

Goodwin NYC Bus Trip Fun For All

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Courtesy of the Alumni Relations Office

Last Saturday, a group of Goodwin College students, alumni, faculty, and staff boarded two buses destined for New York City. This was the second bus trip of this kind, and according to Goodwin College alum Scott Gendreau '05, "It was even better than the first. The Red Sox trip was great, too, but there is just so much to do in New York."

Many of the attendees also had the pleasure of viewing the "Christmas Spectacular" featuring the Rockettes at Radio City Music Hall, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

"My sons were amazed, they couldn't take their eyes off the stage, especially my seven year old — he was just mesmerized," said Director of Alumni Relations Guy LaBella. Not everyone attended the show though; some went just to enjoy a day in the city, like Criminal Justice major Sierra Mercado, who said, "Even though it was cold out, we made the best of it and had fun."

Events like this are an opportunity for members of the Goodwin College community to get together and have some fun outside of the classroom. A total of 84 people attended, "and thankfully, we came back with 84, too" joked LaBella.

For people who have graduated and are still looking for ways to stay in touch with their alma mater, like Scott Gendreau, this was a great way to reconnect.

"It's always good to keep in touch, and I'm grateful for opportunities like this that help," Gendreau said.

"The NYC bus trip was everything I'd hoped it would be and more...despite the rain," said Goodwin College alum and Trustee Merilee DeJohn '07. "The highlight had to be Guy LaBella's young son yelling from the balcony of Radio City Music Hall during the Christmas Spectacular, 'Hey Santa, are you a Red Sox or a Yankee fan?'"

DeJohn continued, "One purpose of our mission as a College is to form collaborative relationships that create educational, economic, and cultural benefits. This trip was the epitome of collaborative relationships, placing students, alumni, staff, and educators in one of the most culturally rich and diverse cities in the world."

In spite of the less than ideal weather, the event was a success and left everyone looking forward to more of the same in the future. Henriette Pranger, director of

Educational Assessment, said she thought the trip was “well organized and fun” and “would definitely go again next year.”

The planning for a spring bus trip to see a Red Sox game is already underway, and another New York trip is a possibility as well, LaBella said.

One last note — if anyone lost a black scarf on Guy’s bus (bus #1) or leopard print dog leash, please see Guy LaBella in Alumni Relations Office across from the student lounge. Finally, thanks to everyone who attended and made this such a wonderful and memorable experience, we hope to see everyone this spring for the trip to Boston. Also, a big thank you to Claudia Lange for all of her support and for providing the maps and coupons. Happy Holidays!



