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## Key Obama Campaign Advisor Speaks on Campus

by Alysse Glovinsky

On March 12, 2009, Greg Pinolo, a partner at the political communications firm GMMB who helped craft Barack Obama's communication strategy during his historic presidential campaign, came to campus to discuss his role in the historic 2008 presidential campaign. Pinolo's presentation 'How Obama Did It: The Road to the Presidency,' sponsored by the Center for American Politics and Citizenship, encompassed the strategic imperatives, tactics, lessons learned, and key moments of the 2009 presidential campaign.

Pinolo outlined the Obama Campaign's strategic imperatives for the more than 200 students, faculty and staff in the audience.

In order to win, he explained, Obama had to run a different kind of campaign, own "change" where others couldn't, while reassuring voters of his qualifications. The 'Four Pillars of Change' upon which the Obama campaign structured its



Greg Pinolo addresses an audience at the University of Maryland

message were unity, reform, honesty, and hope. "The greatest competitive advantage," Pinolo said of the campaign, "was of the man himself." Pinolo told the audience that never, in his eighteen years in the business, had he ever worked with a candidate quite like Barack Obama.

After the long primary season against Hillary Clinton, Pinolo remarked that the general election was "far shorter and much easier." Pinolo aided in creating the strategy that painted John McCain as a third term of President Bush, more of the same, and out of touch with real people. He pointed to four key notable moments where the scales were tipped in Obama's favor: the debates, the Colin Powell and Warren Buffett endorsements, and the thirty minute advertisement that aired the week before election day.

Pinolo's presentation sparked many conversations and questions as dozens of government students approached Mr. Pinolo after to share their experiences with the Obama campaign.

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## Maryland Voters Turnout in the Historic 2008 Election

by Michael J. Hanmer

Although not a battleground state, Marylanders turned out in droves to vote for President in 2008. Voter turnout among the eligible voting population was estimated to be 68%, up 5 percentage points over 2004, which itself was a relatively high turnout year. The seeds for this impressive increase in the turnout were likely planted by the intense presidential nomination campaigns that brought the candidates, their surrogates, and their campaign dollars to the state, including several well attended visits to campus. In the general election, Barack Obama won 62% of Maryland's popular vote and John McCain won 36%, compared to the 53% to 46% split in the popular vote nationwide. Analysis of the general election using the 2008 Cooperative Congressional Election Study, a nationwide study that includes over 30,000 respondents nationwide in pre- and post-election surveys, furnishes some valuable insights into what motivated Marylanders at the polls.

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## Letter from the Director

Welcome to another edition of In The Public Interest, the official newsletter of the Center for American Politics and Citizenship at the University of Maryland. The spring and summer semesters were extremely busy for the Center, and we are gearing up for even more in the Fall.

In November, we hosted an election postmortem, offering commentary and analysis by the faculty in light of Barack Obama's historic election victory. In March, we hosted a career seminar for more than 200 students. In April, in conjunction with the Maryland State Board of Elections, we launched the Maryland Elections Center, a website dedicated to offering valuable services and information on Maryland politics to voters. (See page 3). Throughout the spring and summer, CAPC staff and I wrote several scholarly papers and reports on political parties and campaign finance.

I am happy to announce new additions to CAPC's Advisory Board. Joining the Board are Michael Arrington, Jack Buechner, Karen Haas, Monica Healy, Jerry Higgins, Anthony Roda, and Susan Turnbull (See page 5). I am also pleased to announce the most recent addition to the CAPC staff, Michael Charlebois, who is joining us as the new Coordinator (See page 8).

I hope you enjoy this edition of the newsletter. For more information, please visit our website at [www.capc.umd.edu](http://www.capc.umd.edu).



Paul S. Herrnson

## CAPC Hosts Career Seminar

On Tuesday, March 21, the Center for American Politics and Citizenship featured four distinguished speakers at its annual career seminar. The seminar, held in Shoemaker Hall on the campus of the University of Maryland, allowed more than 200 students, faculty, and guests to hear valuable career advice from speakers in the field of government and politics.

