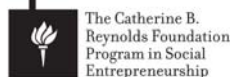


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NYU Reynolds Alumnus to Speak at NYU Commencement 2009

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Katherine Otto, a 2006 NYU Reynolds Program in Social Entrepreneurship Scholar (http://www.nyu.edu/reynolds/undergrad/06_html/otto.html), has been selected by New York University to deliver the Commencement speech for the Class of 2009 at the ceremonies to be held at Yankee Stadium on Wednesday, May 13, 2009.

Otto is graduating from NYU's Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, completing the requirements toward her MPA in Health Policy and Management with a flawless grade point average. At the same time, she has been working with Keep A Child Alive, an organization in Brooklyn, N.Y., that supports the care and treatment of children worldwide afflicted with HIV/AIDS.

Born at the peak of the AIDS crisis, Otto, 22, who's from Rhode Island, worked during high school at a hospice for people with the disease. She attended NYU's College of Arts and Sciences, worked on public health education programs in West Africa, and enrolled in Wagner classes during her senior year. This year she completed the requirements for an MPA in Health Policy and Management.

Otto has led the creation of a network of 315 campus chapters for Keep A Child Alive, where she started out as an intern. She is now looking to expand into middle and high schools, houses of worship, athletic teams, and more.

Meanwhile, she has been awarded a Luce Scholarship, and will spend the next academic year in Indonesia working with an HIV/AIDS organization. "Communities," she said, noting the global economic downturn, "are the most important thing we all can be building right now."

In May 2008, 2006 Reynolds Fellow Mel Ochoa (http://www.nyu.edu/reynolds/grad/06_html/ochoa.html) and 2006 Reynolds Scholar Robert Sukrachand (http://www.nyu.edu/reynolds/undergrad/06_html/sukrachand.html) were chosen as NYU Commencement speakers as well.