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Preparing Graduates for SUCCESS

OPERA ALUMNA HITS THE HIGHEST NOTE | THE LEGACY OF CAROLINE COX LIVES ON
Preparing graduates for success

See how their Pacific experience has prepared these four recent graduates for a lifetime of achievement and leadership.

Stories by Jennifer Langham and Katie E. Ismael
Hitting the highest note

Opera alumna Yelena Dyachek ’13 wins the prestigious Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions.

By Emily Olson ’15

Caroline Cox—Her history lives on

A beloved professor's fourth and final book is published posthumously through the help of family, friends and colleagues.

By Katie E. Ismael

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I love Commencement. What a thrill to share this important moment with each of our graduates and their families! It represents a culmination and a new beginning, the start of a new chapter in each of their lives. They will be new dentists, lawyers, pharmacists, biologists, chemists, historians, writers, physical therapists, speech pathologists, teachers, athletic trainers, business professionals, musicians and so much more. I had the privilege of congratulating some 2,000-plus new graduates at our 2016 Commencement celebrations in Stockton and Sacramento in May and in San Francisco in June. It is so gratifying to see how much our new graduates have experienced and all that they have accomplished during this formative time at Pacific. The tentative freshmen of a few short years ago stand before us with confidence and poise looking with anticipation to the future. And they have gained training and experience that have set them on a path to an extraordinary career and a fulfilling life.

It’s a reminder why we, as Pacific faculty and staff, do what we do. It’s about our students’ success. It’s about all of them finding their passion, discovering their potential, exploring their creativity—and, most importantly, becoming prepared to be leaders in their chosen fields and in their communities. This is obvious to me every day, on each of our campuses. And you’ll see it, too, as you read about some of our stellar new graduates and young alumni in this issue of the Pacific Review. It’s very personal to us. And graduation does not mark the end of our relationship. Now as alumni, part of an ever-growing Pacific family, these graduates join a worldwide network of Pacificans, some of whom they have met and networked with during their student experience. They are Tigers for Life and will always have a home at Pacific.

Visit my website at Pacific.edu/President or find me on Facebook. I welcome your ideas at president@pacific.edu.

Editor’s note: Yes, it really happened! On Sept. 27, 1941, a young army cadet got lost on a training flight returning from Fresno to Sacramento and ran out of gas. After several failed attempts, he finally made an emergency landing 200 feet from Baxter Stadium, while more than 3,000 football fans and nearby residents watched in panicked amazement.
On Soldiers to Students

Thank you for the article entitled “From Soldiers to Students.” Great cause and well written. Your editorial staff should consider writing an article entitled “From Students to Soldiers.” Many of us who graduated in the ’50s and ’60s had a war facing us upon graduation. A few of my college friends at Pacific died and are named on the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C. Many became officers in all branches of the services as still to this day carry the physical and emotional scars of war.

—John E. Thomas ’65, Captain, USMC, retired

Correction:

In the obituary for Walter Baun ’53 in our spring issue, we mistakenly listed Richard Baun ’86 as the son of Walter Baun. Richard Baun ’86 is the son of Walter’s brother, the late James Frederick Baun ’54. Michael Baun ’89 and Suzy (Baun) Graves are the children of Walter Baun. Thanks to Barry Delavan ’81, son of Walter’s sister, Janet (Baun) Delavan ’55, for catching the error.

Welcome new regents

University of the Pacific has welcomed two new members to its Board of Regents. They will serve on Pacific’s governing board for a three-year term that began in July.

Connie (Xanttopulos) Rishwain ’79 catapulted the UGG shearling boot into a global brand with more than $1.5 billion in revenue during her tenure as president of UGG Australia. She was recently honored with the 2016 Distinguished Alumni Award for professional service.

Arthur Scotland ’74, a graduate of the McGeorge School of Law, is a prominent attorney and former presiding justice for the California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District. During his distinguished career, he has been a law enforcement officer, prosecutor, appellate attorney, policy adviser to a governor, trial judge and appellate justice.
Exit Poll
Pacific shines in U.S. Senate Debate

Pacific played a pivotal role in this spring’s political season when it hosted the first debate among candidates vying to succeed long-time incumbent Sen. Barbara Boxer.

And as five leading candidates for the state’s first open Senate seat in nearly 25 years took the stage in the DeRosa University Center, Pacific was primed for the national spotlight.

The April debate was covered on the front page of every major daily newspaper in California and carried on TV stations in major markets from the Bay Area to Los Angeles and San Diego. Debate-related media coverage reached more than 44 million people.

More than 750,000 households saw Pacific’s beautiful campuses during a 30-second promotional spot that aired several times before and during the debate on KCRA Channel 3, one of the debate sponsors, and on partner stations throughout the state.

Students, faculty and community members got in the political spirit with watch parties, mock debates, panel discussions and voter registration drives.

#CASen Debate was the No. 1 trending hashtag in Sacramento and San Francisco; the No. 4 trending hashtag in Los Angeles; and the No. 38 trending hashtag nationally during the April 25 debate.
A Forum for DIVERSITY

Pacific hosted some of the country’s most influential leaders for social justice this spring, showing a commitment to diversity and inclusion that’s at the heart of the university’s mission.

In a series of lectures and discussions, four acclaimed speakers challenged the Pacific community to think deeply and critically about what cultural inclusion means.

**Nate Parker | Feb. 29**
Pacific was proud to host Nate Parker as the keynote speaker for Black History Month. Parker is the director, writer, star and producer of Birth of a Nation, winner of the 2016 Sundance Film Festival’s top audience and jury prizes. The film is based on the life of Nat Turner and depicts the true story of a Virginia slave rebellion. Parker is also an actor whose credits include The Great Debaters, Pride, Red Tails and Beyond the Lights.

**Eboo Patel | March 3**
As an advocate for religious inclusion, Eboo Patel encourages students, faculty and university administrators to view faith-based differences as a bridge, not a barrier. Patel is the author of several books, founder and president of Interfaith Youth Core and a member of President Barack Obama’s inaugural Advisory Council on Faith-based Neighborhood Partnerships. Patel was named one of America’s Best Leaders by U.S. News & World Report.

**Maria Hinojosa | March 8**
Award-winning investigative journalist Maria Hinojosa spoke on “Latinos and Immigration from a Woman’s Perspective” – a fitting talk for International Women’s Day. Hinojosa is anchor and executive producer of the NPR show “Latino USA” and founder of the Futuro Media Group, a nonprofit dedicated to voicing stories about the often overlooked civic injustices of American minorities.

**Noor Tagouri | April 4**
In her lecture “Living Your Passion,” Noor Tagouri described her determination to become the first hijabi anchorwoman in the United States, which has led her to CBS radio and CTV News in Washington, D.C. It’s also made her a world-traveling motivational speaker and activistic. The 22-year-old social media guru recently used her platform to launch a clothing line, with all proceeds dedicated to fighting human trafficking.

“By bringing these important speakers to campus and through other learning opportunities in the classroom and beyond, we are supporting the principles of diversity and inclusion. These are critical elements to creating a rich and welcoming environment that will prepare our graduates for success in an increasingly intercultural world.”

— Christopher Goff, assistant provost for diversity

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**McGeorge celebrates diversity | February**

In Sacramento, the McGeorge School of Law celebrated and discussed the importance of diversity during a weeklong series of events.

McGeorge alumnus Brian Tippens ’00, the chief diversity officer for Hewlett-Packard Enterprises, was the keynote speaker for the final event of the week and inspired guests to continue creating a campus of inclusion. McGeorge welcomed the most diverse incoming class in its history in fall 2015, with 49 percent of the class representing ethnic/racial diversity, up from 45 percent in 2014.

Guests had another reason to celebrate: fundraising efforts helped establish four new scholarships to support students with financial need and a proven record of service to underrepresented communities.
Microgreens that can go from seeds to sprouts to your plate in just five days?

It’s possible, thanks to a new invention by Pacific’s Powell Scholars.

Called the Verdevis growing system, it is being used at food banks to help the hungry, and as a teaching tool for school children in the region.

An idea sprang to life in 2014 among the Powell Scholars to create an intensive growing system that would provide fresh food year-round and that was environmentally sustainable, water-efficient, portable, durable, scalable, cost-effective, productive and intuitive to use.

They spent a year and a half developing the system that can grow a nutritious crop of kale, radish, red amaranth or mustard seedlings in as little as five days. Verdevis is now supplying food for The Resource Connection Food Bank in San Andreas and is being used to help educate students at Toyon Middle School in Calaveras County.

“With hope, the process we used to conceive of the system, build it and distribute it will inspire others to craft innovative solutions to the many problems faced in the world,” said business major John Livingstone ’18.

The Powell Scholars, comprising top students from majors across Pacific, wrote Cultivating Solutions about the Verdevis system. The book discusses sustainability, renewable resources, the biology behind plant growth, and other scientific aspects of the system. It is available on Amazon.com and in a PDF version on the Verdevis website.

The Powell Scholars have also made the Verdevis system plans and microgreens growing instructions free and available to the public at Verdevis.org.

Way to grow! Watch microgreens come to life in time-lapse videos at go.Pacific.edu/Verdevis
Beware of the buzz: study finds energy drinks trigger abnormal heart rhythm, rise in blood pressure

A clinical trial led by researchers from Pacific and the David Grant Medical Center at the Travis Air Force Base adds to the evidence that energy drinks may be bad for your heart. Results of the study were presented in March at a meeting of the American Heart Association in Phoenix, Arizona.

“Our findings suggest certain energy drinks may increase the risk of having an abnormal heart rhythm when consumed in high volumes,” said primary investigator Sachin A. Shah, an associate professor of pharmacy practice at the Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. “While we wait for more data, some consumers should exercise caution and not blindly follow the buzz.”

Phillip Oppenheimer, dean and professor of pharmacy practice at Pacific, said the findings are of special concern among young adults. “Energy drinks are widely consumed within the college population, which further extends the relevance of this study,” Oppenheimer said.

The study enrolled 27 healthy volunteers between the ages of 18 and 40. Subjects drank either two cans of an energy drink, an equivalent volume of a drink containing panax ginseng (an ingredient in the energy drink), or a placebo beverage once a day, every six days, for three weeks. Neither the volunteers nor the researchers knew who was getting which drink until the end of the three weeks.

The researchers measured subjects’ heart rhythm and blood pressure before the drinks were consumed and four times during the six hours immediately afterward.

The research was funded by a University of the Pacific Eberhardt Research Grant.

Pharmacy professor inducted into biomedical engineering elite

Xiaoling Li, professor of pharmaceutics and associate dean of the Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, was inducted into the College of Fellows of the American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering (AIMBE) in April.

The prestigious honor is reserved for the top 2 percent of medical and biological engineers in the country. Li was nominated, reviewed and elected by his peers for his outstanding contributions to novel drug delivery systems and contemporary pedagogy in pharmaceutical sciences.