The seminar featured Michael Arrington, President of Capital Legislative Solutions, LLC; Jerry Higgins, Senior Representative for Pearson Education Publishing; Tom McMillen, President and Chief Financial Officer of Homeland Security Capital Corporation; and Susan Turnbull, Chair of the Maryland Democratic Party.

As the head of a government relations consulting firm, Michael Arrington says that he is an advocate for businesses at the local, state, and federal levels. As an undergraduate student Arrington initially decided to major in Astronomy. As the son of the Mayor of Seat Pleasant, MD

while growing up, Arrington said, "the last thing I wanted to do was get involved in politics."

Arrington eventually did change his major and graduated from the University of Maryland with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Government and Politics. Now, he represents developers, museums, apartment owners, and various other interests, as they interact with the government. Arrington advised his audience at the seminar that it should be their goal to find a career where they can put all of their skills to good use, though right now the skills they are acquiring may not seem useful.

Jerry Higgins spoke in a familiar place. In fact, he spoke in the classroom which he had taken three classes as an undergraduate at Maryland.

After graduating from the University of Maryland with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Government and Politics, Higgins went on to law school, only to quickly discover that it wasn't for him. "After three days, I wanted my money back," he said. "They wouldn't give it back." Looking back Higgins

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# CAPC Launches New Voter Information Website

By Joel Cohen

The Center for American Politics and Citizenship recently launched a new website designed to be a one-stop-shop for voting information. The website, designed in conjunction with the Maryland State Board of Elections and the University of Maryland Office of Information Technology, offers voters the ability to look up their registration status and their voting location, as well as information about campaign finance in Maryland elections.

“CAPC has a tradition of using its talents and resources to benefit the public interest,” said CAPC Director Paul Herrnson.

“The Maryland Elections Center is the latest example of CAPC working to benefit citizens by helping to educate and inform them about the electoral process in Maryland.

The voter information database also includes links to other resources, such as change of address forms and links to county and state Boards of Elections websites. It even offers driving directions to voters’ polling locations.

In addition to the voter location service, the website offers links to voter registration and absentee ballot forms, as well as

numerous in-depth finance reports on Maryland politics. Visitors are able to search the extensive campaign finance database by candidate, slate, political party, issue, or political action committee. Although there are websites dedicated to finances on a national level, this is the first time this information is available in this format for the State of Maryland.

“The goal of the website is to help citizens participate in the electoral process,” said CAPC Research Assistant James Curry.

“By offering all of this valuable information in one place, citizens will hopefully be more inclined to vote.”

The Maryland Elections Center website can be found at <http://www.mdelections.org>.

*Joel Cohen is an Undergraduate Research Assistant at the Center for American Politics and Citizenship*



## CAPC Hosts 2008 Election Postmortem

By Joel Cohen

The Center for American Politics and Citizenship hosted an election postmortem on November 11, 2008 in front of a crowd of nearly 60 students, staff, and university faculty in Anne Arundel Hall. The event, hosted in conjunction with the university’s Honors Department, allowed a panel composed of Government and Politics professors, including CAPC Director Paul Herrnson, the opportunity to offer their insight and analysis on Barack Obama’s historic win on November 2.

Coming just a week after the election, the distinguished panelists discussed topics ranging from the impact of the youth vote to how the election will impact future generations, and answered audience questions.

This election was not unpredictable, said CAPC Senior Research Fellow Irwin Morris. In fact, he added, the median of nine scholars’ pre-election predictions was 53 percent for Obama. The actual result was 53.3 percent of the popular vote for Obama.

Although Obama won a convincing victory, the result did not give him a strong mandate. According to Morris, the winning number of Electoral College votes in past elections has averaged at nearly 400, whereas Obama won with only 365.

But how did Obama win? What factors played a role in his victory over Arizona Senator John McCain? Professor Ron Walters, who is frequently quoted in national media outlets such as CNN and National Public Radio, rebuffed the notion that Obama got the black vote simply because he was black: “Obama got the black vote because he was credible, not because he was black.”

Professor Stella Ross added to the discussion, saying that although the number of Latino voters increased from 2004 to 2008, Latinos made up the same percentage of the electorate in 2004 and 2008. She added that “Latinos don’t fit into models of voting behavior that characterize other groups,” and that their effect on Obama’s victory is unclear because animosity remains between Latinos and African Americans.

