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UNIVERSITY™**Park selected as having best value nationwide**

Park University is the top-ranked value among private colleges and universities, according to *Parents & Colleges*, an online resource for parents of college-bound students. Institutions included on this list offer a diversity of degrees, have affordable tuitions and/or offer generous financial aid, and report the highest SAT or ACT scores for this incoming class. Park was cited as offering "both proximity to big-city excitement and the safe, relaxed atmosphere of a small town. The student body represents 50 states and 100 countries, and the school prides itself on its diversity and global outlook. Tuition for full-time undergraduates is a fraction of other private institutions, and average class size and student-to-faculty ratio are low."

**Airman of the Year honor bestowed on Park Student**

**Gina M. Maiden**, a senior computer science major at Park University's Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., Campus Center, was honored as the Airman of the Year for the 552nd Air Control Networks Squadron. Maiden, a senior airman, is a computer programmer and analyst, and for the last three years has worked on software for the Airborne Warning and Control System.

**Prestigious internships awarded to Park students**

**Aiden Galarza** and **Loren Ray Laughlin**, both biology majors in the Park University Degree with Honors Program, received prestigious internship appointments. Galarza interned with the Biomedical Research Apprenticeship Program at Washington University in St. Louis. Laughlin worked as an environmental protection aide in the Environmental Protection Agency's Region 7 Office in Kansas City, Kan.

**Park students completing summer internships**

Park University Degree with Honors program students remained busy this summer with internships across the country.

**Rachel Dryden**, sophomore geography/physical science major, interned with chief meteorologist Mike Thompson at WDAF-TV in Kansas City, Mo.

**Aiden Galarza**, senior biology major, who interned previously with the Biomedical Research Apprenticeship Program at Washington University in St. Louis, returned to complete another summer program.

**Charif Hamidi**, a senior double majoring in business administration/international business and business administration/finance, completed an internship with Merrill Lynch in Kansas City, Mo.

**Daniel Karr**, a senior double majoring in business administration/human resources and business administration/management, completed an internship in the human resources department of the Kansas City Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

**Miki Katuwal**, junior biology major, completed an internship at the University of Pittsburgh studying Von Hippel-Lindau syndrome, a genetic condition involving the abnormal growth of blood vessels, and its effect on the kidney. She has been invited to return to continue research in 2011.

**Social Security Administration recognizes Park graduate's service**

**Amy Williams, M.P.A. '07**, won a Regional Commissioner's Award from the Social Security Administration's regional office in Kansas City, Mo. Williams and other awardees, who received the award for their positive attitudes and courteous service, were honored at a special ceremony in Kansas City. Williams, who served the SSA as a teleservice center operator, recently took on a new position as a casualty assistance representative in the Airmen and Family Readiness Center at Eielson Air Force Base, southeast of Fairbanks, Alaska.

**Park University Model United Nations team wins award at conference**

Park University's Model United Nations team captured the "Best Delegation-Honorable Mention" award for its outstanding representation of Djibouti at the National Model U.N. Conference in New York. The best delegation awards are for overall team excellence, based on recommendations from conference staff from each of the seven committees in which Park's 14 student delegates participated.

**Park student-athlete gives back to his community in Uganda**

Rather than devote all his time to relaxation and family visits, Park University men's soccer player **Simon Senfuka**, a business administration/finance major, decided to make his winter break trip back home to Uganda even more meaningful, helping change the lives of many Ugandan youngsters. Senfuka, with the assistance of Park's Athletics Department, gathered enough Pirate game jerseys, cleats and t-shirts to outfit two Ugandan youth teams.

Senfuka grew up playing soccer in Kampala, Uganda, in the same conditions these teams compete in today. He wanted to give them something he never had. While in Kampala, Senfuka reunited with his longtime friend and mentor, Ivan Kakembo, director of the Uganda Youth Soccer program. In addition to helping dozens of youth players develop their skills and play in other countries like the United States, Kakembo helped Senfuka find his way to the U.S. and to Park University.

**Student earns prestigious internship with U.S. Department of Commerce**

**Amy Crumbliss**, a Spanish major and a Degree with Honors Program member, garnered an internship with the U.S. Department of Commerce's office in Kansas City, Mo. Crumbliss was part of the International Trade Administration, an agency of the Department of Commerce that creates prosperity by strengthening the competitiveness of U.S. industry, promoting trade and investment, and ensuring fair trade and compliance with trade laws and agreements. It also assists small and medium-sized businesses to export their products overseas. The Kansas City office works with companies in northwest Missouri and eastern Kansas.

"This internship benefited me greatly," Crumbliss said. "Not only was I able to see the real-world application of all that I learned in my International Business Perspectives class, but I learned even more about international commerce. It is exciting to get to work with companies, encouraging them to think globally and helping them expand their company internationally."