Li joined the Pacific pharmacy faculty in 1993. In 2015 he received the AAPS Outstanding Educator Award, given to individuals who have made extensive contributions to the teaching of pharmaceutical sciences.

He has published more than 90 peer-reviewed papers, book chapters and review articles and more than 150 abstracts, and has been invited to present at more than two dozen national and international conferences.
Technologies that make it harder for people to abuse opioids—like doctoring pills so that they produce unpleasant side effects if broken, crushed or injected—likely will have limited effectiveness in stemming the global epidemic of opioid abuse, according to Adam Kaye ’95, a pharmacy professor at Pacific.

Writing in the May issue of the journal Current Pain and Headache Reports, Kaye and his co-authors argue that such technologies are no substitute for education.

“Education is the foremost strategy,” Kaye said. “We must educate primary care providers, surgeons, pharmacists and other health professionals, as well as patients. That education must take place prior to the starting point of opioid therapy—and it needs to be independent of the pharmaceutical industry.”

Kaye and his co-authors discuss three types of drug formulations that have been developed to deter opioid abuse in their paper.

No argument: Pacific is one of the best

Pacific’s nationally ranked speech and debate team continues to be a formidable force in the forensics community, finishing seventh out of more than 180 universities and colleges in the nation in the final season rankings of the National Parliamentary Debate Association. Beyond the rankings and trophies, forensics training helps students build confidence and poise; develop research and critical thinking skills; and communicate with understanding, clarity and power. This year’s success builds on Pacific’s decades-long forensic legacy among the top teams in the country.
Supporting community involvement

Stockton business leader John Chase is continuing his support for Pacific’s Community Involvement Program (CIP). A new gift by the owner of Stockton’s Chase Chevrolet will allow the program to boost outreach efforts in the community by creating a mentorship program targeting seventh- and eighth-grade students in Stockton elementary schools. The mentorship program began in January and paired 30 elementary students with eight Pacific mentors. Chase, the third-generation owner of Chase Chevrolet, recently established a new scholarship in memory of his father, William K. Chase ’48. It will be awarded each year in perpetuity to two CIP students who exhibit a strong work ethic and noteworthy achievements despite socioeconomic challenges.

Pacific’s CIP is a comprehensive, need-based scholarship program for first-generation college students from the Stockton area who have demonstrated the potential for sustainable leadership, community awareness and involvement. Established in 1969, the program seeks to provide educational opportunities to the local community and diversify the campus. More than 1,000 students have graduated from the program since its inception.

Just like the roots of the mighty oaks surrounding the Stockton Campus, John Muir’s ties to Pacific run deep.

The campus is home to the famed environmentalist’s papers—a treasure trove of journals, sketchbooks and letters—and to the John Muir Center, a resource for scholarship and collaboration between students, scholars and the community.

In March, Pacific students in a John Muir class were able to explore the roots of the founder of the National Park Service during an excursion to his home and final resting place in Martinez, California. The class—believed to be the only course in the country devoted to Muir’s life—attracts students from majors across the university, including history, geology, environmental studies, English and business.

To learn more about John Muir and his connection to Pacific, browse the John Muir papers in the Holt-Atherton Special Collections on the Stockton Campus or visit go.pacific.edu/JohnMuir

On April 21, the university community celebrated John Muir’s birthday and his legacy with Scotch Dundee cake and selfies (above). The celebration occurred, fittingly, on Earth Day and was part of Pacific’s Sustainability Month celebration.

John Chase (center) with the inaugural students of the William K. Chase Memorial Endowed Scholarship. A new gift from him will support a program run by Pacific’s Community Involvement Program.
Where in the world are ESB students?

In March, it was Wall Street.

In May, they were in France.

Eberhardt School of Business students had a whirlwind spring as they crossed the country or Atlantic Ocean to take part in on-the-ground learning experiences.

Members of the Eberhardt School’s Student Investment Fund—a student-run fund that has consistently produced industry-trumping returns—took on Wall Street in person in March. The students were part of the Wall Street Fellows Program, which introduces them to business alumni and other connections and helps prepare them for a career in the world’s financial capital. The program will soon be expanded thanks to support from Pacific Regent Evan Dreyfuss ’86.

In May, MBA students in the Global Business Competition course explored businesses and customs in France, with visits to Normandy, Burgundy and Paris, as they learned to analyze business problems and solutions from a global perspective.

Kudos

Douglass Eberhardt ’59
2016 Community Banker of the Year

The Eberhardt School had cause to celebrate this spring when one of its namesakes, Douglass Eberhardt ’59, was chosen as the 2016 Community Banker of the Year by the Western Independent Bankers, an organization of community-oriented banks and savings and loans in the Western states.

Eberhardt, the president and CEO of the Bank of Stockton and a community leader, served on Pacific’s Board of Regents for a combined 13 years. He provided the start-up funds for the school’s highly successful Student Investment Fund, which will celebrate its 10th anniversary next year.
The program, slated to begin in January 2017, is aimed at helping to meet the nation’s urgent need for primary health care providers. So far it has received more than 2,000 applications for 45 seats.

“This reflects both the tremendous demand for physician assistants nationwide and University of the Pacific’s strong reputation for educating health professionals,” said founding director Mark Christiansen, a practicing physician assistant for more than 35 years. “We will be able to select a highly qualified inaugural class of students who have a passion for helping others.”

A daylong open house in May at Pacific’s Sacramento Campus brought together community partners, physician assistants, physicians and hospital representatives from the area.

The campus, at 3200 5th Avenue in Sacramento, is expanding into a multidisciplinary center that will educate the professionals California needs in the decades ahead. New programs focus on law, business and education, in addition to health.

“The opening of UOP’s Physician Assistant Program further establishes the Sacramento region as a national leader in the health care sector,” said Bill Mueller, CEO of Valley Vision, a regional leadership organization serving the greater Sacramento area.

The new PA program will become one of just five graduate programs for physician assistant studies in Northern California.

Find out more about this and other new programs at Pacific’s Sacramento Campus at Pacific.edu/Sacramento.
The inaugural George and Rosemary Tchobanoglous Water Lecture brought together experts in the scientific, government and legal fields to look at the practice of using oil field wastewater to irrigate food crops.

The event drew hundreds to Pacific’s Sacramento Campus in May for a discussion about this complex and timely issue. The panel addressed questions such as how to regulate recycled water supplies for use in irrigation and how oil field wastewater should be treated prior to use.

The lecture series was endowed through a gift by George and Rosemary Tchobanoglous, both graduates of the Class of 1957, to spark an informed dialogue about the critical topic of water. It is a jointly coordinated effort by faculty from the School of Engineering and Computer Science based on the Stockton Campus and the McGeorge School of Law on the Sacramento Campus.

Pacific’s location in the San Joaquin-Sacramento Delta region gives the university a unique opportunity to leverage the extensive research of its faculty. The lecture series supports the research being done in the Ecological Engineering Research Program and in water law at the McGeorge School of Law by spurring discussion on important topics with community members, faculty, alumni, students and other stakeholders.

The impact of the lecture series was boosted with dollar-for-dollar support from Pacific’s Powell Match Program.

McGeorge sweeps Traynor Moot Court Competition

The McGeorge School of Law team won the 2016 Roger J. Traynor California Appellate Moot Court Competition, unseating last year’s champion, UC Berkeley, and taking home three of the top awards.

Law students Ian McGlone ’17, Sean Creadick ’16 and Michael Shepherd ’16 won the overall competition, won the top oral advocacy team award and won the best brief award. In addition, McGlone was selected as the second-best oralist in the tournament.

“Our team pretty much swept the table in the awards that were available,” said McGeorge Professor Ed Telfeyan, director of the McGeorge Moot Court Program.

The Traynor competition is California’s oldest and largest moot tournament. McGeorge has a history of success in the tournament: the school won second place last year and took first place and top-five oralist in 2014.
Diversity matters at McGeorge

The Law School Admission Council (LSAC) honored McGeorge as the first-place Diversity Matters award winner at the Annual Meeting and Educational Conference in May. This first-place award marks the fourth year in a row that McGeorge was recognized as a top three finalist for the Diversity Matters Award; in 2015, the school received second place. The award is given to law schools that have demonstrated the highest level of outreach to racially and ethnically diverse students from the target audience of LSAC’s DiscoverLaw.org campaign.

LSAC developed the DiscoverLaw.org campaign to encourage racially and ethnically diverse students to discover career opportunities in law and choose a path in an undergraduate school to help them succeed. The contest runs from July 1 to April 30 each year.

Top value and best law school experience

The International Jurist magazine in May recognized McGeorge as one of 12 law schools in the “Best LL.M. Programs: Top Value category” and one of 14 schools recognized in the “Best LL.M. Program: the Law School Experience.” McGeorge is the only California school in the top value category.

Excellence in practical training

The National Jurist placed McGeorge in its annual honor roll of best schools for practical training in the spring 2016 issue of its PreLaw magazine.

Kudos McGeorge

One of the featured alumni, Steve Hansen ’11, is the director of capital initiatives for the McGeorge School of Law’s Capital Center for Law & Policy. He was recently reelected to a second term as a city of Sacramento council member.

See the banners and read their stories at go.Pacific.edu/IChooseMcGeorge

Seen along K Street

If you strolled along Sacramento’s K Street and Capitol Mall this spring, you probably caught a glimpse of some 30 McGeorge alumni and faculty proudly displayed on banners.

The impressive alumni and faculty of the school’s Capital Center for Law & Policy were featured on the banners as part of an awareness campaign, #IChooseMcGeorge.

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Dugoni School of Dentistry welcomes Nadershahi as dean

Nader Nadershahi '94, '99, '11 has been appointed dean of the world-renowned Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry on the university’s San Francisco Campus.

Nadershahi, a member of the dental school faculty since 1995, had served as the interim dean since July 2015.

“Nader is a passionate and tireless champion for Pacific, the school and its faculty and staff,” said Pacific Provost Maria Pallavicini. “He is a proven, thoughtful leader and continues to drive innovation that benefits our students, the dental school and all of Pacific.”

Pallavicini praised Nadershahi for helping to raise the university’s profile and building a collaborative and inclusive culture, while building new partnerships with community health and business leaders. Nadershahi has held various roles at the dental school, including several faculty positions in all areas. He has also held leadership roles at the school for the past two decades, as a group practice administrator, department chair, executive associate dean and associate dean of academic affairs.

“Leading the Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry is an incredible opportunity,” Nadershahi said. “We have positioned Dugoni to provide the best educational opportunity for our students and we will continue to build on that success with dedicated faculty and cutting-edge technology.”

Nadershahi said that he intends to continue the model of education he experienced at Dugoni when he was a student, focusing on mutual respect, high standards, dignity and self-worth.

“Humanism is part of our culture here and I think that gives us a competitive advantage,” he said. “Our students have the benefit of being exposed to that culture and it really makes a difference in what kind of practitioners they become.”