Perhaps Professor Walters summed it up best: “This election will be written about by a lot of people for a long time.”

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Partisan identification is one of the strongest and most consistent predictors of the vote. This held true for the 2008 election. Figure 2 shows the percent of the two-party vote going to Barack Obama by partisan identification

in Maryland and in the rest of the U.S. Not surprisingly, Obama's support from those who identify most closely with the Republican Party was rather low, with

extremely strong support from those who lean toward the Democratic party, identify weakly with the Democratic party, and strongly identify with the Democratic party. Across most of the categories, Marylanders and other U.S. citizens were similar in their support for Obama. An interesting exception appears for Republican-leaning independents who, in Maryland are slightly more liberal than in the rest of the U.S.

Overall, Marylanders and those in the rest of the U.S. expressed similar views with respect to what they thought was the most important problem facing the country.

In Maryland and elsewhere, a majority of the citizenry cited the economy as the most important problem confronting the country today. Following, at considerable distance, were the issues of corruption in government (8% in Maryland, and 10% in the rest of the U.S.) and rising prices (8% in Maryland and the rest of the U.S.). No more than 5% of those surveyed cited immigration, terrorism, health care, moral values, and Iraq as the most important problem. Other issues that were cited by small percentages of the citizenry include energy, abortion, housing, the environment, education, and gay marriage.

Nearly all of the citizens felt that over the past year the economy had become worse or much worse (95% of Marylanders,

and 94% of other U.S. citizens). Those who thought the economy had gotten much worse were especially likely to vote for Obama. This relationship was slightly stronger in Maryland than in the rest of the U.S. In Maryland, 78% of those who thought the economy had gotten much

worse voted for Obama, whereas 73% of citizens in the rest of the U.S. who thought the economy had gotten much worse voted for Obama.

Approval of

President Bush was also highly skewed, with over 70% of respondents reporting that they either somewhat disapproved or disapproved strongly with the way he was doing his job (76% in Maryland and 72% in the rest of the U.S.). The other two answer choices were somewhat approve and strongly approve. Interestingly, it was only those who strongly disapproved of Bush who voted in large numbers for Obama (see Figure 3). In Maryland, nearly 95% of those who strongly disapproved of Bush voted for Obama but only 32% of those who somewhat disapproved of Bush voted for Obama.

Both percentages were lower in the rest of the U.S., with 89% of those who strongly disapproved of the way Bush was doing his job voting for Obama and 23% of those who somewhat disapproved voting for Obama.

The low rates of support from those who somewhat disapproved of Bush are somewhat surprising. Given the harsh treatment of Bush's presidency by the Democrats and attempts by the Republicans to distance themselves from President Bush, it might have been the case that even Republicans who weren't going to cross party lines with their vote were disappointed with Bush's performance. An examination of Bush's

approval by party identification lends some support to this possibility. Roughly 24% of weak Republicans and 24% of strong Republicans in Maryland said that they somewhat disapproved of Bush's performance (in the rest of the U.S. the comparable figures were 29% and 19%).

Although the "Old Line State" is more Democratic than the rest of the U.S. and thus voted for Obama at a higher rate, Maryland voters were similar to their counterparts in the rest of the U.S. in a number of ways. Though it isn't surprising that most citizens in Maryland and the rest of the U.S. thought the economy was the most important problem facing the nation, the low rates at which other issues were cited is noteworthy. Similarities also existed with respect to the determinants of the vote. That is, the strength of relationships between support for Obama and party identification, feelings about the economy, and attitudes about Bush's performance among Marylanders were comparable to the rest of the nation. It will be interesting to see whether the same forces hold in the 2010 midterm elections.

*Michael Hanmer is a Research Fellow at the Center for American Politics and Citizenship and an Assistant Professor in the Department of Government and Politics*



## Seven New Members Join CAPC Board

Seven new members have joined the Center for American Politics and Citizenship's Advisory Board. The Board helps develop programs and initiatives and participates in events.

