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History of the College of the Pacific (1851)

When Pacific became California's first chartered institution of higher education in 1851, it called itself a "university"—the University of the Pacific—a name it kept until 1911. In that year to recognize its commitment to the liberal arts at the undergraduate level, the institution adopted the name "College of the Pacific." The College of the Pacific moved from San Jose to Stockton in 1924, nurtured its academic excellence and extended its focus to include graduate and professional education. In recognition of this expanded mission, the institution's name returned to "The University of the Pacific" in 1961, replacing the name of the "College of the Pacific." In 1962, the "College" returned to recognize the central role of the natural sciences, humanities, fine arts, and social and behavioral sciences in the liberal arts education at Pacific.

The decade of the sixties was a period of rising academic quality and educational innovation for the University. Amidst the establishment of the cluster colleges, the College began its own renewal with the support of the Danforth Foundation. The calendar was modified from the standard two semesters to two semesters separated by a one month winter term in January. The course system was adopted. Students took four four-unit courses each semester instead of six or seven courses with fewer units. The College adopted a new general education program, the Information and Imagination Program (the I. and I. Program) which was structured as groups of thematically linked cross-disciplinary courses. To assist faculty in the task of developing so many new courses an "internal sabbatical" was introduced, one semester of release time from teaching every four years.

In the late seventies and early eighties, the I. and I. Program was replaced by a new general education program based on distribution requirements. The closing of the cluster colleges led to the reassignment of many cluster college faculty to departments in the College. This process was accompanied by much faculty debate about the integration of cluster faculty into College departments with traditional major programs.

In the late eighties, under the guidance of a new Dean, Robert Benedetti, design of the current general education, the Mentor Program, began. In 1990, the University Faculty adopted the Mentor Program as a University-wide general education program. Today the College faculty provide the leadership and direction for general education for the whole University.

History of the Conservatory of Music (1878)

As early as 1856, formal music courses were offered at the “Female Collegiate Institute,” which was the women’s division of the University at the time. In 1878, the newly designed School of Music opened with 32 students in four program categories: elementary classes for beginners, an amateur class for “those who devote chief attention to other branches of instruction in the University,” a preparatory class, and an artists’ class. Admission to the preparatory class was for students as young as 12, and expenses for “music with instrument” was \$25 per semester, while tuition for voice instruction was \$15 for a 20-week semester. The catalog of 1882-3 is the first to specify admission requirements and lists four faculty members, including Mr. Frank Loui King, who was referred to as “Director” until 1887 when the title “Dean” was applied. The first bachelor’s degrees were awarded in the mid 1880s. The Conservatory moved with the University from San Jose in 1924. From 1900 to 1928, the Conservatory offered programs in music, art, and drama. As art and drama became larger, they were removed from the Conservatory and made independent departments in the College of the Pacific. The Conservatory of Music has built an international reputation for its high quality programs in voice and instrumental music as well as music education and music therapy.

In 1999, the Brubeck Institute for Jazz Studies was established within the Conservatory, to house the collected works and papers of jazz legend, David Brubeck, '42, and to celebrate Brubeck's life with music.

History of the Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry (1896)

The dental school's story began with the founding of the College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1896, which initially included programs in dentistry, medicine and pharmacy. Starting in 1918, the College refocused its programs exclusively on dentistry. In 1962, the College of Physicians and Surgeons merged with the University of the Pacific, changing its name to University of the Pacific School of Dentistry. In 1967, the school moved from its Mission District location to a new campus in Pacific Heights, which went through an extensive remodeling in 1985, with the updating of specialty clinics, a pre-clinical simulation laboratory, and many other capital improvements. In 2014, the school moved to a state-of-the-art downtown campus in the city's South of Market neighborhood, featuring new academic and clinical facilities to support students, residents, faculty and staff.

The Dugoni School is committed to providing a world-class dental education for its students and comprehensive, affordable patient care for adults and children in a comfortable and inclusive environment. The school is highly regarded for its humanistic model of education that respects the dignity of each individual and fosters limitless potential for growth. An accelerated year-round Doctor of Dental Surgery program allows students to complete four academic years of instruction in three calendar years. The school promotes innovation in its dental curriculum, resulting in comprehensive patient care and a competency-based education.

The division of International Dental Studies provides a program for foreign dental graduates to earn a U.S. dental degree. The IDS program, initiated in 1987, has allowed its graduates to continue their education in the dental specialties or return to practice their profession in their homelands. An extramural clinic is located in Union City and serves as the home of the Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) program, begun in 1990. Other specialty programs include advanced education in endodontology and orthodontics. In addition, the clinical portion of Pacific's Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene program takes place at the Dugoni School.