In addition to earning a doctorate in dental surgery at Pacific, Nadershahi also holds a doctorate in education from Pacific’s Gladys L. Benerd School of Education and an MBA from the Eberhardt School of Business. He is a fellow of the International and American College of Dentists, the Academy of Dentistry International and the Pierre Fauchard Academy.

The Dugoni School of Dentistry, founded in 1896, is the flagship of Pacific’s high-tech campus at 155 Fifth St. in San Francisco, which also includes academic programs launched in fall 2015 in audiology, analytics, food studies and music therapy.
California commission recommends expanding Dugoni School’s Virtual Dental Home

A new report by a bipartisan independent oversight agency spotlights growing concern for California’s Denti-Cal system and how care is being provided to low-income adults and children. To help address the issue, the report points to an expansion of teledentistry and the Virtual Dental Home system developed by the Pacific Center for Special Care at the Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry.

The expansion of the system designed to bring critical dental care directly to patients is one of 11 recommendations contained in the report “Fixing Denti-Cal” by the California’s Little Hoover Commission.

The report also included a number of recommendations proposed by Paul Glassman, professor of dental practice and director of the Pacific Center for Special Care.

Glassman testified to the Commission in November 2015 about the Virtual Dental Home system and how it takes dental hygienists and dental assistants out of the office and into the field to examine people where they are — in schools, Head Start centers, community centers and long-term care centers.

Volunteers help San Francisco’s homeless

Volunteers from the Dugoni School helped nearly 150 homeless people receive free health care as part of a Project Homeless Connect event in March.

Students, staff, faculty and alumni from the dental school provided free dental screenings and basic oral health care and information during the event held at Bill Graham Civic Auditorium.

The event was just one of many ways Dugoni reaches out to its communities. The school recently created a new program to help provide dental services for military veterans, and it helps provide dental care for underserved children through its Kids in the Klinic Endowment.

“Dental care is one of the top unmet needs among homeless and working poor adults,” said Christine Miller, associate professor and director of community health programs at Dugoni. “Our dental services uplift people and relieve their pain. We support a healthy presentable smile on the faces of those most in need, to make returning to school or landing a successful job interview more possible.”
At the Table:
Food and Family Around the World
By Ken Albala, History and Food Studies
Ethnographic descriptions of the dinner table in 39 countries—who cooks, who cleans, how people eat, what they eat and why.
Greenwood/ABC-CLIO, April 2016

City of Flowers: An Ethnography of Social and Economic Change in Costa Rica’s Central Valley
By Susan Mannon, Sociology
An examination of how men and women in four different class locations negotiate the economic changes going on around them.
Oxford University Press, March 2016

International Law for the Environment
Co-authored by Stephen McCaffrey, McGeorge School of Law
A comprehensive exposition of contemporary international environmental law and the institutions that implement it.
West Academic, December 2015

The Struggle for North America, 1754–1758: Britannia’s Tarnished Laurels
By George Yagi Jr., Center for Professional and Continuing Education
An insight into the initial stages of the Seven Years War and why Britain failed.
Bloomsbury Academic, January 2016

The Racial Imaginary: Writers on Race in the Life of the Mind
Vignettes by 13 Pacific students, with an introduction by poet Claudia Rankine, who challenged the students during a class visit to write creatively about their everyday encounters involving race. Student authors: Anise Abraham, Alicia Calhoun, Flora On and John Steiner, Class of 2014; Lorena Campos, Class of 2015; Adnan Hashtam, Jackie Johnson, Emilia Briceño López, Sukhman Sandhu and Sarah Unger, Class of 2016; Zachery Artozqui, Sandra Padilla and Jillian Yelinek, Class of 2017. Editors: Claudia Rankine, Beth Loffreda and Max King Cap.
Fence Books, March 2015
A scholar in Chinese and Asian history, Greg Rohlf joined the Pacific faculty in 2001. This past June, he brought the Asian Studies on the Pacific Coast Conference to the Stockton Campus, which provided opportunities for Pacific faculty and students to present original research and for students to network with eminent scholars across a variety of disciplines from western North America and the Pacific Rim. Rohlf also helped establish Pacific's Alpha Mu Omega chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, the national history honor society. His new book, *Building New China, Colonizing Kokonor: Resettlement to Amdo and Qinghai in the 1950s* (Rowan and Littlefield, 2016) is a social and political history of resettlement, focusing on the people who were moved and the overall impact on the province. It narrates a story of state building in modern China that spans the 20th and early 21st centuries.
ATHLETICS

Stoudamire’s at a job that would make his grandmother proud

While March 23 was a proud day for Pacific men’s basketball program, it also marked a poignant moment for Damon Stoudamire, the former NBA star and Rookie of the Year.

At a packed press conference at the Alex and Jeri Vereschagin Alumni House, Pacific Athletic Director Ted Leland introduced the new head coach for the program—its third in the past 27 years.

“It’s a special day for us,” he said. “This is a chance for us to look at the great tradition we have in basketball here and the great importance that it plays in our campus and the city of Stockton—and to take a new way of looking at it.”

“Damon is a teacher, a coach, a role model. He’s an advocate for student athletes,” Leland added.

And Stoudamire is serious about those roles.

“I want my guys to play the right way. I want them to be outstanding citizens in the community the right way,” he said. “I want them to understand they can touch other people’s lives.”

It was Pacific’s own basketball standout, Dell Demps ’92, ’98, now senior vice president of basketball operations and general manager for the New Orleans Pelicans, who first recommended Stoudamire for the position. Demps told Leland, “I’ve got the perfect guy for you. Damon Stoudamire is the perfect choice to lead Pacific basketball into the future.”

Stoudamire spent the past seven years coaching basketball as an assistant with the NBA’s Memphis Grizzlies, the University of Arizona Wildcats, and most recently with the University of Memphis, where he built a reputation as one of the top recruiters in the country.

Honing his skills at the University of Arizona from 1991 to 1995 under legendary coach Lute Olson, Stoudamire earned All-American honors, was named a 1995 Wooden Award finalist and was a co-recipient of the Pac-10 Player of the Year award. Following his stellar college career, he played 13 seasons in the NBA with Toronto, Portland, Memphis and San Antonio, garnering Rookie of the Year honors and the NBA Rookie All-Star Game MVP trophy in his initial season.

He chose to commemorate the occasion of his first NCAA head coach position by posting a letter to his 12-year-old self on The Players Tribune website. In it, he reflected on his path to this moment and the people who helped get him there: his high school and college basketball coaches and his grandmother, who helped raise him.

What would he tell his late grandmother now, if he could?

“Tell her that today, when you’re writing this letter, you’re going to get your first NCAA head coaching job. You’re going to get the opportunity to lead kids, and show them what Lute showed you. You’ll get to look them in the eye and tell them the truth.

“Tell them that life isn’t a movie. Tell them that they’re going to mess up. Tell them that being a grown man isn’t something that happens to you, it’s something you work for every day.

“You’re the head coach of University of the Pacific.”

“That’s some news that will really make her proud.”

—from Stoudamire’s

“Letter to My Twelve-Year-Old Self”
Selena Ho ’02
The best three-point shooter in Tiger and Big West history, Ho was the Big West Freshman of the Year (1998–99), a four-time All-Big West selection and first team All-Big West her final two seasons. She led the Tigers to the Big West conference championship game for the 2001–02 season.

Matt Smart ’03
One of Pacific’s most decorated men’s swimmers, Smart was a four-year letter winner while earning All-America honors in 2000. He won a combined 18 individual and relay Big West titles during his career and was named 2003 Big West Men’s Swimmer of the Year. In 2002, Smart helped lead the men’s swimming team to the first of three Big West titles in four years.

Shannon Catalano ’05
The most decorated women’s swimmer in Pacific history, Catalano earned 13 All-America awards and 25 individual and relay Big West titles. She was a two-time Big West Women’s Swimmer of the Year in 2001 and 2003. Catalano represented the United States in the 50- and 100-meter butterfly in the 2004 University Games and took home the gold medal in the 50-meter butterfly.

Jennifer Joines-Tamas ’05
Joines-Tamas was the only Tiger in history to be named a four-time All-American. She finished her Pacific career as the all-time leader in kills, kills per game, total attacks, attacks per game and hitting percentage. She was a four-time first team All-Big West selection, 2000 Freshman of the Year and the 2003 Big West Conference Player of the Year. She was the third Pacific women’s volleyball player to represent the U.S. at the Olympic games. Joines-Tamas, who became Team USA captain, took home a silver medal from Beijing in 2008.

Jeff Russell ’94 (posthumous)
Russell was the heart and soul of the mid-1990s Tigers football team, leading Pacific’s defense as a defensive back. In 1994, he earned first team All-Big West Conference honors, contributing to Pacific’s first winning season in 17 years. After college, Russell played for the Amsterdam Admirals of NFL Europe; the Los Angeles Extreme of the XFL; and the Nashville Kats, Memphis Pharaohs, San Jose Saber Cats and New York City Hawks of the AFL. He also coached for the AFL’s Detroit Fury and New Orleans VooDoo, and was a coach and general manager of the Utah Blaze.

LeRoy Minatre
A founding member of the Pacific Athletic Fund, Minatre and his company, Mina-Tree Signs, have been loyal partners and donors. Mina-Tree Signs has created all of the signage and donor recognition plaques in the Alex G. Spanos Center since it opened in 1981. They have designed and built the Leadership Plaza and the wayfinding signs at Klein Family Field and installed new scoreboards at Bill Simoni Field for softball; at Knoles Field for soccer; and at the Raney Sand Volleyball Courts for beach volleyball. He was instrumental in developing PAF’s successful annual fundraising event, the Orange & Black Ball.

2001–02 Swim Teams
Both the men’s and the women’s teams from the 2001–02 season took home Big West titles in 2002. For the men, the championship was the first of three Big West titles in four years that ended a 23-year dynasty by UC Santa Barbara. For the women, it was their first-ever conference title, beginning a three-year reign at the top of the ultra-competitive conference. Head coach Ray Looze earned Big West Coach of the Year honors, while Filip Wronski ’03 and Sarah Marshall ’04 each was named the Swimmer of the Year. Ranked as high as 19th in the nation, the women earned six All-America awards in 2002 and sent five individuals and two relay teams to the NCAA championships.
ATHLETICS

Tigers load the bases in MLB draft

Gio Brusa ’16, Vince Arobio ’17 and Danny Mayer ’17 were drafted by the San Francisco Giants, Boston Red Sox and Minnesota Twins, respectively, in the 2016 Major League Baseball Amateur Draft.

Outfielder Gio Brusa ’16 led the Tigers in batting average, on-base percentage, slugging percentage and RBI to wrap up his Tiger career. Days after his sixth-round draft pick by the Giants, the graduating senior was named to the American Baseball Coaches Association’s All-West Region first team. Brusa was drafted previously in 2012 by the Atlanta Braves and in 2015 by the St. Louis Cardinals, but chose to finish his college degree before pursuing a professional career.