**The Honorable Michael Arrington** is the President and CEO of Capital Legislative Solutions. Prior to his current career as a government relations consultant, Mr. Arrington represented the 25th legislative district of Maryland in the Maryland General Assembly. Mr. Arrington graduated from the University of Maryland with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Government and Politics, and later pursued a graduate degree in Public Administration at Bowie State University. Over the years, Mr. Arrington has represented numerous clients before the Maryland General Assembly and the Prince George's County Government as a government relations consultant.

**The Honorable Jack Buechner** served as a member of Congress, representing Missouri's 2nd District from 1987 - 1991. During his tenure, he was Vice-Chairman of the Republican Study Committee and Deputy Whip to former Minority Leader Newt Gingrich. Prior to his election to Congress Mr. Buechner held various roles in both the private sector and government, including serving as the Minority Leader of the Missouri House of Representatives and founding his own law firm in St. Louis. Following his congressional tenure, Mr. Buechner served as President of the International Republican Institute, a democracy-building, non-governmental organization that is part of the National Endowment for Democracy. Most recently, Mr. Buechner served as the President and CEO of "A Presidential Classroom for Young Americans" and is now the Immediate Past President of the U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress.

Mr. Buechner graduated from Benedictine College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science, and earned his J.D. from St. Louis University School of Law.



**Karen Haas** is the Minority Staff Director for the U.S. House Committee on Small Business. Prior to this position, Ms. Haas served as the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives from December 2005 to February 2007. Ms. Haas is the former floor assistant to Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert and Executive and Legislative Assistant to former Minority Leader Bob Michel. In addition to her government experience, Ms. Haas also has experience working as a lobbyist for various corporations.

Karen Haas graduated from the University of Maryland with a Bachelor of Arts in Government and Politics.

**Monica Healy** is the President of Healy Strategies, a government affairs consulting firm. Prior to starting her consulting firm Ms. Healy gained considerable experience in government and government relations, both in the public

and private sector. Ms. Healy worked for twelve years as a Senior Legislative Assistant to Senator Mac Mathias (MD), and later as Staff Director of the Senate Democratic Policy Committee. Following her work for the U.S. Senate, Ms. Healy joined the Clinton Administration at the Department of Labor as liaison to the White House and Congress on health care issues. Ms. Healy also served as Deputy Executive Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation and she later ran the State of Maryland's Washington, DC office. Following her extensive career in government, Ms. Healy served as Vice President of Government Relations for Teach for America.

Monica Healy graduated from the University of Maryland with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology.

**Jerry Higgins** is a Senior Representative with Pearson Arts and Sciences Publishers. In this role Mr. Higgins works in representing, developing and finding textbooks in social sciences and humanities at Higher Education Institutions from the DC area through New England.

Jerry Higgins received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Government and Politics from the University of Maryland.

**Tony Roda** is currently a Partner with the firm Williams and Jensen, P.C. Mr. Roda began his career as a Research Assistant to a member of the British House of Commons. Following that experience, Mr. Roda served in the office of Representative Stewart McKinney as an intern, Legislative Assistant, and Legislative Director. Following his tenure with Representative McKinney, Mr. Roda served as Legislative Director and House Agriculture Committee Assistant to Representative Steve Gunderson. In 1989 Mr. Roda took on the role of Director of Legislative Strategy in the office of then-Minority Leader Newt Gingrich, where he assisted the Republican leadership in developing long-term legislative strategies and in implementing day-to-day tactics.

Tony Roda received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Government and Politics from the University of Maryland.

**The Honorable Susan Turnbull** currently serves as Vice Chair of the Democratic National Committee and Chair of the Maryland Democratic Party. Ms. Turnbull was a platform speaker at the 2000 Democratic Convention in Los Angeles, CA and was co-organizer of the women's events at the 2004 Democratic Convention in Boston, MA. With a background in Urban Planning and Design, Ms. Turnbull has worked in a variety of legislative and governmental positions for more than 30 years. She currently serves as Senior Advisor and Grant Consultant to several Members of Congress.

Susan Turnbull received a Master of Arts degree in Urban Studies from the University of Maryland.

