



The Middlebury Initiative

On October 6, Middlebury officially launched the Middlebury Initiative, an ambitious effort to position the College as the first truly global liberal arts college for the 21st century. Over the course of five years, Middlebury will seek to implement more than 80 recommendations contained in the College's recently adopted strategic plan. At that time, says Middlebury College President Ronald D. Liebowitz, "we will see a College that is stronger academically and financially, more accessible to a wider range of exceptional students, and considerably more visible and influential in this country and abroad."

The Initiative has four key priorities:

- Ensuring Access and Opportunity
- Fostering Teaching and Mentoring
- Enhancing Programs and Infrastructure
- Increasing Institutional Flexibility

For more, please visit
<http://www.middleburyinitiative.org>

News to Note

Men's Soccer

The Middlebury men's soccer team won its first ever NCAA National Championship with a 1-0 (2OT) win over Trinity of Texas in the championship match at Disney's Wide World of Sports, in Lake Buena Vista, Florida. The game finished in a scoreless tie through two overtimes, but the Panthers won the shootout, 4-3. The national championship is the 28th for the College since '94, in eight different sports. The Panthers end the year with a school record 18 wins (18-2-2) and 17 shutouts. Coach David Seward was New England Coach of the Year.
<http://www.middlebury.edu/athletics/sports/mens/soccer/>

Men's Football

Middlebury won its first NESCAC Football Championship with a 21-19 win over Tufts in the season finale, on November 10th. The Panthers ended the season with a 7-1 mark, a game ahead of both the 6-2 Trinity Bantams and the Williams Ephs. Coach Ritter was Regional Coach of the Year. http://www.middlebury.edu/athletics/sports/mens/football/2007-2008/news/news_633303119459452787.htm

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News on Butch

The much-publicized Sports Illustrated column by Rick Reilly, “*Picking Up Butch*,” appeared again in SI this fall as part of a collection of Reilly’s best work. The most recent column ran in the issue dated October 1, 2007 but originally ran in the

March 10, 2003, issue. The best-of version includes an update with info on the current Butch Varno Initiative.

http://www.middlebury.edu/athletics/news/general/2007-2008/news_633257931637985519.htm



CSO OFFERINGS

UPDATES FROM JAYE ROSEBOROUGH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

- The **Immediate Jobs Page (IJP)** on the CSO home page. This is populated by listings from alumni, parents, and other employers interested in interviewing Middlebury alumni. Although, not extensive, there are often very good jobs listed here. The listings are kept on the IJP for one month. http://www.middlebury.edu/administration/cso/achieve/immediate_job_openings/
- **MiddNet Online.** Please sign on, no matter what you’re currently doing (with the exception of unemployment). Students like to inquire of alumni at all stages of their career and especially like to talk to young alumni about their experiences. Additionally, use this excellent networking resource for your own information gathering. <https://www.middleburyalumni.org/>
- CSO has incredible online resources, accessible through our Web page. Great information resources, job-hunting tools, etc. Please call **802-443-5100** or e-mail cso@middlebury.edu for further information or instruction in the use of these resources.
- We provide personal advice regarding career decision-making, job-hunting, and graduate study via telephone appointments. To schedule an appointment, call or e-mail the above.
- And last, we will be re-vamping the CSO Web page over the coming year. If you have suggestions about additions to the CSO Web pages for alumni, please e-mail us.

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ALUMNI PROFILES

ALLISON BECK '05

Before I got to Middlebury, I knew I wanted to work on bettering the environment. I love plants and trees, learning about ecology, and being outside in nature. At Middlebury, I was an environmental studies major, with a concentration in conservation biology; I loved my classes and labs but quickly realized that my passion wasn't doing research, either in the lab or in the forest. I did a couple of summer programs, learning the basics of landscape architecture and being a member of the grounds crew taking care of the Arnold Arboretum, and I found those excited me a little more, but there was still something missing...but what?

