WENHAM, MA— For existing news outlets on the North Shore (and beyond) who might be experiencing reduced staff because of the current economic state, there is good news. January 2010 marks the launch of the Gordon College News Service (GCNS), a multimedia internship program that provides journalism students with the opportunity to gain professional experience as they cover a wide range of stories. Their stories then become available to any and all media outlets who partner with the GCNS, with a concentration on the North Shore of Boston.

The mission of the Gordon College News Service is “to provide relevant stories from the next generation of journalists.” GCNS Fellows produce news and feature articles which are distributed to a variety of news outlets and media partners.

“The news service is a win-win for our students and our media partners,” said GCNS Editor Jo Kadlecdek, senior communication writer and communication arts professor at Gordon College. “We’re looking forward to serving the community in this essential way. I'm convinced it'll be partnerships like ours with existing professional news outlets that'll sustain the quality of journalism in our communities.”

Established as a capstone internship program for journalism students, the Gordon College News Service Fellowship also offers an avenue for college-age voices to be heard. Every semester the highly selective GCNS Fellowship program will accept three to five students to become a Fellow. The Fellows are expected to produce a feature or news story each week related to current issues, local events and the opinions of the next generation. All pieces will first be distributed to the GCNS media partners, and then posted to the online site: newsservice.gordon.edu.

The service is a benefit for all. Media partners, affected by the current economic situation, are provided with additional, quality resources at no cost. Journalism students at Gordon College develop their skills and knowledge through the GCNS program and partnerships. Above all, the community is served through the additional perspectives of college age students as they cover local issues.

For more information about the Gordon College News Service, please contact Jo Kadlecdek at jo.kadlecdek@gordon.edu or 978.867.4752, or visit the GCNS website: www.gordon.edu/newsservice.

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