forum marked two somber anniversaries in our nation’s history, hosting “Katrina: One Year Later,” which featured a NECN documentary, and a discussion titled “Five Years After 9/11: Understanding a Complex World.”

THE ISSUES

Political practitioners offer students knowledge, experiences and views

The IOP’s Fall Fellows kept the Harvard campus buzzing all semester leading weekly, not-for-credit study groups that discussed current issues in American politics, social entrepreneurship and international affairs. The Fellows Program is a central component of the Institute’s dual commitment to inspire students to lives in public service and politics and to increase information sharing between the academic and political communities. Fellows interact with students, participate in the intellectual life of the Harvard community and pursue individual studies or projects.

Fellows this semester who brought extensive credentials in politics and government, international diplomacy, public relations, volunteerism and organizing, included: the first Muslim “front-bencher” in the U.K.’s House of Lords; a former top advisor to Senator Kennedy; a former top campaign organizer; a pioneer in social entrepreneurship; a top Republican communications strategist; and a career member of the U.S. Foreign Service.

Our resident fellows also brought in numerous high-profile, stimulating guests, including: Jonathan Alter, Senior Editor at Newsweek; Jamie Brown, Federal Relations Counsel, Google, Inc.; Amy Call, Communications Director to Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist; Zack Exley, political internet expert; John Giesser, Executive Director of Keeping America’s Promise PAC; Michael Glassner, Senior Aide to former Senator Bob Dole; former Senator of Colorado Gary Hart; Peter Hart, NBC Pollster; Hubie Jones, Founder and Board President of Children’s Chorus; Eric Schwartz, Founder and CEO of Citizen Schools; Dorothy Stoneman, Founder and President of YouthBuild USA; Jeff Swartz, CEO of The Timberland Company; Ronald Weich, Legal Counsel to Senator Harry Reid of Nevada; and Nancy Zirkin, VP of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights.

In addition, Michael Gerson, former speechwriter and adviser to President George W. Bush, and Christine Todd Whitman, former Governor of New Jersey and Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, joined the Institute as Visiting Fellows. Gerson’s fellowship took place in October while Whitman’s fellowship occurred in December.

Former Fellows:
If you are interested in continuing to share your wisdom and expertise with eager Harvard students, there are conferences and discussion panels offered every semester on a wide range of topics that would benefit from your participation! Please do not hesitate to contact IOP Fellows Coordinator Eric Andersen (eric_andersen@harvard.edu) for more information about staying in touch with the IOP.

Fall 2006 Fellows:


Jim Flug, former Chief Counsel to U.S. Senator Edward M. Kennedy (D-MA): “The Senate’s Role As a Check on the President”

Karen Hicks, former Field Director, Democratic National Committee: “People, Power, & Electoral Organizing in the Modern Campaign”

Alan Khazei, Co-founder, City Year: “Social Entrepreneurship and National Service”

Christina Martin (see photo above), former Press Secretary to U.S. House of Representatives Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-GA): “Capitol Hill 101: Skills Necessary for Success”

George Moose, former Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs: “Africa in the Multilateral System”
New IOP Programs
Fostering leadership, public service

Public Service Mentoring Program

To assist undergraduates toward a career path in public service and politics, this fall the IOP offered the first-ever “IOP Public Service Mentoring Program” for academic year 2006-2007. The IOP’s mentoring initiative, available to currently enrolled Harvard College juniors and seniors, offers opportunities to meet IOP affiliates and alumni, as well as to explore many career options in the fields of public service and politics. The only public service/political mentoring program available at Harvard College, the new program gives students the opportunity to meet and talk with their mentors regarding specific aspects of public service/political career interest, to learn more about the “real world” outside of Harvard College, and/or to consult with mentors for practical advice on how to navigate the job search process.

Mentors are both affiliates of the IOP, including former IOP Fellows and Student Advisory Committee alumni, as well as Kennedy School graduate students. They have volunteered to answer students’ questions and provide career-related advice on entering a wide-range of public service professions including employment on Capitol Hill, working in public policy and advocacy, getting involved in a political campaign, and much more.

Women’s Initiative in Leadership (WIL) Program

The IOP’s “Women’s Initiative in Leadership” (WIL) was created this year to respond to the interest of many women students at Harvard in developing leadership skills. This past fall, the WIL program helped over 30 Harvard undergradates explore leadership by offering interactive seminars and workshops on a myriad of issues including communications, negotiations, and networking. The program also helped inspire students by arranging meetings between WIL participants and well-known women leaders in politics, government, and business.

