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Rep. Patrick Murphy Holds Book Signing at Marvin Center

On March 4, GW hosted **Rep. Patrick J. Murphy** (D-Pa.) for an evening reception that included a dialogue with students and signing of Murphy's new book *Taking the Hill: From Philly to Baghdad to the United States Congress*. Approximately 40 students attended the reception.

Taking the Hill tells the story of Murphy's upbringing in northeast Philadelphia, his struggle to work through college, his deployment to Baghdad, and his election to the House of Representatives in November 2006.

Murphy, now 34, discussed the value he places on public service, told personal stories about campaigning for Sen. Barack Obama (D-Ill.), and reflected on his military service overseas. After addressing the audience, Murphy opened the floor for questions. He also took time to solicit opinions from students on the upcoming presidential election and the war in Iraq.

A former West Point professor of constitutional law and JAG Corps attorney, Murphy is a member of the House Armed Services Committee and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

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The first-ever baseball game at the new Nationals Park was played between The George Washington University and Saint Joseph's University on March 22.

FRESHFARM Kicks Off 2008 Market Season



Jessica McConnell

GW President Steven Knapp (center) and neighbors are ringing in the 2008 FRESHFARM Market season on I Street, NW, between New Hampshire Avenue and 24th Street.

The Foggy Bottom FRESHFARM Market kicked off the 2008 season on April 2. Once again, the market, featuring some of the region's best produce and homemade goods, will be open every Wednesday from 2:30 to 7 p.m. on I Street, NW, between New Hampshire Avenue and 24th Street.

Now in its fourth season, the Foggy Bottom FRESHFARM Market's offerings include local farmers' fruits, vegetables, eggs, organic and grass-fed meats, handmade cheeses, breads, desserts, preserves, herbs, flowers, plants, and more. Both sales and the number of participating farmers have risen consistently since the market's inception in 2005. This year, the season will extend through Nov. 26 to provide for Thanksgiving shoppers.

"From the very beginning, the Office of Government, International and Community Relations at The George Washington University was instrumental to the success of the Foggy Bottom FRESHFARM Market," says **Janna Howley**, marketing and outreach manager at FRESHFARM Markets. "The support of GW and important local partners, like the Foggy Bottom Association, have made the operation of the market so enjoyable. We feel like an important part of the community. FRESHFARM Markets is proud of the market, and the support of the students, faculty, staff, and local residents helps ensure that farming will continue in the Chesapeake Bay region."

Since 1997, FRESHFARM Markets has donated more than 100 tons of food to local emergency-food providers through its Gleaning Program. Miriam's Kitchen in Foggy Bottom is one of the program's five regional partners. In 2007 alone, the partner sites received over 16,000 pounds of fresh food donations from FRESHFARM Markets.

FRESHFARM Markets operates four locations in the District of Columbia and four in Maryland, including new markets in Annapolis and Baltimore. To become a FRESHFARM Market volunteer or be notified about products and special events, sign up online at www.freshfarmmarkets.org.

ISCOPEs: HEALing Clinic

Medical students participating in GW's Interdisciplinary Student Community-Oriented Prevention Enhancement Service (ISCOPEs), a service-learning program composed of graduate health professional students working with community partner organizations, have launched the Health, Education, and Active Living (HEALing) clinic. The health center is a student-run organization for clients served by Bread for the City (BFTC) in **Ward 2**. GW has had a longstanding relationship with BFTC, which has provided comprehensive medical and social services to the poor and underserved since 1974. The HEALing clinic aims to address unmet demand for health care as the number of patients seeking services from BFTC has skyrocketed.

"Students want to do more," says second-year medical student **Rani Nandiwada**, one of the initiators of the program. "This is a great way to learn and to help the community."

Working in tandem with BFTC Medical Director **Randi Abramson**, GW associate clinical professor of medicine, Nandiwada and other students have provided support for evening clinic hours every Tuesday since October 2007. Students from multiple disciplines, including medicine, physician assistant, and public health, collaborate to provide clinical and patient education services under the direction of volunteer clinical faculty from the GW Medical Center. "This epitomizes the important role of the physician and other clinicians in community service and as patient advocates," says **Madhuri Shors**, a fourth-year medical student volunteer. "The clinic is one experience that nurtures and fosters such a commitment."

"We also want to provide insurance information, create an understanding of follow-up practices, ensure compliance with medications, and help with routine health screenings," says Shors. "Everyone is excited to be able to give back in a very tangible way. We can use our free time to make a difference, help provide access, and help Bread for the City, a truly worthwhile organization."

The HEALing clinic is funded by the Association of American Medical Colleges' Caring for the Community grant program through 2011. Student-led fund-raising initiatives supplement the clinic's



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Randi Abramson, associate clinical professor of medicine, (right) and second-year medical student Rani Nandiwada assist a patient at the ISCOPEs Health, Education, and Active Living (HEALing) clinic at Bread for the City in Ward 2.

operations budget. One of these initiatives is an annual student auction, hosted by first- and second-year medical students. This year, the auction took place on April 17 at the Marvin Center's J Street Café on GW's Foggy Bottom Campus. A variety of items, from dinner for two to a vacation home getaway, were offered up for bids by GW students, faculty, staff, and the community at large.

For more information on the HEALing student clinic, e-mail nandi@gwu.edu.

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