## CAPC Shows Off New Voting Technology at 11th Annual Maryland Day

The Center for American Politics and Citizenship once again participated in the university's annual Maryland Day celebration. For the eleventh year in a row, the university opened its doors to more than 78,000 students, alumni,



and visitors from across the region. CAPC welcomed hundreds of people in their booth on prime real estate on McKeldin Mall.

CAPC staff and volunteers were able to register voters and election

judges while also showing off new voting technology, "Scantegrity." This groundbreaking technology allows a voter to make their choice with an invisible pen, then they write the code that appears in a box at the bottom of the ballot. In an extra step of verifiability, the voter can then go online and verify their selections.

Visitors of all ages enjoyed the CAPC booth, with the bean bag toss a hit with the younger crowd.

For more information on the Scantegrity voting machine, please visit [www.scantegrity.org](http://www.scantegrity.org).



*Seminar from page 2* said he should have been a professor, but he has no regrets.

As Senior Publisher for Pearson Education Publishing, one of the largest publishing companies in the country, Higgins is responsible for finding talented authors in the region. Higgins said that the best skills one can have in the workforce are the "ability to think critically and work in a professional environment," all things he says the University of Maryland has given him.

Tom McMillen entered the University as a pre-med major, but as the star of the men's basketball team this was not an easy balance to maintain. After graduating he deferred entry into the National Basketball Association to pursue a Rhodes Scholarship.

McMillen said that toward the end of his eventual NBA career he told Ted Turner, then-owner of the Atlanta Hawks, to trade him to Washington "so I can run for Congress." Unexpectedly Turner did just that and, upon retiring after 11 seasons in the NBA, McMillen ran for and was elected to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives. He said that his "multi-disciplinary approach was helpful to my careers," and encouraged students to explore interests outside of their majors.

Susan Turnbull attended the University of Maryland for graduate school after attending the University of Cincinnati and receiving an undergraduate degree in Urban Studies. After interning on the Cincinnati City Council, where she worked alongside Jerry Springer, she realized the value of internships.

After graduating with a Master's degree from Maryland, Turnbull worked as a lobbyist for municipalities and also as a fundraiser. She is currently the Chair of the Maryland Democratic Party and Vice Chair of the Democratic National Committee. Turnbull said her most important piece of advice is to "do what you want to do and have fun doing it." Politics, for her, is exactly that.

The career seminar exposed students to four incredibly successful individuals and gave them an opportunity to talk and network with presenters.

## CAPC Board Members Offer Words of Wisdom to Graduates

On Friday, May 22, two members of CAPC's Advisory Board delivered commencement addresses to University of Maryland graduates. Monica Healy, a government affairs consultant with extensive experience in government and government relations, delivered the commencement address to the graduates of the University of Maryland Sociology Department. Susan Turnbull, Chair of the Maryland Democratic Party and Vice-Chair of the Democratic National Committee, delivered the commencement address to graduates of the University of Maryland Department of Government and Politics.

Healy, a 1972 graduate of the University of Maryland Department of Sociology, offered graduates some sage advice about finding the right career path. "Graduates, what do you like to do? Writing? Teaching? Politics? Helping people? Whatever it is, eventually you'll know." Healy continued, "Find what you love to do and are good at, and find a way to do it for a living. This may sound simplistic, but it's so true."



Susan Turnbull reminded graduates of the Department of Government and Politics that you never know where your life will lead you. "You just never know when a certain day -- a certain point in time -- will change your life forever. You frequently don't know then and sometimes you don't realize it for years or decades. The point is that you need to be open to the possibilities and turn those moments into opportunities."



Susan Turnbull received a MA in Urban Studies from the University at Maryland.

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## CAPC Research Fellow Publishes Book on Voter Registration

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CAPC is pleased to announce the publication of Michael Hanmer's most recent book, *Discount Voting: Voter Registration Reforms and Their Effects*. In his book, Hanmer explores how voter registration laws affect voter turnout and other aspects of political elections.

Hanmer's work shows that recent attempts at engaging citizens in the political process through voter registration have been largely unsuccessful. Using a variety of data and methods he shows why reformers' promises of booming voter turnout have not been fulfilled.