Some highlights this fall have included a diversity discussion with Senior Consultant for Ibis Consulting Group Sheree Galpert, a Myers-Briggs Type Indicator and Facilitation session with Principal of the HR Consulting Group Carol Salloway, lunch with Chief Justice of Massachusetts’ Supreme Judicial Court Margaret Marshall (see photo at left), a reception with former Hewlett-Packard CEO Carly Fiorina, a session at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston with President Cathy Minehan, and a Q and A with former New Jersey Governor Christine Todd Whitman.
IOP Summer Internships
Students span the globe for fantastic public service opportunities

TOP CORNER: IOP Director’s Intern Austin Blackmon with U.S. Senator Barack Obama (D-IL). LEFT TO RIGHT: IOP Director’s Intern Woni Hong (2nd from the left) at the National Assembly, Seoul, South Korea; IOP Stipend recipient Katie Demers with N.H. Governor John Lynch; IOP Summer Interns meet with U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts.

Our summer internship program was successful again in 2006. Here are some testimonials from students about their experiences:

“By the end of my eight weeks at the Ministry, I felt like I had contributed to the office but also felt strongly that the office gave something to me—namely, the confidence and aptitude to work in a foreign environment on a subject I care about and communicate effectively with my colleagues. I could not have asked for a better all-around experience than the one the Director's Internship provided me.”—Francisco Perese ’09, IOP Director’s Intern Summer 2006, Ministry of Health, Mexico City, Mexico

“Every college student who is politically obsessed dreams of that perfect summer internship—where you aren’t simply another ID badge in a pack of other college students; where you get to spend time in the presence of the office titleholder and his senior staff; where you magically become “one of the team”; and where you get the opportunity to see the difference that your work has made. With my Director’s Internship with the Press Office of New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer, all of those dreams came true.”—Sopen Shah ’08, IOP Director’s Intern Summer 2006, Press Office of NYSAG Eliot Spitzer, Albany, New York

The 2006 KSG/IOP Campaign Stipends
Summer 2006 was the first time that the IOP was able to provide stipends to Kennedy School of Government students on summer internships with political campaigns. Three stipends of $2,500 were awarded to Samuel Cohen, James Freedland, and Shilpa Phadke. For more information on the stipends, contact the IOP's Karin Kane Bloom at karin_kane@harvard.edu.
New Frontier Awards

In mid-November in the John F. Kennedy Jr. Forum, IOP Senior Advisory Committee members Caroline Kennedy and U.S. Senator Edward M. Kennedy presented the third annual John F. Kennedy New Frontier Awards to Los Angeles City Council President Eric Garcetti and Jane Leu, Founder and Executive Director of Upwardly Global (see photo in top corner).

The Kennedy Library Foundation and the IOP created the annual New Frontier Awards to honor Americans under the age of 40 who are changing their communities—and the country—with their commitment to public service.

During his five years in public office, LA City Council President Eric Garcetti has taken on some of the city’s most pressing public problems, including affordable housing and economic development. Jane Leu heads up Upwardly Global, a nonprofit organization that helps legal immigrants reclaim their professional careers in the United States and assists employers in finding talented foreign-born professionals.

The IOP’s Program for Newly Elected Members of Congress

Before they began their tenure as lawmakers in Washington, nearly two-thirds of new members of the U.S. House attended the three-day 17th biennial Program for Newly Elected Members of Congress. The members-elect from both parties attended sessions, led by Harvard faculty, current members of Congress and top policy experts, on a wide range of issues including the federal budget, terrorism, nuclear threats, the global environment, and energy and national security.

Both former Harvard President Larry Summers and Kennedy School Dean David Ellwood addressed the new members at the conference, hosted by IOP Director Jeanne Shaheen. Other panelists included: current U.S. House Members Michael Capuano (MA-8), Jeff Flake (AZ-6), Bob Inglis (SC-4), Dan Lipinski (IL-3), and Debbie Wasserman Schultz (FL-20), former IOP Director Philip Sharp, former U.S. Senator Gary Hart (D-CO), former U.S. Representatives and past IOP Fellows Martin Frost and Dan Miller, and U.S. Senate Budget Committee Majority Staff Director Scott Gudes. Participating Kennedy School faculty included Joseph Nye, Robert Prinn, and Robert Stavins and lecturers Linda Bilmes, Elaine Kamarck, Juliette Kayyem and Kenneth Winston.
To engage the entire Harvard campus in the recent midterm election, the National Campaign for Political and Civic Engagement revived 2004’s Harvard Voter Outreach and Turnout Effort, HVOTE. Building on the lessons of 2004 and understanding the turnout trends of midterm elections, HVOTE 2006 emphasized voter education to make the election more relevant for students.