Pitcher Vince Arobio ’17, drafted by the Red Sox in the 27th round, led the Tigers in saves and tied for third in the West Coast Conference for the 2016 season.

Outfielder Danny Mayer ’17, drafted by the Twins in the 37th round, led the WCC in home runs with 15 and was second in slugging percentage en route to an All-WCC First Team selection.

“The Giants are a great organization, and I’m excited to continue wearing black and orange.”
—Gio Brusa in Stockton’s The Record

Tennis Pros

Ace player and student—Sem Verbeek ’16

Standout Tiger tennis player and team captain Sem Verbeek ’16 wrapped up his stellar Pacific career with a host of accolades, including first team All-West Coast Conference and WCC Player of the year. In May, he received the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) 2016 Rafael Osuna Sportsmanship Award, the ITA’s longest-running award for an outstanding player who demonstrates sportsmanship, character and academic achievement.

Verbeek’s accolades also include the WCC Male Sportsmanship Award, the ITA 2015–16 Northwest Region Senior Player of the Year, Most Improved Player (Senior), and the Arthur Ashe Leadership and Sportsmanship Award.

Verbeek, an Amsterdam native who graduated summa cum laude with a degree in health, exercise and sport sciences, also received the WCC Postgraduate Scholarship. He was active in community service and on-campus initiatives, represented the WCC at the National NCAA Student-Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC), and served as a San Quentin Prison rehabilitation volunteer. Verbeek added to his achievements after graduation by winning the Wij Makelaardij Iduna Open NRT in the Netherlands over the July 4 weekend.

Ace coach—Ryan Redondo

Men’s tennis head coach Ryan Redondo was named WCC Coach of the Year, having guided the Tigers to a 14–12 overall record this season, including a 6–3 WCC mark. The Tigers finished in a three-way tie for third in the WCC, and earned the No. 4 seed in the West Coast Conference Tennis Championship. In two years in the West Coast Conference, Redondo’s Tigers have advanced to the semifinals of the WCC Championship in back-to-back seasons.
When the Alex and Jeri Vereschagin Alumni House opened in summer 2011, a long-held dream for Pacific alumni to have a place to call their own finally came true. Their new home would be a welcoming place that preserved their student experience and recognized their contributions. It would be a place for alumni to gather for reunions and special occasions and to grow the alumni legacy by mentoring current students.

In only five years since the dream became a reality, the alumni house has become an important part of the lives of Pacific alumni, from baby showers to 90th birthdays and at milestones in between.
The turn of the shovel kicked off construction at the groundbreaking ceremonies in September 2010 (top left).

The alumni house became reality through the gifts of nearly 800 alumni, and it is the only building on campus built almost entirely through alumni donations. Alumni and the Pacific community gathered in August 2011 to celebrate the opening of the Alex and Jeri Vereschagin Alumni House (top right).

The $4.5 million, 9,500-square-foot facility received LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Gold certification for being sustainable and cost-efficient, and for its innovative architectural design. In March 2016, it was featured in University Business Magazine as a trend-setting alumni house.

“You can leave Pacific as a student, but you shouldn’t leave it behind.”

—Alex Vereschagin ’57

Class of 1957 alumni Alex and Jeri (McCarl) Vereschagin made the lead gift of $2 million that set the alumni house project in motion.
Positioned in the heart of the Stockton Campus, the Vereschagin Alumni House is a hub for campus and alumni activity, frequently hosting networking opportunities between alumni and students. Alumni—such as Paul Fairbrook—also frequently come to the alumni house to celebrate important occasions.

Alumni can relive their Pacific experience through beautiful displays (above) showcasing alumni history and contributions.

Yearbooks, books by alumni and faculty and other memorabilia are housed in the Omega Phi Alpha Library (left).

“I cherish my memories at Pacific, and now I’ve added to those memories with a lovely 90th birthday celebration at the Alex and Jeri Vereschagin Alumni House.”

—Paul Fairbrook

Honorary alumnus and former longtime director of Pacific’s dining services celebrated this milestone birthday at the alumni house in 2013.

Donor bricks, honoring those who have given $1,000 or more to the alumni house

Alumni and faculty books in the Omega Phi Alpha Library

Tigers in the alumni house (not including the 789 disks that make up the “tiger donor wall”)
Preparing graduates for Success in their Careers and Lives

Student success is a focus of every institution of higher education. But at University of the Pacific, it means more than just earning a degree.

By the time Pacific sends its students out into the world, they are prepared for a lifetime of achievement and leadership—both in their careers and in their communities.

Meet just a few recent Pacific graduates who are poised to make a lasting and meaningful difference in all aspects of their lives.

Aroosa Ahmed ’16 took advantage of Pacific’s support services and programs—and its faculty—and in turn has helped dozens of other students be successful. She is going on to the No. 1 graduate school in the country for social work, the University of Michigan.
Within her first week as a student on Pacific’s Stockton Campus, Aroosa Ahmed ’16 had experienced the benefit of the university’s small class sizes. The sense of community they created was a big source of comfort for the soft-spoken Stockton woman who would be living at home.

By the end of her first year at Pacific, the psychology and sociology major had been invited to participate in two research labs, a rarity for an undergraduate student.

And by the time she graduated in May, Ahmed, who had helped support her family through several on-campus jobs, had been accepted to the No. 1-ranked graduate program in the country for social work, the University of Michigan.

While Ahmed openly says that Pacific wasn’t her first choice (UC Berkeley, which granted her admission, was), she needed to stay in her hometown because of family and financial circumstances.

Today she says that attending Pacific was the best choice she could have made.

The key to her getting into the top graduate program in the country was the individual attention she received, Ahmed said, and she is quick to give credit to the resources she found at Pacific.

Her professors in the sociology and psychology departments were instrumental, in particular Susan Mannon, an associate professor of sociology, and Carolynn Kohn and Scott Jensen, associate professors of psychology. They discussed in-depth with her different graduate program options, helped her with her personal statements and told her their personal stories of going through graduate school.

“Their mentorship and guidance paved the way for me to achieve my dreams,” she said.

Then there was the help she received from several other Pacific programs and departments, the Career Resource Center among them. Throughout her last year at Pacific, she met with the center’s staff to discuss her future goals and how to reach them. They reviewed her resumes and cover letters for graduate program admission and for graduate assistantships.

She also received tutoring and guidance from Student Academic Support Services and from the SUCCESS TRiO Program, a retention program for first-generation, low-income students.

In turn, she has given back to other students.

She became a student representative for the SUCCESS TRiO Program and worked with campus and community leaders to improve outreach and retention services. She also helped launch the SUCCESS TRiO peer mentoring and tutoring program and assisted disadvantaged students facing financial and other issues.

“The ability to provide hope for these students and a sense of belonging gave me deep joy and fulfillment,” she reflected.

As a Pacific student adviser, she worked with more than 30 first-year students to help them successfully transition to college life.

Though not always easy, it’s work that has made a difference in the lives of Pacific students. Her most challenging—and rewarding—experience came when she helped a student who became homeless get connected with resources and find housing.

While some aspects of the student’s situation had been out of Ahmed’s control, she later realized how she had become a vital support system for the student just by comforting her and listening to her.

Ahmed’s future plans will allow her to continue to help others, in particular first-generation college students and Muslim-American women, of which she is one.

“Ensuring an accessible education for vulnerable communities is a particular passion of mine since it has been such a struggle of my own to pursue a college education,” she said.

And now she is off to fulfill a personal ambition to pursue not only a degree but a meaningful career as well.

“Pacific is known for its small classroom sizes and as a place where professors know your name. However, I have come to appreciate that it is so much more than this.”

Aroosa Ahmed ’16
Pharmacists can play a vital—and a greater—role in keeping patients and communities healthy. And April Nguyen ’16 wants more people to know this.

The new Doctor of Pharmacy graduate has spent her time at Pacific working to make that happen by forging new paths in the legislative arena.

As a student in Pacific’s accelerated pharmacy program, Nguyen became inspired to serve as the inaugural student trustee with the California Pharmacists Association (CPhA-ASP). She was able to bring together all 12 California schools of pharmacy supporting three new statewide initiatives: the CPhA-ASP Legislative Week, California Pharmacists Outreach Week and a professionalism summit in Sacramento.

And that meant she was representing more than 2,500 student pharmacists across the state, working with national and state pharmacist associations to build strong relations with decision makers in Congress.

“As student pharmacists, we have the power to impact the patients we serve on a greater level, but students often feel too constrained by politics to consider themselves as advocates,” she said. She also saw the need to increase the awareness of the services that pharmacists can provide to the community.

On a personal level, Nguyen was able to combine her passion for advocacy and her Vietnamese and English interpreting skills to organize the first American Pharmacists Association (APhA-ASP) health fair at Sacramento’s Midtown Farmers Market. More than 400 community members received information and consultations in Hmong, Spanish and Vietnamese at the event.

The event marked one of the first collaborations among multiple schools of pharmacy in the state, she said.

“It was so inspiring to see how strong and unified California students and pharmacists are in pushing our profession forward,” she reflected.

Beyond developing a penchant for politics, Nguyen had the opportunity to be part of a research team with Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice Sachin Shah in his study on energy drinks and their safety on the cardiovascular system. The research was presented in March at a meeting of the American Heart Association and was covered in major media outlets, including CBS News.

All of those roles have led Nguyen to another inaugural role as a fellow in a new and highly competitive regulatory affairs fellowship program at Biogen, one of world’s leading biotechnology companies. She will be managing clinical trials during the two-year program, which is in collaboration with the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in Boston where she will also be an adjunct faculty member.

She said the involvement with faculty, in particular as part of Shah’s research team, was instrumental in her getting into clinical research and a fellowship in industry. While many of the school’s faculty are involved in research, “they all have time to talk to us and mentor us.”

“My experience in pharmacy has been defined by so many opportunities: to help patients, outreach with other health care professionals, and engage and empower students,” Nguyen said. “Pacific gives you all these opportunities to find out what your passion is,” she said.
The values of hard work and education have guided Aaron Brieno ‘14 through completing his law degree at the McGeorge School of Law to becoming a fellow in the prestigious Capitol Senate Fellowship program.

And through the examples of his family, Brieno has been moved to find ways to serve his community, especially through politics.

Growing up in the small Central Valley farming town of Hanford, Brieno found inspiration in his grandparents, who were migrant farm workers, and in particular his grandmother, who enrolled in adult school at the age of 40.

When Brieno was a young adult, his father served on the city council and as interim mayor in their hometown, showing Brieno how public service could help those, like his grandparents, who were disenfranchised.

“I saw the opportunities for social change that the American political system provided,” Brieno said.

