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## Meeting Wrap-Up

Thanks to all those STARS who came out to our STAR meeting on Wednesday, January 25th. For those who did not attend the meeting, make sure to stop by the VC to come talk to me so I can update you.



### Profile:

## Jay Kaplan

*Meet January's STAR of the Month*

### - How long have you been part of STAR?

I've been a STAR since Spring of Freshman year, so a little over a year now. I applied because I was looking for a fun way to get involved on campus.

### - Do you have a funny tour story that you would like to share?

I don't have anything really funny (yet!) but one time while walking through University Yard, one of the mothers tripped and fell...I thought I was supposed to be the one that fell! She was OK, though, and got up like nothing happened.

### -What do you plan on doing once you graduate?

It is really too early to tell, but I've always wanted to work for a top secret government agency. If I do pursue that, I won't be able to tell what I'm doing since it would be too secretive.

### - If you could choose an actor to play you in a movie, who would it be and what would you call the movie?

Definitely 24's Keith Sutherland. My life isn't nearly as exciting as Jack Bauer's, and I've been thinking of a name for an hour now, but just can't come up with anything!

### Where is your favorite place in the world that you have traveled?

Nothing beats my stay at the Four Seasons in Hawaii (Maui).



### Profile:

## Elizabeth Kamens

### How long have you been a STAR?

I have been a STAR since last fall (fall 2004) and I applied because, ever since I started looking at colleges I just really wanted to be a tour-guide at whichever school I ended up attending. So basically I have always wanted to be a tour guide, and I also thought it was a really great way to get involved in the school.

### What is your most embarrassing tour story?

I would have to say that one embarrassing moment is when I lost my sneaker, that was tied, while walking backward through university yard. I don't know how I managed to do that. It was a really, really large group, and I had to stop and put my shoe back on while the group, mainly the parents, laughed at me. Needless to say, I was quite embarrassed.

### If you could travel anywhere in the world, who would you travel with (dead or alive) and where would you go?

If I could travel anywhere in the world I would go to Spain because I have been studying Spanish for so long and it seems like an interesting and beautiful country and I would go with Katie Couric because she has my ultimate dream career.

### What advice do you have to give to the new STARS who are currently training?

To the new STARS, I would say congratulations on becoming a STAR, and don't worry about remembering all the information at first. It seems overwhelming in the beginning but after a tour or 2 it comes really easily and you don't even have to think about it.

## STAR Shoutouts!

I just want to thank those STARS who helped out with the STAR Training on Sunday, January 22nd. You devoted a great deal of your time on Sunday, and we at the Visitor Center really appreciate it.





## Dinner with Scott

It's official! The next Dinner with Scott will be held on Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at Zed's Ethiopian Cuisine. Updates regarding the dinner will be found in the next All STAR.

## Incentive Policy

Just a reminder that the incentive policy to show up for your scheduled time is still in effect. To date, only two tour times have received free lunch vouchers. Make sure that you are still showing up for your scheduled time so that you are not the reason for why the others who do show up do not win the free lunch.

## New Tour Route

With the business school now in Duques Hall, we would like for all the tours to enter the new building to show off its facilities. Most importantly, when you enter the hall, please show your tours the Market Trading Lab that is located to the immediate right of the entrance. You can briefly talk about it (more specific information will be handed out to you at the next meeting) and if you would like, you can use the lecture hall auditorium across the hall as an example classroom in lieu of going into Funger.



Of course, if you have a tour that is predominantly SMPA or ESIA, feel free to show them those buildings instead as long as you walk by Duques just to

point it out. If you have any questions regarding this new route, I would be happy to answer them.

## STAR Training

STAR Training went very successfully this year. As you will see from the pictures below, we had a lot of fun training the 87 new STARS. A few students ended up making up a rap song about Tim Townley's birthday and another group proudly stood up on the stage and sang their own rendition of the Fight Song. Aside from the other fun activities like the scavenger hunt, the new STARS spent a few hours in the Continental Ballroom as we fed them with vast amounts of GW knowledge.

## Spring Schedules

If you have any problems with your Spring schedules, please let me know immediately so I can get that adjusted.

## Overnight Hosting

I have four students who are looking to be hosted overnight during the month of February. If you are interested in hosting, please let me know. This is a very fun way to knock off a special group plus there's free food.

## STAR Letters

Just a reminder that your STAR letters are waiting in your mailboxes for you to be signed, so stop by the VC and send them on their way!

## STAR Coordinator

Keep a look out for future emails from me regarding the applications for STAR Coordinator. We hope to choose my position by the end of February.



# STAR TRAINING PHOTOS.....



The new STARs introduce themselves



“Hi, my name is....”



STAR Small Groups in action



Liz demonstrates what not to wear...



Ali decked out in bad tour clothes



Analiese shows why open toed shoes are off limits



Marissa and Chris lead a discussion with the new STARs



Bryant and Erica share their words of wisdom with their group



The STARs listen intently as Beth and Jay answer questions.