During Freshman Week, Governor Shaheen was joined by the IOP Fellows and staff and Harvard University President Derek Bok, who helped students register nearly 300 new voters. In addition, the HVOTE Cup Competition, in which houses competed against each other to collect the highest percentage of pledge cards from their residents, was an unprecedented success in this midterm election. Students in all twelve undergraduate houses, as well as all freshman dorms, filled out voter pledge cards indicating their intent to vote this November. In turn, the Institute of Politics provided students with detailed information about major races, polling locations and absentee voting.

HVOTE events this semester included an incredible debate between the Harvard College Democrats and the Harvard Republican Club, which included fall 2006 IOP Fellows and was hosted by Harvard Political Union, as well as various smaller events in the individual residential houses. HVOTE 2006 was a successful collaboration of all the resources and programs of the Institute of Politics and reinforced the essential role the IOP plays in undergraduate life.

Outside of Harvard, the IOP’s National Campaign kicked its voter registration and mobilization efforts into high gear on the campuses of the Campaign’s eighteen partner schools. Students and administrators at the Campaign’s partner colleges worked to get their students to the polls utilizing voter mobilization and registration tools from the IOP website and the techniques imparted at the Campaign’s spring training conference.

The IOP voter web resources proved to be a resource not only to Harvard and consortium school students, but also to the broader electorate. The “Guide to Absentee Voting” was downloaded nearly 18,000 times during this election season and our “Guide to the Midterm Elections”—posted only one week before the election—was downloaded nearly 5,000 times. We are sure that our web resources, in addition to the hard work of the partner schools, helped to make 2006 one of the best years for youth turnout in a midterm election!
For the first time, this fall’s IOP poll was expanded to look at the political views of all 18–24 year-olds—whether or not they are attending a four-year college or university—providing an even more comprehensive look at a demographic critical to the outcome of the 2006 and 2008 elections. Our new poll, released just days before the 2006 midterm elections, found nearly a third (32%) of 18–24 year-olds “definitely” planned on voting in the upcoming midterm elections. We are very pleased that preliminary estimates from the Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement (CIRCLE) show that youth turnout jumped from 20% in 2002 to at least 24% in the recent election—a percentage that will likely increase as additional precincts and ballots are included.

The poll also found that young people continue to disapprove of the job George W. Bush is doing as President, with the President averaging a grade of “C-” on seven key issues facing America, with the lowest mark coming on his handling of the War in Iraq (D+). Finally, 18–24 year-olds seemed to favor a swapping of majority parties in Congress, as a majority of likely voters (52%) said they favor a Congress controlled by Democrats following the November elections.

The online survey of 2,546 18–24 year-old U.S. citizens conducted between October 4 and October 16, 2006 found:

• **Midterm election turnout among 18–24 year-olds looked to approach record levels in 2006.** Just days before the midterm elections, 18–24 year-olds appeared energized to vote in greater numbers than they had in the last several midterm elections. Nearly a third (32%) of all 18–24 year-olds reported that they would “definitely be voting” on November 7. Indeed, over the last four midterm elections, turnout among 18–24 year-olds averaged 21 percent while turnout among those aged 25 or older averaged 51 percent (SOURCE: civicyouth.org – authors’ tabulations from the CPS November Voting and Registration Supplements, 1972–2004).

• **President George W. Bush received “C-” grade on seven key issues.** Asked to grade President Bush at the halfway point of his second term on seven key issues facing America—the campaign against terrorism, education, the environment, jobs and the economy, health care, illegal immigration, and the war in Iraq—the President averaged a “C-” grade, with the War in Iraq (D+) earning the worst mark of all. The President did not earn a grade higher than “C” on any of the seven issues.
A majority of “likely voters” (those reporting they would “definitely be voting” on November 7) in the 18–24 year-old age group favored Democratic control of Congress following the 2006 elections. A majority of 18–24 year-olds surveyed who were “most likely” to vote prefered the U.S. Congress be controlled by Democrats (52%) following the November elections, with a much lower number favoring Republican control (29%). The remaining 19 percent said they had no preference.

Young adults were turned off by the current state of political discourse in Washington and skeptical about the motivations and priorities of today’s elected officials… Nearly three in four young adults (74%) believed politics today has become too partisan. Almost eight in ten (78%) young adults also believed that elected officials today seem to be motivated by selfish reasons, and three in four (75%) felt that elected officials don’t seem to have the same priorities that they do.