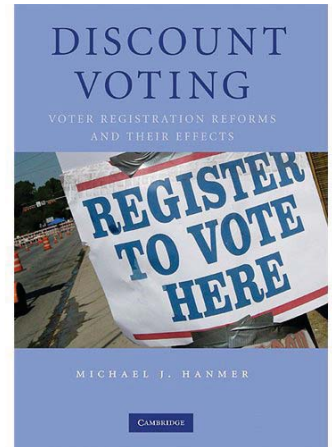
Hanmer advocates long-term strategies aimed at connecting citizens with politics and political processes rather

than the short-term structural changes that have dominated the debate over how to increase turnout.

*Discount Voting: Voter Registration Reforms and Their Effects*, Hanmer's second book on voting, is published by Cambridge University Press. Hanmer was a co-author of *Voting Technology: The Not-So-Simple Act of Casting a Ballot*, published in 2008 by Brookings Institution Press.

Michael Hanmer is a Research Fellow at the Center for American Politics and Citizenship and an Assistant Professor in the Department of Government and Politics.

To order a copy of *Discount Voting: Voter Registration Reforms and Their Effects* please visit the Cambridge University Press at [www.cambridge.org](http://www.cambridge.org).



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## CAPC to Launch the Maryland Internship Program

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CAPC is launching the Maryland Internship Program (MIP), a comprehensive program focused on State government that will allow students to integrate what they learn in the classroom with real world experience in the political process.

This competitive program will place 15 to 20 highly-qualified undergraduate students in internships where they will work with and learn from officials in state government. Possible internship placements include the offices of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, members of the General Assembly, state agencies, and courts.

Participants will earn course credit and stipends during the semester-long program by attending weekly seminars and completing various assignments, aside from their internship duties. Alumni of the Maryland Internship Program will also take with them invaluable experiences, skills, and networking that will help them find, and succeed in, careers in government, politics, or any other field.

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CAPC and MIP Director Paul Herrnson is excited for the opportunity for University of Maryland students to get hands-on, real-world experience in government and politics. "CAPC has a strong reputation for involving and educating University of Maryland students, and other citizens, in the process of American politics and government," said Herrnson. "This program will better prepare students interested in careers in government and politics, and give all participants a thorough understanding of how our government really works."

For more information, or if you are interested in participating in the Maryland Internship Program, please contact Michael Charlebois at [mcharleb@capc.umd.edu](mailto:mcharleb@capc.umd.edu) or by phone at 301-314-2736.

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## CAPC Staff Member Participates in Summer Research Initiative

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On Friday, July 24, Marcus Johnson, an Undergraduate Research Assistant at CAPC, presented his research and findings on congressional redistricting that he conducted as a participant in the University of Maryland College of Behavioral and Social Sciences' Summer Research Initiative.

The Summer Research Initiative is aimed at increasing the knowledge of, and interest in, doctoral-level training in the social sciences. Participants work full-time throughout the three and a half week program, attending seminars and events and working with their faculty mentors to complete their research. The program culminates with a presentation of their research and findings.

Nine highly-qualified rising juniors and seniors from universities across the country took part in this year's program, conducting research on various topics. Mentored by CAPC Director Paul Herrnson and Senior Research Fellow Irwin Morris, and assisted by fellow CAPC Research Assistant David Searle, Marcus researched the various methods of congressional redistricting and their effects on competition in congressional elections.

Looking back at the experience, Johnson is happy that he took part in the program. "This summer was a great opportunity for me to learn the values of research," he said.

Upon graduation, Marcus plans to pursue a masters degree in public policy and later, possibly pursue a doctoral degree.

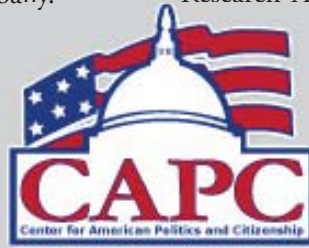


## CAPC Welcomes New Staff Members

*Michael Charlebois* joined CAPC as the Center's Coordinator in July 2009. Michael is a native of Buffalo, New York, where he worked as a political consultant for various candidates, specializing in creating and implementing fundraising strategy and ensuring compliance with election law. Michael received his BA in Political Science at the University at Buffalo and recently completed his coursework towards a Masters in Public Policy at the University at Albany.

