MULTICULTURAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM 2013-2014

Who is in MSP? All first-year students will be sent a letter in June describing the program. While the program historically was designed for students of color, any student interested in being part of the multicultural network on campus is welcome to join. Students often remain active in MSP throughout their four years at Haverford.

Why MSP? Concerned that so few students of color were continuing in the natural sciences at Haverford, several faculty members created the Multicultural Scholars Program in 1980 to provide additional mentoring and research opportunities for students of color interested in science. The program has been very successful and was expanded in 1988 to include students majoring in the humanities and social sciences. In 2005, MSP-sponsored workshops were opened up to the campus at large. MSP is supported both through outside grants and college funds.

What does MSP offer?

- **Monthly workshops.** These dinner gatherings provide an opportunity for students to meet as a group and to learn strategies for negotiating “Haverworld.” They are planned and organized by upper class student coordinators. Past workshops have included “Time Management and Academic Etiquette”, “Summer and Career Opportunities”; “Choosing a Major.” They are led by students, faculty, and various staff members (Deans, CDO, etc.) A schedule of events will be distributed to UCAs and faculty advisors at the beginning of each semester.

- **Mentoring.** Students who attend the monthly workshops will meet upperclassmen, faculty, administrators and staff interested in mentoring and networking.

- **MAST.** This long-standing program provides laboratory experiences and writing tutorials for middle and high school students from Philadelphia on ten Saturdays during the spring semester. Guided by Kate Heston and other faculty, MSP students plan the curriculum, run the labs and tutorials, and mentor the middle and high school students. First year students in MSP can assist with labs or tutorials. Students will be recruited towards the end of first semester.

- **Summer Tuition Stipends.** MSP has available limited funds for students on financial aid wishing to take summer courses.

A web page describing the program, listing current events of interest, and providing important contact information and links to relevant sites is www.haverford.edu/msp

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The Multicultural Scholars Program also works closely with the following staff members and offices to coordinate academic and cultural programs:

- Theresa Tensuan, Dean of Multicultural Affairs (OMA)
- Kelly Wilcox, Director of the Office of Academic Resources (OAR)
- Michael Martinez, Dean for First Year Students