

FAO SCHWARZ FAMILY FOUNDATION SPRING 2012 NEWSLETTER

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At its February 2012 board meeting, the trustees selected six organizations to host FAO Schwarz Family Foundation Fellows for 2012-2014. Outlined below is a short description of the direct service and special project work for each Fellow. The new FAO Schwarz Family Foundation Fellows will benefit from having a trustee mentor and a FAO Schwarz Family Foundation alumni Fellow mentor, the assignments of which are indicated below. **If you know of any interested college seniors or recent college graduates who might be interested, please send them a copy of the attached recruitment document (which has the contact name where interested candidates can send a resume and cover note).**

Breakthrough of Greater Philadelphia (Philadelphia)

The FAO Schwarz Family Foundation Fellow will provide academic support to middle-school students and will focus on strengthening the school-year component of the middle-school academic enrichment program through research and evaluation as well. The mentors to the Fellow at the Breakthrough are trustee Molly Wing-Berman and FAO Schwarz Family Foundation Fellow Kerry Sorensen, '12 (who is completing her fellowship at Breakthrough of Greater Philadelphia).

Breakthrough of New York (New York City)

The FAO Schwarz Family Foundation Fellow will provide college prep services to high school students and will develop a "Breakthrough in a Box" toolkit to support the replication of best practices across multiple locations in New York. The mentors to the Fellow at Breakthrough of New York are trustee Rae Paige Schwarz and FAO Schwarz Family Foundation Fellow Kerry Sorensen '12 (who is completing her fellowship at Breakthrough of Greater Philadelphia).

The Food Project (Boston)

The FAO Schwarz Family Foundation Fellow will work with youth in the summer and academic year programs as well as spearhead the development of an alumni engagement program. The mentors to the Fellow at The Food Project are trustee Peter Schastny and FAO Schwarz Family Foundation Fellow Lakeisha Gerald '12 (who is completing her fellowship at The Food Project).

LIFT (Boston)

The FAO Schwarz Family Foundation Fellow will provide afterschool tutoring and mentoring to youth as well as designing curriculum and trainings. The mentors to the Fellow at LIFT are trustee Alex Millard and FAO Schwarz Family Foundation Fellow Maley Mullin '12 (who is completing her fellowship at Jumpstart Boston).

Important Upcoming Dates

April 27, 2012 – 4:30-5:30 PM Philadelphia

Graduation event for second year fellows during spring retreat (Food Trust, One Penn Center Suite 900, John F. Kennedy Blvd.). Followed by dinner for all current fellows and Philadelphia-based alumni fellows and trustees at Pietro's Restaurant (1714 Walnut St.) at 6:30 PM.

May 1, 2012 – Boston

Dinner for Boston-based alumni, current fellows and trustees at Wheelock College, 200 Riverway, CCSR 302.

October 2, 2012 – NYC

Dinner for NYC-based Alumni and current Fellows and Trustees at 6:30 p.m. at home of Trustee Rae Paige Schwarz (1220 Park Avenue, #6A, corner of 95th Street).

For Trustees Only

October 3, 2012 – NYC

Board Meeting from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. (114 West 47th Street)

Strong Women, Strong Girls (Boston)

The FAO Schwarz Family Foundation Fellow will observe and provide feedback to SWSG mentors across multiple program sites and will develop, coordinate and standardize SWSG's trainings and recognition events for volunteers. The mentors to the Fellow at Strong Women, Strong Girls are trustee Caroline Schastny and FAO Schwarz Family Foundation Fellow Lauren Brincat '12 (who is completing her fellowship at Museum of the City of New York).

Zumix (Boston)

The FAO Schwarz Family Foundation Fellow will lead the Rock Ed Program which places beginner musicians into a band and will also develop the "business" side of Z-TECH, including increasing live sound contracts, developing a model for adult recording projects, and pursuing underwriting and sponsors for the radio. The mentors to the Fellow at Zumix are trustee Eric Schwarz and FAO Schwarz Family Foundation Fellow Bridgit Paula '12 (who is completing her fellowship at Wheelock College).