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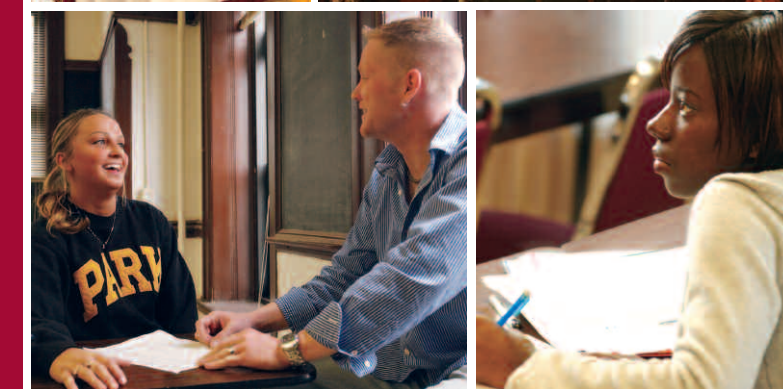
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### Recent Park grad wins University's first Fulbright Student Award

**Tamera Jenkins**, a December 2009 Park University criminal justice/corrections graduate, was awarded a 2010-11 Fulbright Student Award. Jenkins, from Independence, Mo., is the first Park University student in the program's history to win this award. Jenkins was accepted to the graduate program of the School of Criminology at Simon Fraser University in Vancouver, British Columbia. She will begin at SFU this fall.

### Honoring soldier's bravery at Park's Scott campus center

A building at Scott Air Force Base, Ill., where Park University has a campus center, has been named in honor of a Park student who made the supreme sacrifice in defense of the nation. **Master Sgt. Thomas Crowell**, a special agent with the Air Force Office of Special Investigations, was the first Scott AFB airman killed in action in the Iraq War when his vehicle was struck by an improvised explosive device near Balad, Iraq, in November 2007. At the time, Crowell was a senior criminal justice major at Park's Scott AFB Campus Center. The dedication ceremony was held at Scott AFB where the OSI is based and the building was named in Crowell's honor. Crowell's oldest son helped unveil the plaque that hangs in the building. Crowell was previously posthumously awarded a bachelor's degree in March 2008 by the University, and he was honored with the 2008 Citizenship Award for Patriotism by the O'Fallon (Ill.) Chamber of Commerce.

### Park International Center for Music student earns awards at competitions

**Sunnat Ibragimov**, a junior applied music/strings (cello) major in Park University's International Center for Music, won a pair of awards at recent competitions. At the 2010 Naftzger Young Artist Audition in Wichita, Kan., Ibragimov came home with a \$2,000 runner-up award. In addition, Ibragimov competed in the strings division at the Rotary Club of Tulsa (Okla.) Crescendo Music Awards. His performance there earned him a silver medal and \$2,500.



### Park student-athlete named NAIA Champions of Character scholarship award-winner

Park University men's basketball player **Philip Garnett**, a senior accounting major, was selected as one of four winners of the Pattison Champions of Character scholarships. An American Midwest Conference Academic All-Conference recipient and Dean's List honoree at Park, Garnett averaged just 2.5 points and 1.7 rebounds in 30 games, but it was his character and leadership off the court that caught the eye of the Pattison family to award him with a \$2,000 scholarship.



### Former Park student receives presidential nomination

Park University graduate **Robert Almonte** was nominated by President Barack Obama to be the U.S. marshal for the Western District of Texas and was unanimously confirmed by the U.S. Senate. Almonte is executive director of the Texas Narcotic Officers Association as well as the owner of a law enforcement training/consultant company, Narcotics Training Specialists. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice administration in 2002.

### Soccer player at Park named All-American

**Natalie Parker**, senior criminal justice/corrections major and women's soccer player, was named the All-American Strength and Conditioning Athlete of the Year by the National Strength and Conditioning Association. The award recognizes a student-athlete's dedication to strength training and conditioning.

### Park graduate is first woman to head veterans health organization

**Robin Korogi, '91**, a Desert Storm veteran, became the first woman to lead the Veterans Affairs Montana Health Care System. Korogi has a Bachelor of Arts degree in management from Park.



### Park International Center for Music student shines in London performance



A concert performance by **Behzod Abduraimov**, sophomore applied music/piano major, at London's Wigmore Hall received a dazzling review in the United Kingdom's *The Independent*. The reviewer, Michael Church, said of Abduraimov, "His delivery of Prokofiev's Third Piano Concerto was electrifyingly physical, combining liberated exuberance with astonishing technical control." In addition, according to Stanislav Ioudenitch, executive/artistic director for Park's International Center for Music, Abduraimov received a standing ovation at the end of the recital — something very unusual for London audiences.

