

# SCHOLAR *Stories*

CLEMSON UNIVERSITY NATIONAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM

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## Scholars learn from foreign policy experts



Foreign service veteran **Richard Miles** discusses the **Russia/Georgia conflict** with **Donovan Jones** and **Meredith Myers** during an NSP “lunch and learn” meeting. A former U.S. ambassador to Georgia as well as Azerbaijan and Bulgaria, Miles met with a group of Scholars on September 8 to discuss world affairs and U.S. foreign policy challenges. At a September 16 “lunch and learn,” **Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar Dr. Loch Johnson**, co-author of the 1978 Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, shared his experiences with national security and intelligence gathering.

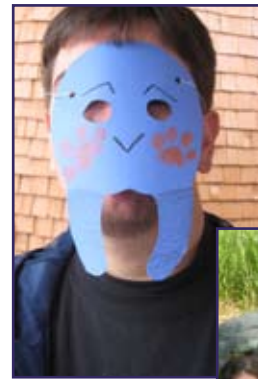
### DEBATE WATCHING PARTIES

Scholars watched the October 2 VP and October 7 and 15 presidential debates in the NSP office, following along with debate “bingo” cards.



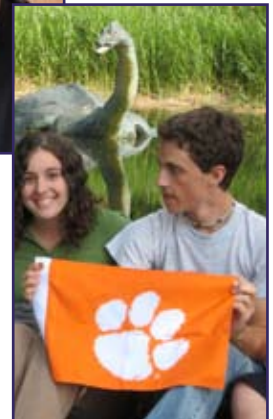
### Serious fun during summer 2008 study travel

Scholars travelled and studied in Alaska, Turkey and Scotland in the summer of 2008. [More photos on reverse.](#)



Senior **Michael Griswold** at the Alaska Native Heritage Center.

Sophomores **Jessica Dean** and **Ben Boone** at Loch Ness, Scotland.



Senior **Suzanne Sawicki** at the ruins of an ancient healing center in Pergamon, Turkey.

Graduates of  
May 2008

Where are  
they now?

**JILL ALLEN** | HARVARD Master's, Urban Planning  
**DAMON ANDREWS** | IOWA Law School  
**JUSTON BROWN** | CLEMSON Master's, Civil Engineering  
**JOHN DIXON** | HARVARD Ph.D., American Civilization  
**COLLEEN GLEESON** | TEXAS Ph.D., English

**NATHAN KWAN** | JOHNS HOPKINS Master's, Electrical Engineering & NORTHROP GRUMMAN Systems Engineer  
**STEPHEN LAREAU** | NORTH CAROLINA Law School  
**COLBY MISTOVICH** | CAPGEMINI Consultant  
**CHELSEA REIGHARD** | TEACH FOR AMERICA New York City  
**RYAN SPURRIER** | DUKE Master's, Divinity

# 11 new Scholars CHARGE! into Clemson

The 2008 cohort of National Scholars were welcomed to the family at the new Scholars CHARGE! (formerly "retreat"). Why CHARGE!? In addition to charging the group with their responsibilities and expectations as National Scholars, the two-day experience also energized the new students about Clemson and the NSP. The retreat was led by team leader Allison Foreman and team members Michael Griswold, Erica Morrison, Ben Boone, Susie Irizarry and Ray Smith. For a list of the new Scholars, visit the NSP web site at [http://www.clemson.edu/national\\_scholars](http://www.clemson.edu/national_scholars).



**ALASKA | Maymester Expedition** After a spring course taught by Biological Sciences professor Jerry Waldvogel covering the history, unique ecology and wildlife, and people of the Last Frontier, 11 National Scholars travelled through Alaska, exploring native cultures in Anchorage, focusing on marine life in the Gulf of Alaska, and spotting wildlife in Denali National Park.

**Right:** On a whale and puffin-spotting cruise of Resurrection Bay.  
**Right, below:** On a bear, moose and wolf-spotting tour of Denali National Park. **Below:** At the Alaska Native Heritage Center in Anchorage.



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**SCOTLAND | UK Study Abroad** Following study at the University of Sussex in England, Scholars toured Scotland, focusing on political, royal, scientific and economic history.



**Left:** At Holyrood Palace, the royal residence in Edinburgh. **Below:** An encounter with Braveheart on the Royal Mile in Edinburgh.



**TURKEY | Maymester Expedition** Political Science professor Zeynep Taydas led ten Scholars on a learning trip through Ankara, Istanbul, and Izmir, with a focus on the blending of East and West in politics, culture and religion.



**Above:** Viewing ancient mud baths in Pergamon.  
**Below:** At Hagia Sophia in Istanbul.