FAO Schwarz Family Foundation Fellow Alumni Updates

The following are updates from most of the FAO Schwarz Family Foundation Alumni Fellows:

Class of 2008: Class Marshall Christyne DeMango Anderson

❖ **CJ Anderson '08**

CJ , who completed his FAO Schwarz Family Foundation Fellowship at BELL, is a permanent substitute for a 3rd grade class at an elementary school in the Billerica Public School system. He is hoping to find a permanent position in the district for the next academic school year. CJ and Christyne's son Declan was born in May 2011 (see below for update).

❖ **Christyne DeMango Anderson '08**

After four years at Associated Day Care (where she completed her FAO Schwarz Family Foundation Fellowship and then worked for two years), Christyne was hired by Wheelock College in 2010. Christyne wrote: "I am working at Wheelock College's Aspire Institute as the Operations Manager. Since I started in fall of 2010, we have grown from 2 staff and a graduate assistant to 17 staff and a graduate assistant. Our son, Declan, is now 10 months old and is crawling all over our condo! Much of our time outside of work is spent with Declan and family. He is starting a music class at the end of March. We are sure this is just the beginning of many extracurricular activities he will be involved in."

❖ **Jordy Owen '08**

After completing her FAO Schwarz Family Foundation Fellowship at Children's Literacy Initiative (CLI) in Philadelphia, Jordy was hired by the organization and recently promoted to content development supervisor. In addition, she is pursuing a masters of education degree part-time from the University of Pennsylvania's program focused on education, culture and society.

❖ **Joanna Steinberg '08**

Joanna, who was a FAO Schwarz Family Foundation Fellow at the Museum of the City of New York, wrote: "I have greatly enjoyed working at the Museum of the City of New York this past year since completing my M.A. at NYU in Public History. It's been wonderful having the chance to work with a team of fellows (both Stephanie and Lauren) here at the Museum! This year the Gilder Lehrman Saturday Academies, the program that I coordinate at the Museum, was one of two New York City programs honored by the White House with the *2011 National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award*, and it was also featured in *New York Magazine's* "Best of New York 2011" issue."

❖ **Emily Kuross Vikre '08**

Emily, who completed her FAO Schwarz Family Foundation Fellowship at the Boston Children's Museum, wrote: "I am continuing to work on my dissertation through which I'm studying some elements of a lifestyle intervention to prevent obesity in new immigrant mothers and children in the greater Boston area. I've also been teaching a class, both an in-person version and an online version, on theories of behavior change and their application in nutrition and public health promotion. My husband and I got a puppy this fall, and she is a little darling but she certainly keeps us on our toes. I'm enjoying going for lots of walks with her in the

arboretum by our house. And, actually, I'm still blogging about cooking with real food at <http://fiveandspice.wordpress.com>."

Class of 2009: Class Marshall Massomeh Muhammad

❖ Tory Kline '09

After the completion of her FAO Schwarz Family Foundation Fellowship at Please Touch Museum, Tory was hired on a full-time basis to work there. In the summer of 2011, Tory wrote: "I started a new position as the Administrative Assistant to the Executive Director of Delaware Children's Museum in Wilmington, Delaware. As the Admin. Assistant, I will serve as the liaison between the Executive Director, museum staff and the Board of Directors. In addition to starting a new job, I will begin Masters of Divinity program at Palmer Theological Seminary in the Fall 2011."

❖ Massomeh Muhammad '09

After completing her Fellowship at YearUp, Massomeh was hired by Year Up as the Alumni Coordinator and was then promoted to Site Director. In the fall of 2011, Massomeh accepted a position as a Business Manager at Success Charter Schools in Harlem. She wrote: "It is an incredible opportunity and I will be managing the logistics for 200+ students, teachers and administrators."

