

**From September 1 to December 15, 2006** articles highlighting Webster University programs, administrators, faculty and students appeared in newspapers, magazines, online newsletters and television and radio stations around the country.

Dan Hellinger, professor of political science and chair of the department of history, politics and international relations, was featured in newspapers and Internet news outlets throughout the United States as he spoke on the current political situation in Venezuela. Hellinger was quoted in articles on Hugo Chavez and his politics in *The New York Times* on Dec. 5, Bloomberg Online on Dec. 4, *The Houston Chronicle* on Oct. 23 and the *Los Angeles Times* on Aug. 21. He was also a featured guest on television and radio news throughout St. Louis in October and November as he talked about the upcoming elections. On Nov. 8, KMOV featured Hellinger from 6-7 am and Fox 2 News featured him from 8-10 am as he discussed the election results and how they affect local and national politics. Hellinger was also interviewed on KMOX's Paul Harris show on Oct. 26 discussing political ads and celebrity endorsements of political candidates and issues.

On June 23, *CBS News: The Saturday Early Show* featured a segment on alumna and popular jazz singer Erin Bode entitled "Second Cup Café: Erin Bode, St. Louis Songbird Shares Songs from 'Over and Over.'"

Benjamin Akande, dean of the School of Business and Technology, and Kate Parsons, director of the Center for Ethics, were quoted in several newspapers and Internet news outlets on December 17 regarding the new partnerships between medical spas and shopping malls. He was featured in articles in *USA Today*, *The Boston Globe*, *CBS News*, *The Houston Chronicle*, *Kansas City Star*, the *Dallas Morning News*, the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, *Forbes Online* and *Newsday*.

Leigh Gerdine College of Fine Arts Dean Peter Sargent was on the front page of *The New Fifty*, a new supplement in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* and the *Suburban Journals* on Oct. 25. The article was entitled "Man in Plaid Enjoys a Colorful Career." The article featured his 40-year career at Webster overseeing both its growth as a nationally recognized artistic venue and its fine arts programs.

Following the September coup in Thailand, President Meyers kept in close contact with the worldwide University community through email and with local news through extensive interviews with the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, *KMOX Radio*, *KTRS Radio and Channels 5,4,2 and 11*. *Inside Higher Education* ran the Webster/Thailand story on page one.

During the past four months, Webster-Vienna professor Christopher Kummer was interviewed by more than 30 European and American media outlets such as the *International Business Times*, the *Guardian*, the *International Herald Tribune*, the *Financial Times Deutschland* *Bloomberg Online* and *Reuters Online* commenting on merger and acquisition activity throughout Europe. Kummer was interviewed extensively about the \$2.1 billion 3M drug division sale. Kummer is director of a research firm, the Institute of Mergers, Acquisitions and Alliances.

Webster University's new patent degree program was featured in the *St. Louis Business Journal* on September 8 in a special Law and Accounting section of the paper. The article,

"Webster U. claims nation's first patent degree program," quotes David Wilson throughout the article and concludes that Webster's new program is the most cost-effective in Missouri.

Michael Freund, head of the media communications department at Webster in Vienna, was featured in an article for the *Los Angeles Times* on September 14. The article covered an exhibition at Skirball Center as part of Austria's "Freud Year" celebrations to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Sigmund Freud, which Freund curated.

Leigh Gerdine College of Fine Arts Dean Peter Sargent was featured in an article in the November issue of *St. Louis Magazine*. "A Conversation with Peter Sargent: Lighting Designer, Repertory Theatre of St. Louis highlighted Sargent's work as a lighting designer for the Rep.

Professor Art Silverblatt was interviewed for KMOV-TV on September 14 regarding the new "Survivor" series, which racially segregated the teams. Silverblatt commented on the organization of the teams and the impact of organizing by race.

School of Business & Technology associate professor Patrick Rishe is consistently called upon to offer expertise in sports economics. Media carrying quotes from Rishe from September through December 15 include *CNBC's "On the Money,"* the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, *CBS SportsLine.com*, *Ft. Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel*, *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, *KMOV-Channel 4*, *KTVI-Channel 2* and many others.

The Holden Public Policy Forum @ Webster University was mentioned throughout St. Louis media outlets in connection with a speaking event on September 21 and an election night party on November 7. Charles Inlander was the featured speaker on Sept. 21 and the event was published in the *Suburban Journals*, the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, the *Springfield Business Journal* and the *Kirkwood-Webster Journal*. KMOX's Paul Harris interviewed Inlander prior to his event at the Old Post Office and highlighted the event scheduled later that evening. Gov. Holden was interviewed on KMOV-TV on Nov. 2 to highlight the election night party and KTVI-TV featured the event on Nov. 4.

An article in *St. Louis Commerce Magazine's* August issue featured former Webster University Board of Trustees Chair Ed Glotzbach, speaking on behalf of the newly created Coalition for Information and Communications Technology. Glotzbach stressed the need for St. Louis companies have good IT jobs to attract top IT professionals.

The *Los Angeles Times* featured an article about Conservatory alum and Tony award-winner Norbert Leo Butz on Aug. 20. The article was titled "Uninhibited Yes, But Under Control: Norbert Leo Butz Takes His Comedic Work Seriously, Making Him One Trusted 'Scoundrel.'" The article said he received his undergraduate degree from the "rigorous acting conservatory at Webster University in St. Louis."

