Two exciting challenges inspire Hampshire Fund giving before the end of the 2012 calendar year

**Alum Challenge**

An anonymous 1977 alum has pledged a generous $30,000 contribution to the Hampshire Fund if 1,000 alums make gifts of any amount by December 31. As of December 18, we have received 756 gifts, with 244 more to go before the end of the calendar year.

**Parent Challenge**

Don Crook P11 will contribute $10,000 if 225 parents respond to a challenge to increase parent giving by year end. New parents simply need to make a gift to have their contribution count; parents who gave last year must increase what they gave in the last academic year in order to count for the challenge.

**Graduate Gift Challenge**

An anonymous parent of a recent graduate has pledged a $100,000 challenge grant, which they will donate if 85% of the graduating class makes a gift. **Emily Caplan 09F** is chairing the committee, which had its first meeting on December 7.
Upcoming Events

January 17, 2013, Salt Lake City—All-Community event: Alums, prospective students, families, and friends are invited to join current Hampshire student Emma Opitz 10F and her parents, Dr. John Opitz and Dr. Susan Lewin, at their home for light refreshments and conversation.

January 23, 2013, Los Angeles—Alumni Reel: Please join us for the Southern California screening of the 2012 Alumni Reel at the Charles Aidikoff Screening Room. Afterward, Erica Huggins 83F will speak about the path that led her from Hampshire to a career as an editor and producer.

February 22, 2013, on campus—Ask an Alum Lunch: Join us for our bimonthly lunchtime series in Prescott Tavern, featuring a Q&A session with successful TV producer Jason Cilo 88F.

Hampshire Launches Alumni Cuba Trips

This January, Hampshire faculty members will lead two trips to Havana for alumni, parents, and friends. Both trips will have 20 participants, and each filled up within only a few days of being advertised. Drawing on the close contacts made during our unique 12-year-old Study Abroad Program in Havana, run in conjunction with the Union of Writers and Artists of Cuba (UNEAC), participants will meet with sociologists, musicians, visual artists, architects and planners, filmmakers, and dancers for discussions and performances. All those leading the tours, workshops, and discussions are members of UNEAC and have worked closely with Hampshire faculty and students since the founding of the program.

Trip 1: January 6—14, 2013, Contemporary Cuban Society, led by Hampshire professors Carollee Bengelsdorf and Margaret Cerullo.

Trip 2: January 12—20, 2013: Contemporary Cuban Visual Arts and Architecture, led by Professor Jacqueline Hayden and artist and publisher Steven Daiber.

For more information on these and other events, visit alumni.hampshire.edu.

Annual Hampshire College Scholarship Dinner

On November 9, 2012, the Red Barn was filled with music, laughter, and, above all, lively conversation among students, trustees, and financial-aid donors. The talented violinist Gabrielle Mogul 09F improvised a piece of music and two other impressive students, Michael Samuels 09F and Elora Pindell 09F, volunteered to stand up and share their stories. President Lash highlighted the Peter M. Ewald Memorial Scholarship, reading a brief statement about Peter, including a description of his connection with Hampshire, on behalf of the Ewald family. Michael Samuels 09F spoke of his own connections as a student at Hampshire College and a Peter M. Ewald Scholar. Within his first semester, Michael was a published professional writer working with the communications office. He pursued literature and writing, studying and traveling abroad, and he spoke about how this influenced his academic career at Hampshire, his identity, and his ideas about postgraduate work. Hampshire College exceeded his expectations every step of the way and he expressed his gratitude, passion, and optimism to all who gathered that night.

Professor Maddie Marquez, director of the Baldwin Scholars Program, and Baldwin Scholar Elora Pindell 09F.