(a) Careers in Healthcare Panel Discussion - November 14, 2001

Co-sponsored by the Biology Club and Career Development, a panel of Barnard graduates spoke about their work in the field of healthcare. Panelists included:

Regina Asaro ('88): Doctor/Asst. Professor at NY College of Osteopathic Medicine.  
Natalie Langston-Davis ('91): Chief Pediatric Resident, Saint Vincent's Hospital and Medical Center.  
Dana Lau ('94): Ph.D. in Molecular Cell Biology, does patent prosecution work for an intellectual property group at a law firm.  
Melissa Rockman ('75): Pharmaceutical Consultant, Purdue Pharmaceutical L.P.

(b) PLEN Women and Science/Technology Policy Seminar - January 2002

Two students, Christina Coiro ('03) and Miki Kim ('02) attended the "Discover Public Policy Issues in Science and Technology" seminar, sponsored by the Public Leadership Education Network (PLEN). Key issues were discussed with women leaders who are working in the fields of science and technology policy. Both students found that the experience exposed them to ways of working in the field of science with which they had been unfamiliar, and it allowed them the opportunity to participate in enriching, educational discussions with women leaders.

(c) Presentation by Alexandra Gould, Ph.D. Chemistry, Millennium Pharmaceuticals - 1/28/02

Dr. Gould gave a presentation on her background and work at a biopharmaceuticals company. The presentation was attended by 25 students, faculty, and administrators, and was followed by a dinner and discussion with a smaller group of students. Dr. Gould is part of a team of chemists that has developed potent inhibitors of ACE2, a novel carboxpeptidase. She is also a chemist in the Antifungal Program (in collaboration with Pfizer), assessing hits from high throughput screening, acquiring compounds, and presenting chemistry to group discussions. She discussed her work, which is related to treatment for diabetes, and mentioned how exciting her work is.

(d) Thinking of a Career in Health Care? - April 4, 2002

Dr. Polly Wheat, Director of Barnard Health Services, introduced two of the health practitioners who work in the Barnard Health Services Office. This event was co-sponsored with the Well Woman Office, Dean of Studies, Health Service and Career Development. The participants included:
Dr. Saralyn Mark, (BC ’83), Senior Medical Advisor on Women's Health for NASA and for the Dept. of Health and Human Services, and faculty member in Internal Medicine and Obstetrics and Gynecology at Yale University, gave a talk entitled, "From the Earth to Mars: Careers in Medicine Beyond the Stethoscope" to an audience of approximately 30 people, including undergraduate and graduate students and administrators. In her talk, Dr. Mark explored diverse careers in medicine, "translating research not only from the bench to the bedside but also to the halls of Congress." She discussed NASA's contributions to healthcare and the way these affect all of us, and she talked about the cutting edge trends in medicine.

After her talk Dr. Mark had dinner with a small group of students who are members of the Biology Club. All the students who attended the dinner were sent materials to read in preparation for her visit. These included two articles by Dr. Mark: "Biology of Sex and Gender Based Differences," and "From the Birth of Stars to Breast Health: NASA's Contribution to Women's Health," as well as a description of the Office on Women's Health of the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services.