This past October, I joined the New York Restoration Project (NYRP), a nonprofit organization founded in 1995 by Bette Midler that carries out her dream of creating a cleaner, greener, more beautiful New York. NYRP restores, develops, and revitalizes underserved parks, community gardens, and other open spaces in New York City. We also invest in the communities we serve by providing ongoing maintenance and other programs because we believe that every individual has the right to a beautiful neighborhood and the responsibility for contributing to its care. To date, we have restored an illegal dump into Swindler Cove; a gorgeous new park on the Harlem River, complete with the first boathouse in the river in 100 years; transformed acres of parkland and other open spaces; revitalized 58 gardens; and renovated a charming 1930s stone structure in Fort Tryon Park, which is now home to our New Leaf Café, providing quality dining with an emphasis on local, seasonal foods, in a distinctive setting and at a reasonable price.

Most recently, we have partnered with Mayor Bloomberg and the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation on the MillionTreesNYC (www.milliontreesnyc.org) initiative, a unique and ambitious citywide planting campaign that seeks to plant, and care for, one million new trees over the next decade. Through a series of public and private plantings, this initiative will increase New York's urban forest by 20 percent, while improving the lives of all New Yorkers. We planted the very first tree—a Carolina Silverbell—at the corner of Teller Avenue and 165th Street, in the Morrisania section of the Bronx, on October 9th.

Community lies at the heart of the MillionTreesNYC initiative. We seek not only to plant trees, but to educate community members about tree stewardship and to increase public awareness about the economic and environmental benefits of trees. NYRP is working in neighborhoods identified as having high incidence of asthma and low tree canopy to assess



planting opportunities in schoolyards, public housing campuses, business districts, health care facilities, commercial and residential developments, front yards, and other private lands.

Once an area is identified, community members at every level are involved in both planting and stewardship. As a result, neighborhoods throughout the city will be transformed into green spaces, providing citizens and families with the increased economic and health benefits associated with trees.

It's not just the individuals living in these identified areas who benefit from the tree plantings. All New Yorkers will benefit from more beautiful neighborhoods and parks; cleaner air and water; higher property values; energy savings; cooler summer streets, yards, and open spaces; and a healthier, more environmentally sustainable city.

As the nation's largest urban tree-planting campaign, MillionTreesNYC will serve as a catalyst, and as an example, for other urban communities across the country, and throughout the world, for starting their own comprehensive, community-based planting and greening strategies. We urge every New Yorker to get involved in planting and caring for these trees—it's our responsibility to ensure that these living and growing legacies enhance our city and sustain our world, for generations to come.

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Top 10 Tree Facts

Did you know that NYC trees:

- Slow global warming
 - Improve the quality of our air and water
 - Reduce storm water runoff, flooding, and erosion
 - Remove pollutants from our air
 - Lower summer air temperatures
 - Reduce energy costs
 - Encourage active, healthy living
 - Decrease ozone and smog levels
 - Increase property values
 - Attract customers to business districts
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ALUMNI PROFILES

JOANNA OPOT '05



Joanna Opot is the executive director of StartingBloc NFP. StartingBloc provides socially conscious undergraduate students and young professionals with the education, career opportunities, and networks necessary to drive social, economic, and environmental change through their careers and lives as engaged citizens.

Here are some suggestions from Jo that have worked in her career: Since you want to find the perfect balance between doing good and earning a great salary, the larger your network, the more likely you are to get what you want. That said, be strategic. Having five contacts who know you well and are rooting for you is more important than 20 contacts who have only spoken to you for 10 minutes.

When you find someone doing what you want to, don't ask them, "I'm looking for a job, any advice?" Tell them you are inspired by their work/in awe of their ideals/blown away by their success, and you are curious how they got there. People are more helpful when they are simply talking about their lives. They will also like you more!

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<u>Sport</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>End of Season Notes</u>
Men's Soccer	18-2-2	NCAA Champions
Men's Football	7-1	NESCAC Champions
Cross Country		NCAA Championships–15th place
Women's Field Hockey	17-5	NCAA Semifinals
Women's Soccer	9-5-2	NESCAC semifinals
Women's Volleyball	15-14	NESCAC Quarterfinals
Women's Tennis	1-1 (team)	Team made it to the NEWITT Championship