In 2004, the school was renamed the Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry in recognition of Dean Dugoni's outstanding leadership and vision. It became the first and only dental school in the United States or Canada to be named after its incumbent dean.

History of the McGeorge School of Law (1924)

The McGeorge School of Law was founded in 1924 as a one-room night school in downtown Sacramento. Under the leadership of Dean Gordon Schaber, McGeorge moved to the Oak Park neighborhood in 1957. In 1966, McGeorge merged with the University of the Pacific. It earned American Bar Association accreditation two years later, which led to an explosive growth in enrollment. McGeorge offered its first Day Division classes in 1968, and its unique 22-acre campus devoted exclusively to legal education was built over the next two decades. In recent years, the school has developed a number of specialized programs to serve students who wish to prepare for particular areas of legal work, including state governmental affairs, international law, intellectual property, and criminal law. Associate Justice Anthony M. Kennedy taught Constitutional Law at McGeorge for more than 20 years before his appointment to the United States Supreme Court, and in recent years he has taught a course in Fundamental Rights in Europe and the United States to students attending McGeorge's summer institute in Salzburg, Austria.

History of the Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy (1955)

Discussions in 1951 to create a school of pharmacy at Pacific created an interest among community pharmacists, business leaders, and University officials to seek official founding of the school in 1955. Dr. Ivan W. Roland was hired in August of 1955 to serve as Dean, and Emmons E. Roscoe accepted the first faculty position that same year. By the fall of 1956, the first classroom and laboratory for the new school began operating in Weber Hall, rooms 102 and 104. The first graduation for 16 seniors was held in June 1959. By 1960, the School had reached an enrollment of 250 students and was rapidly outgrowing the facilities. Grants and gifts from the Pfeiffer Research Foundation, the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, and numerous individuals led to the construction of a new building, completed in 1969. The Department of Physical Therapy was established in the spring of 1985, and a full complement of 30 students was enrolled in the program by the fall of 1986. Full accreditation was granted by the American Physical Therapy Association in 1988. With the addition of the Department of Speech and Language Pathology, the School of Pharmacy was renamed the School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in 1999. In 2001 the School was formally renamed the Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences following an endowment gift of \$13 million dollars from Mr. Thomas Long, a long-time supporter and benefactor of the School. Administrative oversight of the Physical Therapy, Speech Language Pathology, Audiology and Athletic Training programs were transitioned to the School of Health Sciences, upon its founding in 2019. The following year, the Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences was renamed the Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy.

History of the School of Engineering and Computer Science (1957)

Instruction in engineering began in 1924 as one of the new areas of concentration within the College of the Pacific when it moved to Stockton from San Jose. The engineering program separated from the College of the Pacific in 1957 and placed under the direction of its own dean to become the School of Engineering. Initially, Bachelor of Science degrees were offered in civil, electrical, and engineering management, with the civil and electrical engineering programs accredited by the Engineering Council of Professional Development. Since the fall of 1971 all engineering programs have been accredited by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET). Also in 1971, the School of Engineering adopted a mandatory, off-campus cooperative education component for all U.S. students. A computer engineering program was introduced in 1978 and received ABET accreditation in 1982. Programs in engineering physics and mechanical engineering were added in 1981 and 1982, respectively, and both gained ABET accreditation in 1985. In 2002 the school was renamed the School of Engineering and Computer Science with the merger of the Department of Computer Science from the College of the Pacific. The B.S. in Bioengineering was inaugurated in 2002. In 2003 the Engineering Management program earned ABET accreditation, and the Bioengineering program earned ABET accreditation in 2012. The School of Engineering and Computer Science initiated a M.S. in Engineering Science in 2009 and a M.S. in Data Science in 2015 (the latter was formerly known as M.S. in Analytics). In 2017 a M.S. in Cybersecurity was started, and subsequently relaunched in 2023 as a fully on-line offering.

History of University Libraries and the Library Faculty (1957)

Early literary societies provided the nucleus for Pacific's first library in the 1850s. A library was established at the new College Park campus in 1871. The library moved to Stockton with the campus in 1924 and was in Weber Hall. In 1938, a former powerhouse was converted to be the new library and in 1947 the Special Collections was established. In 1955 the first building built devoted to the library was completed. In 1966, 1986, and 2005 there were additions to the library and a library branch created in the School of Pharmacy in 1969. In 2020, the library completed renovations to increase student-centered learning experiences. In 2022, the library became part of the William Knox Holt Memorial Library and Learning Center.

