



**College Park Scholars Alumni Association
2005 – 2006 Annual Report**



A Message from Our President

In October 2000, College Park Scholars descended on the Memorial Chapel for what would be its final Citation Ceremony in this facility. For a few years, this campus fixture was able to contain the third-year students who would cross the stage to receive their Citation and ceremoniously conclude their affiliation with the College Park Scholars Program. Today, it takes a Coliseum to hold all of the Scholars receiving Citations annually and the October ceremony is merely a rite of passage into the ranks of the ever-growing Scholars Alumni Association.

This has been a hallmark year for the College Park Scholars Alumni Association. That you are reading this annual report should be indication enough of that. We are proud to finally be a recognized 501(c)(3) organization with non-profit status in the state of Maryland. We are rewarded to have a leadership structure in place that is strong and overflowing with Scholars alumni from across the twelve Scholars Programs who care deeply about the mission of this organization and the continued success of College Park Scholars. As we look to the future, we are excited at the opportunities to extend our reach and service to our Alumni and to College Park Scholars. It has taken a handful of years to get where we are; but, by all accounts, we have reached a critical mass and our gains will be even greater moving forward.

In the last year, the College Park Scholars Alumni Association has been almost everywhere. We have participated in many of the major events held by the University of Maryland during their 150th anniversary celebration. During the Fear the Turtle Sculpture Project, we saw the premier of *Terrapin Scholar*, designed and painted by our own James Howard (*International Studies Class of 2000 & current College Park Scholars Alumni Association Secretary*). Alumni brushed up on their athletics during our annual Golf Tournament and by sporting a team in the Scholars' Charity Softball Tournament that so many of you remember. Our reach also extended beyond College Park, as we sponsored trips to Camden Yards, mingled with Scholars parents at the Smithsonian Institution's IMAX Jazz Café, and even accompanied current Scholars on their annual weekend trip to New York City. For the more civic minded, we were also pleased to host another alumni team at Scholars Annual Service Day.



I am pleased to present the very first annual report of the College Park Scholars Alumni Association. It is my sincere hope that you will find the contents to be informative and may choose to become more involved with our organization. It is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with old friends, meet new ones with whom you already share a common and special experience, and support College Park Scholars. Please stay in touch:

<http://www.collegeparkscholars.com/>

Chris Branin, Arts '00

President and Chairman of the Board, College Park Scholars Alumni Association



Year in Review

College Park Scholars Alumni Association, Inc. (CPSAA) is a registered 501(c)(3) organization that was founded in 2004 by a group of Scholars alumni interested in serving the Scholars community. CPSAA is an organization of nearly 1,000 alumni of the College Park Scholars, a nationally recognized living-learning program at the University of Maryland.

This group, comprised of both undergraduate and graduate alumni, are committed to the continued growth and success of College Park Scholars and the continued fellowship among and between alumni and current Scholars. College Park Scholars is a diverse, multi-disciplinary learning community for academically and creatively talented first- and second-year students in a campus residential environment.



Scholars strive to educate students of character, academically prepared for competitive research opportunities, challenging internships, and civic engagement. Through networking, social, and service events, development initiatives, and collaborations with program faculty and current students, the CPSAA aims to extend the College Park Scholars Community beyond the undergraduate experience. Eligibility for this alumni group begins once a student receives the Scholar Citation.



During the 2005-2006 academic year, CPSAA participated in many events at The University of Maryland. This included a homecoming tailgate in October 2005, a booth on McKeldin Mall at Maryland Day in spring 2006, and participation in the University's 150th Anniversary celebration. During this celebration, the campus hosted a "Fear the Turtle Sculpture Competition" and *Terrapin Scholar* was born. *Terrapin Scholar* was a painted statue of Testudo, the University of Maryland mascot, and was designed and created by James Howard



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(CPSAA Secretary and International Studies Alumnus). The statue was sponsored by Waldo and Jean Burnside and was displayed prominently in front of the Cambridge Community Center through October 2006.



In fall 2005, CPSAA hosted their inaugural Golf Tournament at the University Golf Course. This event raised support and awareness for CPSAA and College Park Scholars. More than 30 golfers participated in the event and the Joseph Family provided sponsorship. The fun continued in spring 2006, as alumni from across College Park Scholars participated in the annual “Step to Bat for Kids” Charity Softball Tournament. Participating alumni helped to raise funds for charities and organizations that support children and families. The 2006 Tournament champion, *International Studies*, won \$1,000 for the Save Darfur Coalition. *Media, Self & Society* placed second and won \$400 for the Sesame Workshop, while the third place team, *Earth, Life & Time*, won \$200 for the JED Foundation.