He learned even more about the political process when he served as his father’s campaign manager in his bid for the Kings County Board of Supervisors. Seeing firsthand the problems of working families in his region made Brieno want to speak up for them.

“I quickly realized, though, that to help people effectively, I needed to refine my advocacy, writing and speaking skills,” he said.

Law school seemed the obvious path to get these skills, and Brieno said he was particularly drawn to the Capitol Certificate program the McGeorge School of Law was developing as well as the school’s close proximity to the Capitol.

At McGeorge, Brieno found classes that helped develop his ability to communicate on behalf of disenfranchised groups, notably the Global Lawyering Skills class that taught him practical research, writing and speaking skills. And he took advantage of being near the Capitol by landing a summer internship with Assemblyman Henry T. Perea.

He also found mentors such as Adjunct Professor Rex Frasier ‘00, himself a McGeorge graduate, to guide him toward success. Frasier started McGeorge’s Public Policy Clinic, and Brieno was part of the first class.

“This was truly a unique opportunity,” said Brieno. “Students got to work on ideas for bills and then learn how to present the ideas to lawmakers. Many students found lawmakers who were willing to author their bills, and some were even signed into law.”

Then Frasier recommended Brieno apply for the California Senate Fellows program—an extremely competitive program that received some 500 applicants for its most recent class of 18 fellows.

Considered one of the most distinguished service-learning programs in the country, it is jointly sponsored by the California State Senate and the Center for California Studies at California State University, Sacramento.

While he’s still deciding what career path he’ll take when the fellowship ends, Brieno wants to continue serving his community. Reading an article in Forbes that listed Kings County among the 10 least-educated regions in the country led Brieno to research how to improve the educational prospects of young people in the region.

“I am laying the groundwork for a nonprofit community-based organization that will provide college, career and life counseling to low-income high school students in the Central Valley,” said Brieno.

One way Brieno wants to accomplish this is through mentoring, and he has found several graduates of his former high school who have gone on to career success and are now willing to come back and work with area youth.

“My journey began in a small Central Valley town, and I’d like to continue helping families with difficulties,” he said.
For Nabeel Cajee ’11, ’15 success is defined by much more than just academic achievement.

“For me, it’s about unlocking one’s potential, and so many people at Pacific helped me do that,” he said.

Cajee, a Stockton native, chose Pacific for his undergraduate education in part because he had started a nonprofit organization while in high school that advocated for reinvestment in local public libraries, and he wanted to continue this work. He also loved the flexibility that Pacific provided—he actually designed his own undergraduate degree within the College of the Pacific—as well as the opportunities for research and exploration.

“My friends used to tease me because I was always running from one end of the campus to the other, taking organic chemistry in the morning and philosophy in the afternoon,” he said. “But I believe in the importance of a strong liberal arts education, in being able to study a number of fields and develop interpersonal skills necessary for life.”

At Pacific, he also had a range of opportunities that are not always common at other undergraduate institutions: he was in the Pacific Legal Scholars Program, he worked in a genetics lab, he participated in a sociology research project, and he was able to advance his Spanish-speaking skills through experiences in Mexico, Bolivia and Colombia.

When he finished his dental degree at the Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry, he chose to do a residency—going beyond what is required to practice dentistry in California. But for Cajee, the chance to work in the Advanced Education in General Dentistry program at Highland Hospital in Oakland was an opportunity for continued learning and to serve others.

In his work at the hospital, he has seen patients who have driven for hours to get dental care, who often have complex medical histories and for whom, in many cases, the hospital is the last option they have for treatment. In one case that affected Cajee, the parents of a very young girl in extreme pain from an abscessed tooth drove to Oakland from Modesto because they were unable to find treatment closer to home.

“Every day in the hospital has challenged me,” he said. “The experience has helped ground me and has really shaped the trajectory of my career.”

“I felt that working in the hospital would help build my skills more quickly than going directly into private practice, and I also wanted to start my career on a note of service,” Nabeel said.

“I felt such a sense of gratitude—going to dental school was the fulfillment of a dream—so the residency was a way to express this gratitude,” he said.

When he completes his residency in July, Cajee will be busy. Along with starting his dental career, he’ll be coming full circle with his community involvement. The library advocacy Cajee initiated as he entered Pacific nine years ago is finally coming to fruition. This November, Stockton will vote to expand and improve the city’s library and recreation systems. Cajee will be very involved in the campaign he helped inspire.


Nabeel Cajee ’11, ’15
What is unique about Pacific’s approach to student success?
To start, meet Patrick Day. Just don’t expect to find Pacific’s vice president for student life behind his desk.

One of Pacific’s top administrators, Day is often seen eating lunch with students in the DeRosa University Center, lending his support to one of their clubs or causes, or talking with them as he makes his way around campus (never getting anywhere fast, as he’s stopped so often).

“At Pacific, there is no elite level; here there isn’t some set of faculty or administration that only certain students can meet with,” said Day. “Students here have more one-on-one engagement with members of staff at all levels.”

When Day speaks to parents at orientation, he illustrates why their student will be successful at Pacific. “I tell them, ‘When your son or daughter tells a member of staff here that they have a paper due soon, a couple of weeks later that staff person is going to ask how the paper turned out.’”

“At Pacific, somebody will be in front of students asking how they’re doing and following up on both their challenges and their achievements,” he said.

People are one part of the formula for student success at Pacific, said Day. Clear milestones are another.

“Some people think it goes without saying, but I think we need to make sure that our students have powerful learning experiences and that they graduate in a reasonable time,” said Day.

One way that Pacific supports this goal is with a variety of services to help students with both academic and cocurricular challenges.

“What we know is that students are not singular academic beings—if they have a problem outside the classroom, it can impact their learning, and conversely, academic struggles impact the rest of a student’s life,” he said.

Educational coaches, counseling services and a recent increase in partnerships between academic units and student life are all resources to help students be successful at Pacific.

Day pointed to another change Pacific has made in the past year to help support student success: a significant investment in the Career Resource Center.

“We want students to start preparing for life after Pacific at the front end of their time here,” he said. “If they need an internship to get the job they want, or need to take certain classes to go to graduate school, we want to help them plan for that, as well as help them work on their resumes and interviewing skills.”

“It’s a difference that helps make student success more than just a vague concept.

“We can see that our students are learning, and we can look at where they are going after graduation,” Day said. “We have a diverse set of students, and we’re working to ensure that, regardless of students’ backgrounds, we can help them all be successful at Pacific.”
Pacific opera alumna wins prestigious Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions

By Emily Olson ’15

Pacific opera alumna Yelena Dyachek ’13 is on the move. In March, she stepped onto the stage of one of the world’s biggest opera houses, the Metropolitan Opera in New York City—facing a full house and the toughest competition of her young career. Or of any opera singer’s career.

In May, she left Los Angeles with a master’s degree from the internationally recognized Thornton School of Music at the University of Southern California. She will spend this summer in San Francisco, where she’s earned a highly coveted young artist spot with the San Francisco Opera. In August, she’ll head to Houston for a studio artist position with the Houston Grand Opera.

And at any time in the next five years, the 23-year-old soprano from Sacramento might be called back to New York because of her March win in the world’s most prestigious opera competition: the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions.

Since 1935, the competition has been a defining step in the careers of opera’s most successful singers. As a grand finalist, Dyachek has earned a prize of $15,000, plus opportunities to audition for main-stage Met roles, perform for top talent agents and receive further funding.

With 1,500 others vying for the title, Dyachek planned to be patient with herself when she first began the competition at the district auditions in November.

“Not a lot of 23-year-olds make it to the finals; not a lot win. I thought, ‘If I don’t make it to the next round, at least I’ll have feedback from the judges.’”

Dyachek went on to win the Los Angeles district and western regional auditions, securing one of 20 spots and earning the chance to perform on the famed Metropolitan opera stage.

She was thrilled to visit New York for the first time, but the sightseeing had to wait—she was vying for a spot in the grand finals, and the opportunity to be a Met winner.
In addition to preparing for the March 6 semifinals, Dyachek was auditioning for the Houston Opera’s Studio Artist program and rehearsing for multiple USC productions. While the hectic schedule might have disadvantaged other singers, it ultimately worked in Dyachek’s favor.

“It helped me not overthink anything,” she said. “And being able to audition in Houston gave me practice performing in a really big hall.”

That sort of practice was critical; because opera is never amplified, the acoustics of the performing venue can change a singer’s sound significantly.

In New York, the semifinalists were given only a minute onstage before they performed in front of the judges. On top of that, Dyachek was the last of the 20 performers, meaning she had to wait about five hours to perform in the Met Opera House for the first time.

As she waited behind the curtain for the judges to be ready to announce their decision, she reminded herself about why she started the competition in the first place: to sing the best she could. “From then on, it was just whatever the judges decided,” she said.

When the winners were announced onstage to the waiting Met audience, Dyachek was the second name they called—but because the announcer mispronounced “Yelena,” it took her a few moments to realize that she had actually been called.

“Then everything felt very exciting and unbelievable,” she said. “Every stage of the competition, I did not expect to move on. The universe kind of aligned for me; everything worked in my favor.”

Originally from Ukraine, Dyachek came to Pacific already fluent in English, Russian and Ukrainian. With the language requirements of Pacific’s voice program, she also studied Italian, German and French—giving her a “crucial tool” in her professional work.

Dyachek also counts unique undergraduate performance roles as among the most beneficial aspects of the conservatory program. She participated in every opera production while at Pacific, including three leading roles, and made valuable connections with Stockton Opera.

“A lot of undergraduate programs don’t allow students to get actual roles,” she said. “That’s a big pro of the program at Pacific.”

—Yelena Dyachek ’13

“It was amazing getting to experience the quality of staff from one of the world’s biggest opera houses,” Dyachek said.

The day of the final concert, March 13, was a long one. And it’s one Dyachek will remember for the rest of her life. She got her makeup and hair done by the Met staff, sat through a full orchestra rehearsal, and then waited through the performances of the other eight finalists for her chance to take the stage.

And once again, she was last on the program.

Dyachek walked onstage to a vista of red velvet, chandelier lighting, gilded ceilings and 3,800 filled seats—a full house. The support of the audience, which included a contingent of faculty and students from Pacific, was palpable, she said.

She sang two arias chosen by the Met staff, similar in their themes about young women staying faithful in love: “Come scoglio” from Mozart’s Cosi fan tutte and “Pusakí pogibnu ya” from Tchaikovsky’s Eugene Onegin.

More singing successes

Three other opera alumni advanced in the 2015–2016 Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions—an amazing feat for a single university. Hannah Ludwig ’14, Andrew Dwan ’13 and Ted Pickell ’14 all received an encouragement award for their performances in the regional auditions.