On August 26, Webster University's director of counseling services and campus ministry liaison Patrick Stack offered expert commentary on religious activities on college campuses

for a story in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*. The story also ran in the *Sundbury (Pa.) Daily Item*, *El Paso Times*, *York (Pa.) Daily Record*, *Provo (Ut.) Daily Herald*, *Natchez (Ms.) Natchez Democrat* and the *Lima (Oh.) News*.

On August 30, local media ran stories on the new residence halls at Webster University.

On September 6, a front-page story in the entertainment and features section of the *St. Louis Jewish Light* entitled "Photos Focus on Birth of Israel" about an exhibit in the May Photography Gallery, "The Forgotten Photographs: The Work of Paul Goldman from 1943 - 1961 from the Collection of Spencer M. Partrich.

On September 20, the *Financial Wire* ran a story announcing that Northrop Grumman appointed Webster MBA alumnus Tim Farrell sector vice president and general manager of U.S. Navy programs for the company's Ship Systems sector.

Gwyneth Williams, professor, History, Politics and International Relations, was interviewed by Trace Gallagher on Fox News Live on September 24. She spoke about Congress and the detainee treatment along with immigration bills.

In late September, when the announcement that August A. Busch IV would become the new president and CEO of Anheuser-Busch Cos. Inc, articles in *scnews.com*, *PR Newswire US*, *just-drinks.com* and other financial and beverage publications included Busch's honorary degree from Webster University in their stories.

In early October, newspapers throughout the Webster network ran articles about the university's high ranking in the annual *U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges* publication.

Cody Stokes, Webster University film student, was featured in *PR Newswire US*, *Epoch Times International* and *The Statesman*, from Ghana, Africa, in October for his 2006 Princess Grace Award for filmmaking. The *Statesman* covered Stokes as he collaborated with Ghanaian filmmakers to film his senior thesis, "The Loneliest Place on Earth."

Webster University advertising students were featured in the October 2006 issue of *St. Louis Commerce* magazine after they won 2<sup>nd</sup> place at a national advertising competition. The article named each of the students and included a picture of the team.

Mike Steinberg, director of the Webster Film Series, was featured in the October 2006 edition of *St. Louis Magazine*. The article focused on Steinberg and his planning of the Webster Film Series.

An article in the Huntington, West Virginia *Herald-Dispatch* reported that one of our security management graduate students stationed at Fort Bragg saved a man's life. Army Capt. Bryan Ash, who currently serves as the anti-terrorism force protection officer for the 1<sup>st</sup> Theatre Sustainment Command was returning to Ft. Bragg from a family vacation at Disney World to attend an evening class at Webster. Ash saw a van swerve off the highway and roll down an embankment flipping several times. Ash rushed to the scene and pulled the driver, who was secured inside his van by a seatbelt, to safety. Moments later the van exploded. The driver of the van, who was hauling donated books to be transported to schools in the Philippines, has

three children and his wife is pregnant. Ash has already received numerous community awards and his superiors at Fort Bragg are recommending him for the Soldier's Medal, the Army's highest award for valor in a stateside, non-combat situation.

On October 20, Dean Akande was featured in a *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* story on global consciousness initiatives at local universities.

On October 20, Gov. Bob Taft (R-Ohio) appointed Webster University School of Business & Technology alumnus Humberto Gonzalez to the Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs. The appointment was announced on the national *Business Wire*.

Front-page feature story in the *Mid County Journal* and *Kirkwood-Webster Journal* titled "Melodies on the Move: Community Music School in New Facility in Webster Groves" on Oct. 25. Several students and their families from the entire St. Louis region were interviewed with photos.

Webster University Thailand was featured in the *Hua Hin Today* on October 31 as they appointed Dr. Wajee Chookittikul as the university's new Vice Rector. Associate Professor, Kit Jenkins, was quoted in the article along with a summary of Webster University's Thailand program.

In late October, *The St. Louis Post-Dispatch* and six *Suburban Journals* mentioned Webster World Worldwide projects being done by Webster board members, faculty, alumni, administrators, staff and students

Several suburban journals ran an article (Nov. 1) about the Fox Theatre's presentation of "Spamalot" with quotes from Conservatory alum Christopher Gurr, who is portraying one of the lead characters (Sir Belvedere) in the national touring company.

Members of the faculty were featured in the media commenting and analyzing election returns. Jim Brasfield, professor of management, and Dan Hellinger, professor of history, politics and international relations, both contributed to election night commentary.

The November 30 *St. Louis American* ran an article about the Boeing scholarship for minority and female business students in Webster's School of Business and Technology.

An article appeared in the Dec. 10, Sunday edition of the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* announcing the dissolution of an agreement between Webster University and the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (WHINSEC) in Fort Benning, Georgia.

On December 29 the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* ran a story about the theft by fraud incident at Webster University. The *Post-Dispatch* reporter obtained a copy of the federal grand jury indictment through the Freedom of Information Act and used information from that document for the story. The University was contacted and responded to additional questions about the theft.

**Award**

Webster University was recognized by the RCGA as a Top 50 company in St. Louis. The award recognizes companies for their overall business success and their ability to positively affect the future of the business community. Criteria included enhancement of the community, revenue growth and expansion and development of facilities.

Webster University was named to the inaugural President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll in recognition of extraordinary volunteer efforts by the University and its students in serving the local community, as well as Gulf Coast communities devastated by Hurricane Katrina. This new federal recognition program is designed to increase public awareness of the community service contributions made by college students and universities.