…but still believe politics is relevant to their lives. Despite this skepticism about the current political environment, young adults still have hope for politics. Attitudes toward the political process have soured in recent years, most likely due to government response to Iraq and Hurricane Katrina. Even so, 70 percent of 18–24 year-olds, especially those older in the demographic (75% of 22–24 year-olds) and those with a college degree (84%) still believe that “politics is relevant” to their lives.

18–24 year-olds trust the military and the United Nations more than Congress and the federal government. Less than a third of 18–24 year-olds said they trusted the President (31%), Congress (29%) or the federal government (28%) to do the right thing all or most of the time. For comparison, the media was the least trusted institution measured (12%), with the United Nations earning the trust of 38 percent of young adults, the Supreme Court 50 percent and the United States military—still the institution trusted by more young people—55 percent.

More findings and data from this and other IOP surveys are available online at http://www.iop.harvard.edu.
SAC Alums Blaze a Path to Victory

Recent Harvard graduates and Student Advisory Committee alums Caitlin Monahan (SAC 2006) and Brad Smith (SAC 2005) both hit the campaign trail this year, and both their candidates earned victories. Monahan served as a Deputy Press Secretary to Democratic Massachusetts Lieutenant Governor candidate Tim Murray. Smith served as a Travel Aide and Assistant to Tennessee Republican candidate for U.S. Senate Bob Corker. Here’s a quote from each student on their experience:

*Caitlin Monahan, SAC 2006* (see picture in top corner):

“Working on Tim Murray’s campaign through the primary and the general was a truly special experience. While each of us had our own jobs, the beauty of working on such a small campaign was that we all helped each other and, as a result, got to see how all the moving parts of a campaign worked together—from press to field to fundraising and beyond.”

*Brad Smith, SAC 2005* (see picture at left):

“There is nothing more exciting than being on the campaign trail, especially if you are traveling with the candidate. The opportunity to meet such a vast array of people with different backgrounds, experiences, beliefs, and needs is unparalleled. It’s truly a one-of-a-kind learning experience. It also lets you see firsthand how campaigns prepare our elected officials to serve in the public arena.”

Former IOP Fellows win bids for U.S. Senate

Former U.S. Navy Secretary and IOP Fellow Jim Webb (fall 1992) won one of the most hotly contested U.S. Senate races this year, narrowly defeating Republican incumbent George Allen in Virginia’s Senate race. Webb’s fall 1992 IOP Fellow classmate, Democrat Bill Nelson of Florida and Republican Lamar Alexander of Tennessee (spring 1971) round out other former IOP fellows winning re-election to the U.S. Senate.
IOP on the Move

David Bonfili (SAC 1996) is working for the U.S. government in Iraq to combat improvised explosive devices (IEDs).

Anthony Brown (SAC 1984) was recently elected Lt. Governor of Maryland.

Lisa Davis (Fall 2005 Fellow) is now serving as the Vice President of Communications at AstraZeneca International Pharmaceutical Corporation.

Ron Fournier (Spring 2005 Fellow) left the Associated Press in June to become the Editor in Chief of the new issues-based online community, HOTSOUOP.com.

Preston Golson (SAC 2002) is serving as Special Assistant to U.S. National Intelligence Director John Negroponte.

Brandon Hofmeister (SAC 1999) Michigan Governor Granholm’s Deputy Legal Counsel took a leave to serve as Deputy Communications Director for the Governor’s successful re-election campaign.

David Kaden (SAC 2006) is now serving as Assistant Chief of Staff to the President, New York Federal Reserve Bank.

John Mack (Fall 1998 Fellow) is now serving as the Police Commission President for the City of Los Angeles.

Tom McSorley (SAC 2006) has joined the Washington D.C. offices of Teach for America.

Jonathan Miller (SAC 1989), currently Treasurer of the State of Kentucky, just recently announced his bid to run for Governor of Kentucky.

Michael Passante (SAC 1998) has joined the office of Newark, New Jersey Mayor Corey Booker serving as Assistant Corporation Counsel to the Newark Fire Department.

Ryan Ripple (SAC 2004) has joined the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and is serving in the organization’s Global Development Program.

Greg Schmidt (SAC 2006) has joined the New York, New York offices of Teach for America.

Brad Smith (SAC 2005), who recently served as a Campaign Travel Aide and Assistant to U.S. Senator-elect Bob Corker (R-TN), will begin study next October at Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar.

Elise Stefanik (SAC 2006) is now serving as Assistant to the Special Assistant for Domestic Policy at the White House in Washington D.C.

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