Irene Roberts ’06, a mezzo-soprano, made her debut at London’s Wigmore Hall in recital with tenor Bryan Hymel. Roberts also recently performed the title role of Carmen with San Francisco Opera, including a live simulcast at AT&T Park for 28,000 people, and Deutsche Oper Berlin.
She may not have physically been there, but it was still her hands writing the words. It was still her voice that was coming through. It was still her years of research and her scholarship they were bringing to life.

There, within the pages of *Boy Soldiers of the American Revolution*, Caroline Cox was with them again.

Cox was a beloved history professor and magnetic storyteller who had influenced countless students before she succumbed to cancer in the summer of 2014. To understand how this professor’s fourth and final book was brought to completion, you need to know her history.

**HER STORY...**

There is much to say about Cox and her 59 years on this Earth. At the age of 24, she emigrated from Glasgow, Scotland, to pursue a career in finance. She worked in New York City, in Idaho and in the Bay Area before she had a career shift.

As one story goes, while working in finance in San Francisco, she would pass a homeless man every morning in front of the same store. One day, she heard him crying. She stopped to talk to him, then held him as he cried. Right then, she decided to make a change so she could have a bigger impact on the future.

So, at the age of 30, she entered college. She went on to earn her degrees, including a PhD in history, at UC Berkeley.

“Her experience as a nontraditional student encouraged her to mentor and support every student who crossed her threshold in her 15-year career at Pacific,” said Greg Rohlf, also a history professor and a close friend of Cox.

She joined Pacific in 1998 and established her academic reputation as a cultural historian of the Continental Army, wrote Rohlf in a memoir published in the American Historical Association’s *Perspectives on History* newsletter.

Her first book, *A Proper Sense of Honor: Service and Sacrifice in George Washington’s Army*, was widely reviewed and praised for its analysis of hierarchy and class attitudes in colonial America, he said.
She was driven, he said, to include “ordinary people in the historical record.”

As a scholar and storyteller, she was driven to write another book, *The Fight to Survive: A Young Girl, Diabetes and the Discovery of Insulin,* for which she received international acclaim.

Her compassion is once again seen in its pages as she recounts the story of one of the first diabetics to receive insulin treatment. “She wrote admiringly of [the girl’s] courage to ‘live richly’ in the face of her illness,” Rohlf said.

As her friends and colleagues would later observe, “Caroline herself carried on bravely and without complaint until the end, living a rich life,” he said.

As the years passed, Cox received many awards for her teaching and scholarship, including the Faye and Alex Spanos Distinguished Teaching Award, the Pacific Distinguished Faculty Award, the Pacific Alumni Association Faculty Mentor Award and the university’s highest honor, the Order of Pacific, which was awarded posthumously. She served as interim dean of the College of the Pacific from 2012 to 2013, a symbol of the esteem in which she was held by her colleagues, Rohlf said.

She also inspired thousands of students.

Even when she became ill and had only a short time left to live, Rohlf noted that she still insisted on teaching her favorite class, a survey course on the history of warfare.

She also pursued her scholarship and continued working on *Boy Soldiers* until she could no longer do so.

That’s when family, friends and colleagues, both former and current, jumped in to bring her final manuscript to fruition.

They all took on different, but important, roles. Her former adviser at Berkeley, Bob Middlekauff, continued with the historical part of the book and carefully read the entire manuscript at the end; her husband, Victor Ninov, tackled the bibliography and indexing; and her Pacific colleagues, in particular history professor Gesine Gerhard, were instrumental in working with the publisher on the final edits before publishing.

“Years back, I had read the book proposal she had written to market this book to her publisher, and I remembered the conversations we had. As a colleague, I had listened to Caroline giving talks about the book, and I watched it grow,” recalled Gerhard.

“Writing a book is like having a baby—it starts with a tiny idea, and it grows and it is part of you,” she said. “So this book about boy soldiers is a part of Caroline, and it will keep her present, it will keep her among us.”

Another way that Cox’s legacy is living on is through a new scholarship, the Caroline Cox Endowed Scholarship in Humanities, which will support students in any humanities program who have demonstrated financial need.

Through this endowed gift, the Weinstein Family Charitable Foundation is honoring Cox, one of the university’s most revered professors, and recognizing her achievements in the humanities and at Pacific.

“She combined a forceful intellect, a strong passion for history and reason, and a deep appreciation for the poetry of human life with the most charming manners and a delightful sense of humor,” said Alexa Weinstein, a longtime family friend of Cox’s. “These qualities made a deep impression on all of us, and on everyone who knew her.”

Knowing how much Cox valued and believed in her students, Weinstein said the foundation wanted to direct its gift toward their development as future scholars. They also wanted to maximize the impact of the gift through the Powell Match, a program where the university can match certain endowed gifts dollar-for-dollar.

To find out more about the Caroline Cox Endowed Scholarship in Humanities, please contact Jimilynn Dorough at 209.946.2869.
Tafa Jefferson '97 BUS and Chad Fotheringham '97 BUS
Big Guys with Big Hearts

They were teammates in Pacific's football program, classmates in the Eberhardt School of Business and are now successful business partners working to make a big impact in the senior care industry.

Fa’afa Jefferson ’97 and Chad Fotheringham ’97—both standing 6’6”—have been a formidable pair since they met as freshman on Pacific’s football team, where they played offensive tackle and quarterback, respectively. As business majors, they also connected over an enthusiasm for new ventures and served as founding members of the campus entrepreneurship club.

“I remember sitting in those club meetings hearing stories about Pacific alumni reaching success," Fotheringham said. “I think that’s what got us dreaming about starting our own company.”

The pair went separate ways after college. Fotheringham spent two years in Ecuador before returning home to work in pharmaceutical sales. Jefferson was drafted by the Chicago Bears, but suffered career-ending ankle and shoulder injuries. He decided to follow in the footsteps of his mother, who loved her career as a caregiver for seniors, and started his first in-home care company in 1998.

In 2007, the teammates reconnected after a chance encounter in a pet store in Orange County. They met for lunch a few days later, and Jefferson was called away to check in on a senior client. Fotheringham decided to accompany him, a decision that would change his career path.

“I talked with the client and we had a great time,” Fotheringham said in an interview with the Orange County Register in 2013.

“Afterward, I told [Jefferson] that he had the greatest job in the world. He said, ‘Why don’t you join me?”

A few months later, they started Amada Senior Care (formerly Amada Home Care), which offers in-home services as well as assisted-living placement and consulting. Amada has now expanded to include over 400 employees and over 65 franchise locations nationwide, filling a niche of care that’s expected to continue growing.

“Our goal is to reach 200 franchise partners [and] serve a million seniors,” Fotheringham said. It’s a goal that could be within their reach; in 2014, Amada’s care model was recognized by Forbes as among the “10 Best Senior Care Franchises to Own.”

Their shared background is also helping them reach their goal, and they’re putting to use the commitment, integrity and teamwork they learned on the football field in building their business.

“Without our time at Pacific, we wouldn’t be where we are today,” Fotheringham said.

Jefferson added, “What will make you successful in business is not always what you know but how you apply it. The Eberhardt School of Business prepped us and gave us the tools we needed.”

And the partners have used those tools for good, earning them the nickname in the home health care business as “the big guys with big hearts.”

—Emily Olson ’15
Alumni and friends,

My year of service as your alumni association president has come to a close. I would like to thank my fellow alumni for allowing me this honor and privilege. I have enjoyed meeting those of you who attended regional and campus university events throughout the year. Your love of Pacific was evident and an encouragement to me to remain an active and engaged member of this great community.

I am very pleased that Janice Magdich ’79, ’96 will succeed me as your alumni association president. Janice is the Lodi city attorney. She was a history major at Pacific, and received her law degree from McGeorge School of Law. An Oceanside native, she currently lives in Stockton with her husband, Tim, and their twin daughters. Janice is a true Tiger, and her dedication to Pacific has been obvious through the generous giving of her time and talents as an alumni association board member over the past six years.

Thank you once again for allowing me to represent you this past year. I am proud of all that we accomplished, and confident that the Pacific Alumni Association will continue to move forward with your support.

Go, Tigers!
Jennifer (Banks) Svihus ’87 COP
Outgoing president, Pacific Alumni Association
Alumni club activities near and far

**Stanislaus Club** — Alumni shared lots of laughs and made new connections at an alumni mixer on March 8 at Concetta restaurant in downtown Modesto. They also gathered on May 15 on the East Party Deck at John Thurman Field for a barbecue lunch and Modesto Nuts baseball game. Alumnus Tim O’Neill ’78, ’91 COP threw the first pitch.

**Chicago-area Alumni** — Regent Rick Fleming ’69 COP and his wife, Diana Fleming ’71 COP, hosted 25 alumni at The Metropolitan Club, where they gathered to hear from the Pacific Alumni Association Executive Director Kelli (Williams) Page ’87, Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations Burnie Atterbury and Vice President for Student Life Patrick Day.

**Arizona Club** — Arizona alumni enjoyed the last game of the season at Pacific Alumni Night at the Phoenix Suns on March 18, courtesy of alumnus Joe Rugo ’08 COP. On March 20, alumni enjoyed lunch on the beautiful grounds of Salt River Fields at Talking Stick in Scottsdale and watched a San Francisco Giants game from a luxury suite.

**South Bay Club** — Alumni mixed and mingled over drinks and appetizers at the First and Main in Los Altos on April 8.

**San Joaquin and East Bay Clubs** — More than 40 alumni gathered on May 7 for a mixer and wine tasting at Klinker Brick Winery in Lodi, with appetizers courtesy of Stefan ’09 BUS and Farrah Jolley ’09 BUS.

**Half-Century Club** — At the spring Lunch & Learn in the Vereschagin Alumni House, alumni heard from Sutter’s Fort Historic Park curator Nancy Jenner about ongoing renovations, with opening remarks from Ron Leineke ’53 COP, a key supporter of the renovations and a generous donor to Pacific.

**East Bay Club and McGeorge Alumni Association** — These two groups collaborated in an alumni mixer and continuing education event at Castlewood Country Club in Pleasanton on May 19. Etesian Duo, featuring Arturo Rodriguez ’13 MUS, provided musical entertainment, and McGeorge law professor John Sprankling preceded the mixer with a course about advising your client on opening a winery.
Clubs Corner

Celebrating our new alumni

Pacific Alumni Association President Jennifer (Banks) Svihus ’87 COP welcomes the Class of 2016 into the Alumni Association at Commencement on May 14.

CIP Graduation Reception — CIP alumni celebrated Pacific seniors who are the first in their families to graduate from college at a jam-packed reception on April 17.

Latino Graduation Dinner — Regent José Hernández ’85 ENG gave the keynote address at this year’s Latino Graduation dinner and ceremony held in the DeRosa University Center Ballroom. Graduates received stoles to wear at Commencement. Individual students were recognized for their leadership and achievements. The event was dedicated to the memory of Alberto Yanez ’73 ECC, who recently passed away. Julio Hallack ’76 ECC and Gene Bigler ’67 RAY provided remarks about Yanez’s life and contributions to Pacific.

