Message from the Director

Greetings!

There are many exciting events we would like to share with you. First among these is the continued growth of our certificate programs. We are happy to welcome back the USDA SES CDP Certificate program with four cohorts starting this fall. The OIG Certificate Programs for New and Experienced Leaders have moved onto AU’s campus. This coming spring we are looking forward to starting programs with the Social Security Administration and the General Accounting Office.

Second, we welcomed our new Assistant Director for our Key Maritime Program, Capt. Patrick Malone, PhD in August. Patrick has been busy working with the Key Executive Leadership MPA with a Focus in Maritime Affairs Program. He will also be teaching in both the Certificate and MPA programs.

In addition to Patrick, our staff has continued to grow with the addition of

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Meet Key’s New Assistant Director, Patrick Malone, PhD

Key welcomes Patrick Malone, PhD (SPA/PhD ’00) as our new Assistant Director for the Key Maritime Program. In this role, Dr. Malone is in charge of the AU/NMI Key Executive Leadership MPA with a Focus in Maritime Affairs. He also teaches courses in public sector leadership, and ethics in both the Key MPA and Certificate Programs, and courses in organizational analysis, and public administration in the Department of Public Administration and Policy in the School of Public Affairs.

Dr. Malone is a frequent guest lecturer on leadership in multiple venues including the National Association of State Personnel Executives, the National Association of State Chief Information Officers, Yale University, and the International Healthcare Resource Management Program in Port Louis, Mauritius. His research interests include public service motivation, leadership ethics, and organizational dynamics. Professor Malone is an active member of the American Society of Public Administration and the Academy of Management.

Dr. Malone recently retired from the Navy after 22 years of service at the rank of Captain. He served in many leadership roles during his time on active duty including as a member of the faculty of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences; as Academic Director, Masters Program in Healthcare Administration; and as Dean of Academics for Navy Medicine.

Please join us in welcoming Patrick into the Key family.
part-time staff assistants. We will also soon be hiring a new academic advisor for the certificate programs as well.

We are also very happy to announce the return of Dr. Donald Zauderer. Don has yet again beaten the odds after a long illness and is back in the classroom.

I would also like to extend a personal welcome to Key MPA Cohort 43 and Cohort 15 of the certificate program as they continue upholding our core values of knowledge and leadership.

In July and October, we held our quarterly Open Houses. This continues to be a very successful recruiting tool. I encourage you to come by and see all of the great improvements that have been made to provide the best academic programs possible for future leaders like you. As always, I encourage you to send students who desire to begin the path of extraordinary leadership. Our best ambassadors are our alumni and their ability to share their personal success in our program.

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**Recipients of the Alpern and Zauderer Scholarships**

The Key Executive Leadership Programs are pleased to announce the 2011 recipients of the Anita F. Alpern and the Donald G. Zauderer scholarships, Joseph McCarthy and Richard Mach, Jr. Both scholarships are endowed through the generosity of Key Executive Leadership Programs Alumni and Friends of Key.

Joseph McCarthy is the 2011 recipient of the Donald G. Zauderer Scholarship. Joe is a member of Key MPA cohort 42. He is the Manager of the Area Navigation (RNAV)/Required Navigation Performance (RNP) Group with the FAA. Key Professor Carl Shapiro's recommendation stated, “Joe has displayed leadership and academic skills that give him the potential to become an extraordinary leader.” Richard March is the 2011 recipient of the Anita F. Alpern Scholarship. He was the 2010 recipient of the Donald G. Zauderer Scholarship. This is the first time a Key student has won each award. Richard is the Director of Environmental Compliance and Restoration Policy under the Assistant Secretary for the Navy on Environment. Prof. Gwendolyn Sykes recommendation stated, “Mr. Mach showed outstanding leadership and humility skills during our sessions.” Both students were honored at the Key Alumni Dinner before the prestigious Roger Jones Awards Ceremony in October.

**Key Alum Nominated for DC Superior Court Marshal**

Key congratulates Key 32 graduate Michael Hughes on his Presidential nomination to be the U.S. Marshal for the DC Superior Court. “I am pleased to nominate this outstanding public servant to serve as a U.S. Marshal,” said President Obama. “Throughout his career, Michael has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to justice. I am grateful for his continued willingness to serve and protect the American people.”

Hughes has spent his entire law enforcement career with the United States Marshals Service. He began his tenure in 1991, and has held various posts within the Marshals Service, including a stint with the Witness Security Division and an assignment to the protection detail of the Deputy Attorney General. From 2003 to 2004, Hughes was detailed by the U.S. Marshals Service to the Washington, DC office of Senator Frank Lautenberg. He currently serves as the Chief of the Office of Crisis Services within the U.S. Marshal Service’s Tactical Operations Division. Once his nomination is confirmed by the Senate, he will oversee over 150 Deputy Marshals and other staff working for the DC Superior Court.

The U.S. Marshals Service is responsible for the protection of the DC Superior Court judges and their families, transporting prisoners, executing warrants, performing evictions, and asset forfeitures. There are 94 Federal judicial districts across the country, with two in DC. Each district has a US Marshal charged with ensuring the effective and efficient running of the court.

Hughes graduated from Montclair State University in New Jersey in 1990 with a bachelor’s degree in Political Science and received a Master of Public Administration degree from American University’s Key Executive Program in 2007. According to Hughes, “Key was instrumental in my personal and professional development. It taught me to analyze situations in many different ways and from many different perspectives. The program made me aware of my leadership strengths and taught me how to build on them.”

Please join us in welcoming Don back!
Current Key Students Need Your Support!

With agencies under greater pressure from tightened budgets, funding for education is being scaled back or cut out of many agency budgets entirely; forcing many Key students to fund the program on their own. With your financial support, we can continue to ease the financial burdens of some Key students.

Since 2004, the Donald G. Zauderer Scholarship Endowment has helped to support students in the Key Executive Leadership MPA Program. Starting in 2010, the Anita F. Alpern Memorial Scholarship was established with the same mission. Each year these scholarships partially support two students enrolled in the Key Executive Leadership MPA Program. To qualify for the Scholarship, applicants must be Key MPA students who have completed at least one year in the program, are receiving limited or no financial support from their employer, and have a GPA of at least a 3.7.

For more information on how you can help, please contact the SPA Alumni Office at (202) 885-2661.