SESP Headlines

New Study Shows Politics of Wealthiest 1%
The richest one percent of Americans are more politically active, do more volunteer work and stress private philanthropy more than the general public. These are some of the findings of a new survey by professor Fay Lomax Cook.
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Aspen Institute Taps Lindsay Chase-Lansdale as Ascend Fellow
Professor P. Lindsay Chase-Lansdale has been named an inaugural fellow of the Aspen Institute’s Ascent program. She is one of a select group of 20 leaders from across the country who are pioneering two-generation approaches to move families beyond poverty.
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Cutting-Edge Science Curriculum Released
After 10 years of research by professor Brian Reiser and his colleagues, newly published science materials offer a carefully designed inquiry-based science curriculum that engages middle school students.
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Faculty/Student News

Jim Rosenbaum’s Studies Find Ways to Help Disadvantaged Students Go to College
Recent studies by professor James Rosenbaum identify the ways that new types of counseling can assist low-income students in overcoming barriers in the college process.
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Grad Student Wins Startup Contest with Learning Sciences Project
Master’s student Adam Lupu won a local business pitch contest with a project generated in assistant professor Michael Horn's Introduction to Design for Learning Sciences class.
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SESP Undergrads Steer Public Interest Fellowship Program
Students Alexa Herzog, Josh Parish, Becca Portman and Jake Rosner head up a unique public interest fellowship program that gives Northwestern graduates public sector jobs and mentoring.
http://www.sesp.northwestern.edu/news-center/news/2012/01/undergrads-head-public-interest-program.html
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Mike Horn, Reed Stevens: Energy Project Furthers Science Learning at Home
Learning sciences faculty members Mike Horn and Reed Stevens are studying families’ informal science learning at home through energy control devices such as thermostats.
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Undergrad Entrepreneurs Start Businesses with Unique Benefits
Sophomores Josephine Lee, Aria Fiat, David Harris and Jenna Pugrant are some of the enterprising undergraduates applying their skills to start innovative businesses that benefit the people around them.
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Kirabo Jackson Looks at Impact of Single-Gender Schools
A new study by SESP assistant professor Kirabo Jackson finds that single-sex education benefits some students – but not all. At a time when the number of single-sex schools is increasing, his study finds little to no difference in achievement for most students.

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Alumni Update

Volunteer Leader Kelly Kirkpatrick (BS09) Wins Mitchell Scholarship
Kelly Kirkpatrick (BS09), a volunteer leader who was active in civic engagement at Northwestern, is one of 12 recipients of the George J. Mitchell Scholarship. She will study charitable organizations in Ireland.

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Two Recent Grads Win Fulbrights
Kathryn Balestreri and Lydia Hsu (both BS11) received Fulbright grants for 2011-12. Balestreri is working on educational opportunities in Guatemala, and Hsu is teaching in Rwanda.

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Events

Kelly O’Donnell (BS87) Keynotes A Day with Northwestern April 14
Capitol Hill correspondent and SESP alumna Kelly O’Donnell will speak on “Observations from the Political Trail” on April 14 when the Northwestern Alumni Association hosts A Day with Northwestern, a day of lectures and presentations.

http://alumni.northwestern.edu/adwn
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Center for Talent Development Offers Parent Seminars on Giftedness
The Center for Talent Development offers Saturday seminars on giftedness for parents in Chicago, Evanston, Naperville and Palatine.

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