Black Alumni Club Graduation Reception — the Black Alumni Club hosted a reception and presentation for graduating seniors and graduate students at the Vereschagin Alumni House on May 11. Marquis White ’14 BUS was the emcee, and Philip Johnson ’11 BUS was the keynote speaker. Graduates received colorful kente stoles to wear at Commencement.

Lavender Graduation — The Pride Club hosted the annual Lavender Graduation reception on May 12 with keynote speaker Regent Norman Allen ’88 COP, ’94 LAW. Family and friends joined alumni to celebrate graduates who received rainbow tassels in honor of their achievements. Eric Dingler ’87 BUS is an underwriter and supporter of the event.
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January 10–21, 2017
The ancient treasures of Egypt await your discovery on this spectacular trip. From Cairo, the capital of Egypt, travel along the banks of the Nile, experiencing ancient wonders and connecting with the people, places and culture of captivating Egypt.

For more information on this and upcoming trips, visit PacificAlumni.org/Travel or contact Kelli (Williams) Page ’87 866.575.7229 (toll-free) kpage@pacific.edu

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Class of 1986

Phi Delta Theta
Class of 1991

Phi Delta Chi
Class of 2001

Pi Kappa Alpha
Class of 2006

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Your Pacific friends and faculty can’t wait to see you again!


Registration information will be sent via email. Please make sure that we have your most current email address so you won’t miss out! PacificAlumni.org/StayInTouch

If you have ideas about what you want to do or see at your reunion, contact us at pacificalumni@pacific.edu

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Moose Myers’ Men

Moose Myers’ Men (above) had their annual gathering on May 19 and 20. This group, who played football at Pacific under coach Jack “Moose” Myers, started off with dinner Friday at the Vereschagin Alumni House and heard remarks from Coach Myers. They also received an update on Pacific Athletics from Associate Athletic Director Tim Dickson, and a report on the Moose Myers’ Endowed Scholarship Fund.

50-year reunion

Great memories were abundant when the Class of 1966 held their 50-year reunion in Stockton during Commencement weekend. Tom Honey ’66 carried a picture of his mother, Patricia Adams ’55 COP, graduating from Pacific as the group participated in the Commencement processional. Honey had come from Florida for the occasion and brought many Pacific stories to share with his classmates.

Dave and Margaret (Peers) Frederickson ’66 were also among the celebrants. Dave, who worked on the student newspaper The Pacifican as a student, has just retired from The Pacifican a second time 50 years later. He had served as the faculty advisor for the past five years.

60-year reunion

The Class of 1956 celebrated their 60-year reunion on April 13 at the Vereschagin Alumni House. The 27 participants reconnected with each other, shared fond memories, browsed yearbooks and watched videos of their time at Pacific. Patrick Day, vice president for student life, spoke about what has changed in the student experience at Pacific since the 1950s and what is still the same.


'50 Bob McConnell ’50 COP, Newman, CA, has produced a DVD of the celebration of life for Eddie Wayne LeBaron Jr. ’50, known as “The Greatest Tiger of Them All,” who passed away in April 2015. Copies are available for sale for $10 per DVD. Contact Bob at 209-988-4469 if you would like to order one.

Robert Merdinger ’51 BUS, Stockton, CA, has volunteered with St. Mary’s Dining Hall for nearly three decades. As a retired banker, he has served on their board of directors and is involved with the accounting team.

'60 Ted Olson ’62 COP, Great Falls, VA, has joined Tom Brady’s legal team in the “Deflategate” saga. Olson, a former U.S. solicitor general, has argued 62 cases before the U.S. Supreme Court and won 75 percent of those arguments. According to Sports Illustrated, “if he were an NFL player, he would be a perennial MVP.”

Jane Fulton ’66 LAW, Laguna Beach, CA, abandoned retirement in 2014 to open Seaside Legal Services, a nonprofit public interest law firm. She previously served as counsel for the California Community College System, was a public defender in Los Angeles County, and spent 20 years in private practice in Beverly Hills and Laguna Beach.

Ursula Shepherd ’66 ’73 COP, Placitas, NM, retired as professor and associate dean from the University of New Mexico after almost two decades of service. Shepherd was the recipient of the UNM Alumni Association Faculty Award in 2016. In 2011, she was named the CASE/Carnegie U.S. Professor of the Year, and from 2009 to 2011 she was the UNM Presidential Teaching Fellow.

Mark Miller Sr. ’68 COP, Linden, CA, is the head football and softball coach at Linden High School, as well as a walnut grower. He retired from teaching history at Linden High School in 2008 after 40 years.

Dianne Philibosian ’68 COP, Pasadena, CA, a nationally known expert on the care and education of children, has retired as director of the Institute for Community Health and Wellbeing at California State University, Northridge, after four decades of service. Philibosian was one of the founding faculty in CSUN’s Department of Elementary Education’s early education program, and served on the CSUN faculty in various capacities in addition to her role with the institute. She has received numerous awards, including CSUN’s Extraordinary Service Award and the Northridge Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Community Contributions in Child Care Development Award. She also is a member and past chair of the Pacific Board of Regents, past vice president of the Pacific Alumni Association and a 2008 recipient of the Pacific Alumni Association Medallion of Excellence.

'70 Irwin Chow Jr. ’70 PHS, Fresno, CA, is a disaster response pharmacist with the National Disaster Medical System, part of the United States Department of Health & Human Services.

Jose Alva ’70 ECC, ’70 EDU, Lodi, CA, was appointed to a two-year term as presiding judge of the San Joaquin County Superior Court on Jan. 1. A superior court judge for the past 10 years, Alva also will continue to preside in juvenile dependency court. Alva worked as a land use attorney for 16 years before he applied to work as a judge. He became the first male Latino on the San Joaquin County Superior Court when he was appointed in 2006 by then-Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Dee (Doris) Barnes Williams ’71 COP, San Francisco, CA, a retired international trade banker, is owner and managing partner of Human Resources West Inc. The company owns and publishes a well-known bank management simulation game that is used by financial institutions, universities and financial associations in and outside the U.S. A web version of the educational tool is being tested through 2016.

Jan Kahn ’72 LAW, Hanford, CA, has been appointed to the university advisory board at Fresno State, which advises the president on improvement and development of the university. Kahn is a founding law partner at the firm Kahn, Soares & Conway LLP, which has offices in Hanford and Sacramento.

Curtis Stromme ’73 COP, Jackson, CA, is one of 25 artists who exhibit at Sutter Creek Gallery in Sutter Creek, CA. Utilizing paper rather than canvas, Stromme applies acrylic paints with blocks to create vivid compositions.

Lucy Hamilton Hill ’74 COP, Stockton, CA, retired in 2010 as a teacher from the California Youth Authority. In 1995, she was inducted in the Black Sports Hall of Fame for track. She is currently substitute teaching, facilitating a Bible Study Fellowship group, and is a volunteer mentor for San Joaquin Community Prevention Services.

Class of 1976 Reunion

Cindy (Bava) Spiro ’76 and Mary Elizabeth Eberhardt-Sandstrom ’76 have started planning for the Class of 1976 40th reunion, happening Oct. 14–16. They are looking for additional help from their ’76 classmates. Contact Chris Ortega (cortega@pacific.edu) in the alumni relations office for more info.

Tim O’Neill ’78 ’91 COP, Merced, CA, threw out the first pitch at the May 15 Modesto Nuts baseball game. He is the president-elect of the Pacific Alumni Association.

Robert Sorensen ’78 BUS, Poway, CA, has retired as the vice president of operations for Allegian Inc.

John “Jake” Aller ’79 COP, Alexandria, VA, retired from the U.S. State Department as a foreign service officer on April 30, after 27 years of service in 10 countries. He plans to retire overseas in South Korea, but will spend summers in southern Oregon and winters in Florida.

Connie Xanttopoulos Rishwain ’79 COP, Santa Barbara, CA, has joined the board of directors for Girls Inc. of Greater Santa Barbara. Rishwain served as the president of UGG Australia, a division of Deckers Brands, from 2002 through 2015 after serving as the company’s vice president and general manager.

'80 Pamela Clements ’80 EDU, ’80 ECC, Santa Cruz, CA, is a psychotherapist trainee at the Novato Youth Center. She is also a Pacific regent and a Pacific Alumni Association Award recipient.

Rudy Medina ’80 BUS, Fresno, CA, has been named president of U.S. Bank’s Southern California market.

Kathli Anderson ’81 ECC, San Diego, CA, was recently elected for a three-year term as the sole U.S. representative to the Copenhagen, Denmark-based International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims, www.irc.org. She is also a Pacific Alumni Association Award recipient.

Chris Isaak ’80 CAL, Los Angeles, CA, will be performing at Wente Vineyard in Livermore, CA, on Sept. 13. Tickets at chrisisaak.com/events/377913.

Nancy (Berberian) Thompson ’81 BUS, Kingsburg, CA, has been a top agent at Kingsburg Guarantee Real Estate since 2011 and in February achieved the gold level of sales. She and her husband, Todd, have two children, four grandchildren and two cocker spaniels.

Rick Paulsen ’82 COP, Stockton, CA, was No. 1 in sales and production for the life insurance company New York Life for 2015. He outproduced 13,000 agents in the U.S.

Anthony Morreale ’83 PHS, La Jolla, CA, has been selected as the 2016 recipient of the prestigious Steven G. Avey Award. The highest honor in managed care pharmacy, the award, bestowed by the AMCP Foundation, recognizes sustained, exemplary and distinguished service to the profession. Morreale is assistant chief consultant for clinical pharmacy services and health care services research for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) pharmacy benefits management.
Bill Yee ’83 PHS, Stockton, CA, was elected as a California Society of Health-System Pharmacists Central Valley chapter delegate to the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists House of Delegates. Yee is the director of pharmacy at St. Joseph’s Medical Center in Stockton.

Linda Seifert ’84 LAW, Fairfield, CA, has been named the 2016 Woman of the Year for the 4th Assembly District. She has served as a Solano County supervisor for three consecutive terms. Seifert played an instrumental role in preserving 1,800 acres of the Rockville Trails property through the Solano Land Trust and spearheaded renovation of veterans halls in Benicia and Vallejo, along with the development of the Center for Positive Change and the Family Justice Center.

Francesca DeMello ’85 COP, Stockton, CA, is a software developer at Lawrence Livermore Labs, and was recently featured in their publication.

Lisa Jackson Kipp ’85 BUS, Denver, CO, won $31,715 in cash and prizes on the May 11 episode of Wheel of Fortune.

Class of 1986 Reunion
Jim Dugoni ’86, Grant Reeder ’86, Mary Pietanza ’86, La Nor (Miller) Smith ’86, Evan Dreyfuss ’86, Robert Oakes ’86, Jan (Inglese) Hope ’86, Brad Loos ’86 and Joel Harris ’86 are putting together a planning committee for the Class of 1986 30th reunion, happening Oct. 14–16. To get involved, contact Chris Ortega (cortega@pacific.edu) in the Office of Alumni Relations for more information.