*Amy D'Avella* recently joined CAPC as an Undergraduate Research Assistant. Amy is a Junior Government and Politics and Sociology double major at the University of Maryland, and has served as Senior Advisor and Secretary for the Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Fraternity. Amy plans to pursue a J.D. and Ph.D. upon graduation, and hopes to work in international law and in the development of diplomatic and military policy.

*Thom Koh* is a Junior Government and Politics and Economics double major Undergraduate Research Assistant at CAPC. He has been part of the CAPC staff since the spring of 2009, and is currently interning in the office of Representative Christopher Carney (D-PA). He hopes to further his interest in comparative politics after graduation in spring 2010.



*Marcus Johnson*, originally from Howard County, joins CAPC as an Undergraduate Research Assistant. Marcus is a Junior Government and Politics and Spanish double major at the University of Maryland. He is a member of both the University Honors Program and Government and Politics Honors Program. Marcus expects to graduate with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Government and Politics in May 2011.

*Edrees Roshan* joins CAPC as an Undergraduate Research Assistant. Edrees is a Junior at the University of Maryland, pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics. When he's not working at CAPC, he also works as a Land Surveyor, and enjoys exercising his Second Amendment rights. He hopes to do well during his time at the University of Maryland and make his way to an excellent graduate program.

*David Searle* is a senior Government and Politics and Mathematics major from Phoenix, Arizona. Since arriving on campus, he has participated in Beyond the Classroom civic learning program and studied abroad in London, England. David joined CAPC in the summer of 2009 as an Undergraduate Research Assistant. He has a keen interest in public policy and American politics and hopes to pursue a career in those areas after graduation.

## CAPC Board Chairman Honored at Tenth Annual Alumni Association Awards Gala

On April 18, University of Maryland Alumni, faculty, and administration gathered to honor twenty-one individuals at the Tenth Annual Alumni Association Awards Gala.

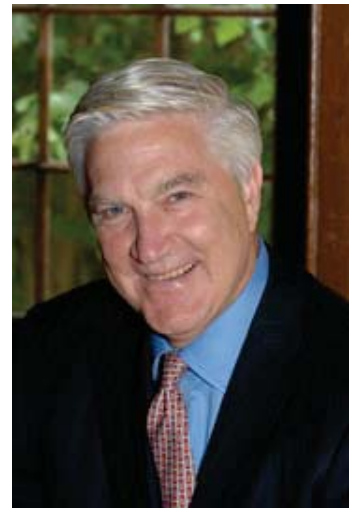
Thomas McMillen, Chairman of CAPC's Advisory Board, was honored by the College of Chemical and Life Sciences as the Alumnus of the Year. McMillen, who currently serves as the CEO of Homeland Security Capital Corp., earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry from the University of Maryland in 1974.

While a student at the University of Maryland, McMillen was honored as an All-American and Academic All-American in basketball, and participated in the 1972 summer Olympics. Following graduation he was selected in the first round of the NBA draft by the Buffalo Braves, beginning an eleven-year professional basketball career with four teams.

Nearing the end of his professional basketball career, McMillen asked to be traded to the Washington Bullets so that he could run for Congress. Shortly after, in 1986, McMillen retired from basketball and was elected to represent Maryland's fourth district in Congress, where he served until 1993.

McMillen credits the University of Maryland with helping him succeed academically while excelling on the basketball court, preparing him for careers in professional basketball, as a member of Congress, and in the private sector. "Coach Driesell, who is one of the finest coaches in the history of basketball, encouraged me to take the toughest curriculum while playing ball because he believed that intellectual and physical challenges were what made great athletes," said McMillen. "Every student is born with a gift, and the job of our university is to ignite a love for learning and discipline that will help them discover their passion, so that they can make a difference in the world."

In addition to serving as CAPC's Advisory Board Chairman, McMillen also serves on the University System of Maryland Board of Regents. He is the only University of Maryland student to receive the Rhodes Scholarship. He received a Master of Arts in Politics, Philosophy, and Economics from Oxford University.





## Comings and Goings...

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