❖ Barbyose Noisette '09

Barbyose, who completed her Fellowship at Big Brothers and Big Sisters, wrote: "I had a son on February 1, 2012 named Osirus Ivander Moon and I am currently on the job hunt. If anyone knows of any positions, please let me know :) And I hope to be attending Nursing School at Villanova University soon."

❖ Bianca Van Heydoorn '09

Bianca, after completing her Fellowship and one additional year at the Vera Institute, went to work as a Career Services Manager at Getting Out & Staying Out, a reentry program for males ages 18-24 who have recently been released from Rikers Island Jail and NYS prisons. Bianca completed her graduate degree in criminal justice in December 2010 from John Jay college of Criminal Justice. Bianca wrote: "Outside of my work at GOSO (which is great by the way), I am looking into applying for a part-time adjunct position in the City University system. I hope to begin teaching next Spring. For fun, I have been doing a lot of traveling. I think I told you about my trip to South Africa last year. I visited Curacao in January and I am heading to Thailand on vacation in September."

Class of 2010: Class Marshall Liana Mitman

❖ Dani Calnan '10

Dani, who completed her FAO Schwarz Family Foundation Fellowship at Tenacity, wrote: "I am currently a director for the YMCA of Greater Boston's brand new Out of School Time Branch. My boyfriend and I are moving to Kansas City, Missouri at the beginning of June and I will be transferring to the YMCA of Greater Kansas City. I look forward to this adventure and welcome the wonderful opportunity of working in one of the worst school systems in the country. I am still running with the American Cancer Society team DTERMINATION and ran 2 marathons in the fall and ran my first of the spring/summer season in NYC a couple weeks ago. I completed my M.Ed from Lesley University's School of Education in December and am currently looking into entering an MBA program when we move. I had intended to start my phd intensive this summer at Lesley University; however, due to the move I had to withdraw from my program."

❖ Stephanie Dueno '10

After the completion of her Fellowship at the Museum of the City of New York, Stephanie was hired by the Museum to be their History Day Coordinator. Stephanie wrote: "The 22nd Annual New York City History Day competition was on March 11th and was a huge success! 347 students from all five boroughs presented 187 projects to our volunteer judges. The day began with an exciting appearance by the New York City Schools Chancellor, Chancellor Dennis M. Walcott. Not only did he deliver the keynote address during the Opening Ceremony but he also took time to speak with students about their research. This is the first time in twenty-two years that a Chancellor has participated in a History Day event so we were thrilled to showcase the competition and bring this meaningful program to his attention. On the School Programs front, we are enjoying our new offices and classrooms and having a lot of fun teaching in one of our newest blockbuster exhibitions, *The Greatest Grid: The Master Plan of Manhattan, 1811-2011*."

❖ Sarah Goetz '10

Sarah wrote: "This year is a pretty exciting year for me. To begin, my long-time boyfriend proposed in March. We're hoping to plan a wedding for sometime in the spring or early summer of 2013. Also, I will be graduating with a dual Master's degree in Elementary and Special Education this May from Saint Joseph's University. I'm in the process of finishing up my student teaching and I've truly enjoyed it! After graduation my fiance and I will be moving to Indianapolis, Indiana. He will be completing his pediatric residency at Riley Hospital for Children. So, I will be seeking a teaching job in Indianapolis, Indiana. If anyone has any leads feel free to contact me!"

❖ **Julia MacMahon '10**

Julia wrote: Right now, I am still working as a College Advisor at a high school in Dallas, but I just got the news that my Peace Corps nomination has gone through and I will be leaving for service in January! As of now, I have no idea where I will be placed, but I know that my main project will be working at a youth center supporting positive youth development programs for high-risk adolescents. Once I wrap up the school year here in Dallas, I will spend my summer in Boston returning as a Teen Staff Director at St. Stephen's summer program (B-SAFE), then will spend the fall with my family on the West Coast before departing for training. I will be sure to keep all of my fellow Supreme Fellows posted as I find out where I will be serving and any other details!