Pacific hired its first full-time librarian in 1911. In 1957, librarians were assigned faculty status. Beginning in 2010 new faculty librarians were hired only in non-tenure track positions. In 2019, faculty librarians were shifted to 9-month appointments. All non-tenure track faculty were transitioned to year-round staff librarians in 2023-2024

History of the Eberhardt School of Business (1977)

Business courses have been offered at Pacific for most of its history. In 1971, Sid Turoff was brought in as Department Chair to reformulate and ready the business program in the College of the Pacific for separate school status. In 1977, the School of Business and Public Administration was formed and moved into Weber Hall in 1982. In 1984, shortly after the new School became eligible, it was fully accredited by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business. A community-service aspect of the School was the establishment of a Center for Management Development in 1989, which was officially renamed in 1991 to honor Edward W. Westgate, a former member of the Board of Regents. The MBA graduate program was added in 1993. In 1995 the School established a Center for Entrepreneurship with more than \$2.6 million in grants from the Fletcher Jones Foundation, General Mills Foundation, Coca-Cola Foundation, the Greenlaw Grupe family and a major anonymous donor. In 1995, the School was named the Eberhardt School of Business in recognition of the support given to both the School and the University by the Eberhardt family and the Bank of Stockton. In 1999, the School was reaccredited by the AACSB earning high commendation for its student-centered mission and culture and for the exceptionally high evaluations given ESB's faculty by its students.

History of Benerd College (2019)

In July of 2019 Benerd College was established by joining together two existing colleges (Gladys L. Benerd School of Education and University College), each with a deep, rich history.

Benerd College (BC) offers the full spectrum of educational opportunities for traditional and non-tradition students, and through its continuing education and professional development, it extends that opportunity out into the community. Through its academic departments, the College offers Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Master of Arts, Educational Specialist, and Doctor of Education degrees; as well as California credential programs in Multiple Subject, Single Subject, Special Education, Administrative Services, and Pupil Personnel Services in School Psychology. Its non-academic unit is home to Pacific's international efforts. Additionally, Benerd serves as home to the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI).

Created in 1920 as a separate academic unit, the Department of Education became the foundation for a new School of Education, which was formally organized in 1923 and recognized by the California State Department of Education in January 1924. This was shortly after Pacific moved to Stockton. Those who planned to teach made up a large proportion of the student body during the university's first 50 years. The School of Education began a Doctorate of Education program in the mid 1950s, and it was among the first institutions in California to prepare educational administrators, school psychologists and special education teachers. In 1992, the School of Education was renamed the Gladys L. Benerd School of Education (BSE) in recognition of a generous endowment gift from Ms. Gladys L. Benerd of \$6.5 million. Ms. Benerd, a graduate of the School of Education, was a long-time teacher in local schools. BSE has continuously maintained its accreditation with state and national agencies. Its programs for P-12 educators are fully accredited by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing, and its school psychology program is approved by the National Association for School Psychologists (NASP). Pacific was the first institution of higher education in California to be accredited by National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) through the doctoral level.

Established in 1972 to provide academic and support services to adult students starting or returning to college, University College provided the avenue for students to pursue bachelor's degrees in disciplines across the university, alongside traditional students in mostly daytime classes. In 1999, University College developed a cohort-based, evening-only format for working adults in the form of a Bachelors' of Science degree-completion program. In addition to meeting the needs of adult students returning to earn their bachelor's degrees, University College also offered a wide variety of other professional and continuing education opportunities for workers seeking to update their skills, gain credentials, or expand their intellectual horizons. Through the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, community members looking to continue learning through and beyond their work years, have a full schedule of stimulating courses and events that have earned Pacific designation as a member of the Age-Friendly University network.

History of the School of Health Sciences (2020)

Provost Pallavicini's vision and strategic planning, and the dedication of several institutional leaders and faculty guided Pacific to expand its healthcare education, create a framework for training students in an interprofessional environment and provide the much needed healthcare professionals for the community. On July 1, 2020 the School of Health Sciences was officially established under the leadership of founding Dean Nicoleta Bugnariu. In an organizational change, five existing programs transitioned to the School of Health Sciences: the Physician Assistant program transitioned from the Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry, and the Physical Therapy, Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology, and Athletic Training programs transitioned from the Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. These five established programs joined new programs that launched in the 2020-2021 academic year in Social Work, Clinical Nutrition, and Occupational Therapy. In 2022, the Entry Level Master of Science in Nursing program was inaugurated. The most recent additions to the School occurred in January 2023 with the establishment of the on-line Doctor of Health Science and Doctor of Medical Science programs.