In addition to raising money for charity, CPSAA provided regular social functions for Scholars' alumni. On the third Thursday of each month, the CPSAA hosts a happy hour at Union Jack's in Bethesda, Maryland. This monthly event gave alumni an opportunity to catch up with old friends and network with new ones! The CPSAA also made an attempt at broadening the alumni's social network by sponsoring trips to sporting events, including Washington Nationals and Baltimore Orioles games, and to cultural events in and around Washington, D.C. such as the IMAX Theater at the Smithsonian Institution.





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For the past three years, College Park Scholars has traveled to the Big Apple for a weekend of touring, theater, shopping, and more! More than 400 students, faculty, staff, alumni, and parents boarded charter buses and headed north to the city that never sleeps. In 2006, CPSAA provided alumni with the opportunity to join Scholars' students in their annual trip to New York City. Because of the overwhelming success of this event, alumni will be invited to attend again in 2007.



In addition to raising awareness around children's families and organizations, CPSAA also helped bring awareness to cancer this past year. When officers in CPSAA learned of an alumna in need of blood platelets in her battle with acute cancer, the Association responded. CPSAA also continued their support of the community by participating in Scholars Annual Service Day in August 2005. Partnering with freshmen students in the *American Cultures program*, participating alumni volunteered at the Capital Area Food Bank to help prepare relief kits to send to the suffering Gulf Coast following Hurricane Katrina.



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In October 2005, CPSAA provided support at the Scholars Citation Ceremony. There, alumni volunteers represented CPSAA to encourage the 2005 citation class to remain involved in the program. At the Scholars Citation Ceremony, alumni representative Megan Dillard was presented the Outstanding Alumni Award for her work with the program since earning her citation in Public Leadership in 2003. During the 2006-2007 academic year, CPSAA will expand its level of service to the Scholars community through new functions and increased Scholars representation at University functions.





Financial Report

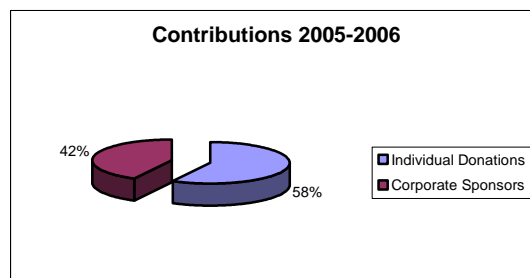
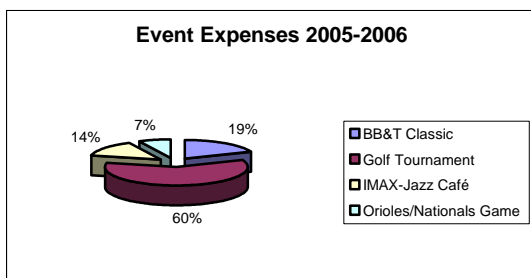
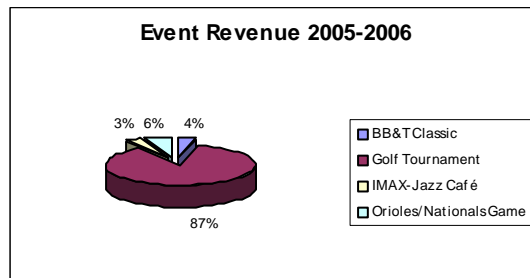
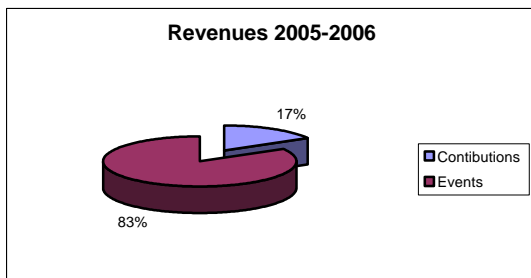
The College Park Scholars Alumni Association Board of Directors strives to make solid financial decisions and run the organization by the highest principles of non-profit management.

Revenues (2005-2006)

Contributions	\$1,248.00	16.8%
Events	\$6,180.00	83.2%
TOTAL	\$7,428.00	100%

Expenses (2005-2006)

Program Services	\$4,217.42	100%
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**Please note that aforementioned figures and statistics have not been audited by an*

*external auditor.**





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