❖ **Alexis McConnell '10**

Alexis, who completed her FAO Schwarz Family Foundation Fellowship at the Boston Children's Museum, wrote: "I am still in Fort Lauderdale, now working with the Broward County Department of Health at a W.I.C (Women, Infants & Children) clinic as a Nutrition Educator. I just accepted this job Feb 2012. Before that I was working at Medifast Weight Control Centers. Started in August 2010 as a Nutrition Counselor, and was promoted to Assistant Manager. I like my current position a lot better-more in line with my career path and an overall better fit."

❖ **Liana Mitman '10**

Liana, who completed her FAO Schwarz Family Foundation Fellowship at Jumpstart Boston, wrote: "I am extremely happy in my position as the Teen Program Manager at the Jewish Community Centers of Greater Boston. It is the perfect job for me! I did not think that I would end up working with teens after working with young children for so long, but I love it. I travel a lot for the international fellowship that I run, and that is one of the best parts. I run the Boston cohort of the Diller Teen Fellows, a fellowship for 20 teens selected in 8 cities in North American and 8 cities in Israel. Similar to the FAO Schwarz cohort, I have professional development trainings with the other coordinators from around the world, which is very beneficial to my own development. I took my 20 teens to Israel this past winter where we joined 20 teens from Haifa, Israel. It was a fantastic trip and I was able to see tremendous growth in each of my teens, as well as in myself as an educator. I am still living in Brookline and I love living near many of my friends while still staying close to my family. Things are going very well!"

❖ **Brianne Studer '10**

Brianne, who completed her FAO Schwarz Family Foundation Fellowship at the Boston Children's Museum, wrote: "I am currently the Cambridge Program Manager for Science Club for Girls, a program which aims to increase the self-confidence and literacy in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) of K-12th grade girls belonging to groups that are underrepresented in these fields. I have also recently started as Program Director for Summer and School year programs at Farrington Educational Center/ Nature Linc, an environmental and experiential education center in Lincoln, MA. In addition, I am still a board member for Cambridge Community Kitchen, working to promote food education and small-scale entrepreneurship in Cambridge, MA."

Class of 2011: Class Marshall Mariah Peebles

❖ **Ariana Dugan '11**

Ariana wrote: "I'm currently working at an industrial supply company called McMaster-Carr in their management rotation program. I manage a team of eight people, and it's incredible how much of what I learned during my time at Year Up helps me be a better manager. A major portion of my job is developing my team so they can more effectively do their role each day, and the way I learned to give feedback and train young adults for the workforce at Year Up gives me a great framework to work off of. Another portion of my role is developing process improvements, and the expectation to constantly improve is has me mentally engaged and always learning, which is a really positive challenge to confront on a daily basis."

❖ **Shameka Edmond '11**

After completing one year working as a National Teaching Fellow at Citizen Schools in NY, Shameka will begin the two-year fellowship at Teach For America this summer and will be working as a 3rd grade co-teacher at Spark Academy (a KIPP school) in Newark, NJ.

❖ **Emily Goodridge '11**

Emily is finishing up the year as an apprentice teacher at Leadership Prep Ocean Hill Charter School in Brooklyn. She was recently accepted into the Masters in Theatre Education program at Emerson in Boston for this coming fall.

❖ **Mariah Peebles '11**

Mariah wrote: "Just before the end of my fellowship at Year Up, I applied for and was offered a position at their National office located in Boston. I work on the Influence team which aims to leverage the success of our direct service program to impact the systemic barriers to opportunity that leave so many young adults stranded at the bottom job ladder. We focus on changing: 1) perceptions about urban young adults; 2) business practices (around talent sources and hiring); and 3) public policies (related to workforce/education policies that shape career pathways in the US. The majority of my job focuses on developing knowledge products that inform our stakeholders and inspire them to take action towards its realization. It has been engaging, fulfilling, and very challenging work thus far and I am incredibly appreciative to continue on at Year Up, with a new role that has jump-started a new stage in my professional development. "