### Recent Park grad honored assisting injured police officer

Staff Sgt. **James D. Gordon**, a 2010 graduate from Park's Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., Campus Center, was awarded the Radio Hero Award by REACT (Radio Emergency Associated Communications Teams) International and Oklahoma County, Okla., REACT. Gordon was honored for his quick thinking and his assistance to an Oklahoma City police officer who was barely conscious after being involved in a three-car accident. Gordon used the officer's two-way radio to call in the report to dispatchers, and within minutes, emergency responders were on the scene.

### Park alumnus earns summer internship at maritime museum

**Ryan Wagner '09**, received the sole 8-week summer internship position at the Maine Maritime Museum in Bath, Maine. The museum "celebrates Maine's maritime heritage and culture in order to educate the community and a worldwide audience about the important role of Maine in regional and global maritime activities." According to Tim Westcott, Ph.D., associate professor of history and Department of Social Sciences chair, Wagner's fascination with American maritime history is lifelong and the subject is the focus of his master's thesis at Buffalo (N.Y.) State University. In 2007, he completed an undergraduate internship at Plymouth Plantation in Plymouth, Mass., where he assisted in filming a documentary on the Mayflower II and its 50th anniversary re-sailing.



### Park student accepts Missouri Homeland Security advisory council post

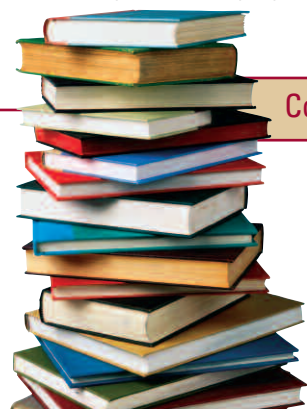
**Christine Gray**, a criminal justice/corrections major, accepted a position on the Missouri Higher Education Subcommittee of the Homeland Security Advisory Council's Student Advisory Council. This council is composed of non-voting students who work collaboratively with the HES-HSAC to raise awareness of safety and security issues on their home campuses. The HES-HSAC was established at the recommendation of the Task Force on Campus Security. It is charged to identify best practices and to make recommendations for ways to ensure that college campuses throughout Missouri are as safe as possible.

### Former Park student publishes book about computer security

**Edward LaBarge, '07**, had his book, *Computer Security Guide for Paranoids*, published. The book is about computer privacy and provides simple terms for people who do not have technical understanding. LaBarge is a graduate of Park's Beaufort campus center.

### Consul of Mexico awards Park graduate community award

**Mary Lou Jaramillo, '92, M.P.A. '96**, was recognized by the Consulate of Mexico in Kansas City with the Ohtli Award for her contributions to the advancement of Kansas City's Hispanic communities. Jaramillo is the president and CEO of El Centro Inc., the largest nonprofit advocacy and service agency to the Hispanic population in the State of Kansas. Its mission is to strengthen communities and empower families through educational, social and economic opportunities. She received the award from the Consul of Mexico Jacob Prado.



### Park interior design students participate in exhibition opening

Students **Hilary Brown**, senior, and **Emily Carman** and **Stella Tanner**, juniors, designed and constructed a dress for an opening gala event at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art in Kansas City, Mo. The dress, modeled by Carman, was inspired by Edward Steichen's fashion photography, whose work was exhibited at the museum and was featured in *Vogue* and *Vanity Fair* magazines from 1923 to 1938.



### Park student recognized for leadership

**Falecia McBride-Rivers**, senior management major at Park's Austin (Texas) Campus Center, received the Park University Business Faculty Award for the Austin Campus. The award is given to the student who demonstrates exceptional leadership in the classroom and exceptional potential in the field of business.

### Scholarship awarded to Park student by International Trade Council

**Charif Hamidi**, a senior business administration/international business and business administration/finance double major, was selected as the winner of the International Trade Council of Greater Kansas City's \$1,000 Scholarship. Hamidi will be recognized during the ITCGKC's annual luncheon. The International Trade Council of Greater Kansas City was founded in 1944 to foster development and expansion of international trade through education and networking. It is the oldest international trade association in the region and it serves members throughout eastern Kansas and western Missouri.



### Park theatre student recognized by Kennedy Center

**Chrystal Coltharp**, a theatre design major, was honored by The Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival. Coltharp received a special commendation for her work as the stage manager on the Park University production of "subUrbia." The KCACTF respondent who attended the production nominated Coltharp. Coltharp interned on the production of "The Clean House" at Kansas City's Unicorn Theatre, and she completed an apprenticeship with the Heart of America Shakespeare Festival.



### Park student wins U.S. Department of State study abroad scholarship

**Esther Francis**, a double major in business administration/human resources and international business, and a student in Park's Degree with Honors Program, was named a recipient of the 2009-10 Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship. This nationally competitive scholarship, funded by the U.S. Department of State, provides money for students to study abroad. Francis received a \$3,500 scholarship to spend one semester at the University of Guanajuato, Mexico, studying Spanish language and culture.