Rita Litchfield-Good ’86 MUS, Phoenix, AZ, sang on Phoenix Chorale’s recording Rachmaninoff: All-night Vigil, which spent six weeks on the Billboard charts and debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard traditional classical chart. In February, the album won the GRAMMY Award for best choral performance, and was nominated for best engineered album, classical.

Craig Wells ’86 EDU, Lodi, CA, has received the “Innovator of the Year Award” for his article “How to get hired by Apple, Oracle, Amgen and other top Fortune 500 companies.” He is currently the director of worldwide staffing for Apple, Oracle and Amgen. He previously served as the director of the Career Resource Center at Pacific for six years.

Nick Phillips ’87 MUS, Vallejo, CA, has released a new album called Haiku. Phillips is the vice president of catalog and jazz A&R at Concord Records, and he steps out as a musician himself for the second time with this CD. He has taught classes at Pacific since his graduation, including “Running an Independent Record Label.”

Keith Saunders ’88 BUS, Phoenix, AZ, has been appointed managing director of Modern Terminals Limited, Hong Kong’s longest-established container terminal operator. Saunders will lead the brand-promise initiatives in Hong Kong, especially in the areas of operational excellence, innovation and infrastructure development.

Saeid Solomon ’88 DEN, Los Angeles, CA, the founder of the Center for Cosmetic, Implant and Neuromuscular Dentistry, has announced the establishment of a new scholarship that will be awarded to students who either plan on or are currently pursuing an academic field of study related to dentistry. Learn more: timetosmile.com/dr-solomon-scholarship/

Vernon Hadnot ’89 COP, Wylie, TX, was featured in the April edition of DFW Black Journal, talking about his success in sports television.

Stuart McElhaney ’90 PHS, Honolulu, HI, owns and operates The Pillbox, an old-time drugstore that his father started 42 years ago.

Patricia Brown ’91, ’92 COP, Wildomar, CA, was inducted into the Chowchilla Athletics Hall of Fame on Saturday, Feb. 20.

Class of 1991 reunion
Cathy (Shaw) Wooton ’91, Gisella Giglberger ’91, Eva (Chavez) Clark ’91 and Ursula Kleinenecke ’91 have started planning for the Class of 1991 25th reunion, happening Oct. 14–16. They are looking for additional help from their ’91 classmates. Contact Chris Ortega (cortega@pacific.edu) in the Office of Alumni Relations for more information.

Craig Barbarosh ’92 LAW, Irvine, CA, has joined BioPharmX Corporation’s board of directors. Barbarosh is also a member of the board of directors of Sabra Health Care REIT Inc., which operates 170 health care facilities across the United States and Canada, where he serves as chairman of the audit committee and is a member of its compensation committee. He also is an independent director and vice chairman of the board at Quality Systems Inc., a leading health care information technology company, where he serves as chairman of the nominating and governance committees and is a member of the compensation and transaction committees of the board, as well as a director of the company’s wholly owned India subsidiary.

Pamela Gibbs ’92 COP, Elk Grove, CA, was the keynote speaker at the April 1 “Women of Distinction” luncheon. Gibbs is the director of governmental relations for the Los Angeles County Office of Education.

Michael Bloom ’93 SIS, Calabasas, CA, is the CEO and executive director of Pasadena Recovery Center, a 98-bed drug and alcohol treatment center known nationally. A certified drug and alcohol counselor, Bloom is a leader in the recovery industry, with a career spanning more than a decade. He currently serves on the Los Angeles County Commission for Public Services.
What’s New?

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Send us your baby’s name and birth date and get your “Future Tiger” baby bib.

Matches and Tiger Cubs

**Matches**

Drew Cunningham ’07 BUS and Helen Tan ’07 BUS, 6/6/15, Chicago, IL — 1

Andrew R. Trapani ’01 BUS and Andreana Melchiome, 10/30/15, Palm Beach, FL — 2

Hope Thorson ’05 BUS and Michael Fanucchi, 10/17/15, Dublin, CA — 3

James Derrick ’13 COP and Mary Kate Smith, 1/7/16, Blairsville, GA — 5

Erin Tompkins ’08 MUS and Mike Tompkins ’07 MUS, 6/13/15, Fremont, CA

**Births**

Kelly Johnson Moynahan ’09 COP, ’11 SLP and Charlie Moynahan ’10 COP, ’12 EDU, a son, Thomas John, 2/2/16, Fair Oaks, CA — 4

Shannon Catalano Cruzat ’05 COP and Jarrod Cruzat ’03 BUS, a daughter, Ava Grace, 10/19/15. Welcomed by sister Cora Rose, Riverbank, CA — 6

Carmen Rojas ’12 EDU, a daughter, Arlene Andrade, 8/20/14, Stockton, CA — 7

Jamie Parado ’06 COP, ’09 DEN and Keith Boyer ’05 COP, ’08 DEN, a daughter, Joanna, 11/5/15, Claremont, CA — 8

Candace Chang Fong ’03 COP and Geof Fong ’99 BUS, a son, Brayden Daniel, 10/28/15, Sacramento, CA — 9

Rachael DeRonde White ’05 COP and Michael White ’07 COP, a son, Jack Edward, 2/27/16, Capitola, CA — 10

Randi Kay Stephens ’01 SIS and Corin Choppin, a daughter, Kiera Catherine, 10/23/15, Sacramento, CA — 11
Wendy Warren Kirby-Alexander ’94 MUS, Lodi, CA, performed at Juilliard School in Manhattan, NY, in January. The pianist was partnered with cellist Julian Schwarz and played Brahms’ Cello Sonata in E Minor. She continues to take lessons from Pacific professor Frank Weins and is working on an online degree in music development with the Royal Conservatory in Toronto.

Matthew Paulin ’94 COP, Stockton, CA, was announced as chief financial officer for the city of Stockton in March. For the past five years, he was a senior executive for the state’s Department of Finance overseeing the budget of California’s $136 billion Health and Human Services agency.

Gina Sessions ’94 LAW, Carson City, NV, is the director of the civil rights compliance department for the Washoe County School District.

Nolana Murray-Bibbs ’95 COP, Conyers, GA, served as Pacific’s delegate at the inauguration ceremony of Kina S. Mallard, the new president of Reinhardt University. Delegates marched in the procession in full academic regalia in the order of their university’s founding.

Jennifer Nolan Neill ’96 LAW, Elk Grove, CA, has been appointed chief counsel at the Board of Parole Hearings by Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. Neill has been a senior assistant attorney general at the California Department of Justice in the Office of the Attorney General since 2012.

Stephanie Forbes Sparks ’97 LAW, San Jose, CA, was a speaker at the 2016 Masters Conference for Legal Professionals in San Francisco. She is a shareholder and chair of Hoge Fenton’s privacy and data security and intellectual property team. She was also accepted as a member of the 2016 Hipower program, a network of select women professionals who are considered among the top in their fields.

Terri Bates Walker ’97 LAW, Orinda, CA, has joined Pacific Union Real Estate, representing both buyers and sellers in the Lamorinda community and beyond.

Jennifer (Vied) Geiger ’98 MUS, Livermore, CA, is the president of the American Music Therapy Association.

John Soldati ’98 LAW, San Joaquin County, CA, was sworn in by San Joaquin Superior Court Judge Jose Alva ’70 ECC as a new court commissioner. He began his legal career with the San Joaquin County District Attorney’s Office before opening his own criminal and civil practice in Stockton.

John Soldati ’98 LAW, Stockton, CA, received the Podesto Award for Excellence in Student Life, Mentoring and Counseling at the Faith Davies All-University Leadership Awards Ceremony on May 13.

Emma Suarez Pawlicki ’01 LAW, Redding, CA, has been reappointed to the Central Valley Flood Protection Board, where she has served since 2007. Suarez has been an attorney in private practice on natural resource issues since 2007. She was associate solicitor in the U.S. Department of the Interior’s Division of Land and Water in 2006.

Paul Petersen ’01 PHS, Madison, TN, is the director of the emergency preparedness program for the Tennessee Department of Health, responsible for preparing for, responding to and recovering from health emergencies affecting the state of Tennessee.

Ted Brown ’02 COP, Beulah, CO, has been promoted to executive vice president of Lockton’s Mountain West operation in Denver. Brown has been with Lockton for more than nine years and was a 2014 nominee for the Denver Business Journal 40 Under 40 Award. At Pacific, Brown was a member of the lacrosse team and Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

Kimberly Trammell ’02 COP, Stockton, CA, has been selected as the city of Stockton’s budget officer.

Todd Trotter ’02 LAW, Sacramento, CA, has been appointed to the California Veterans Board. Trotter has been a national senior director at Kaiser Permanente since 2013 and has held several positions there since 2002.

Ramona Bishop ’03 EDU, Sacramento, CA, was unanimously elected as the new president of the California Association of African American Superintendents and Administrators (CAAAASA). She is the superintendent of Vallejo Unified School District. She was the keynote speaker at the African American Leadership “Moving the Urban Agenda” summit in Sacramento, organized to address social, civic and economic disparities and solutions within the African American community.

David Dellaini ’03 LAW, Davis, CA, has been promoted to the rank of deputy police chief with the city of Davis Police Department.

Cameron Bordner ’04 LAW, Truckee, CA, presented at Truckee’s “Knowledge Bites” workshop, which focused on new California legislation, as well as other important laws regarding employers. Bordner started his career in the ski industry as a professional ski patroller, then became head of mountain safety and accident investigation teams. He later became a nationwide risk consultant to ski resorts and director of risk management at Heavenly Mountain Resort. He is currently with the Truckee-based law firm Molsby & Bordner LLP.

Myree Bowden ’04 COP, Stockton, CA, appeared on episode 2 of TNT’s Dunk Kings. View the clip online at www.tntdunkking.com.

Kelly Lynott Larkin ’04 COP, Visalia, CA, has been promoted to clinical dental director at Family HealthCare Network’s Tulare Health Center.

Mike Gawlik ’05 COP, East Lansing, MI, has been hired as the volleyball head coach at Central Michigan University. A four-year letter winner and two-year captain at Pacific, Gawlik was a four-year starter and setter and libero for the Tigers, graduating in 2005 with school records in games played (382) and digs (849).

Class of 2006 Reunion
The Alumni Relations Office is looking for 2006 alumni to help plan the Class of 2006 10th reunion, happening Oct. 14-16. Contact Chris Ortega (cortega@pacific.edu) in the Office of Alumni Relations for more information.

Jill Himlan Deering ’06 COP, Santa Barbara, CA, took part in a panel discussion in Santa Barbara in front of 400 female athletes who attended the 30th annual National Girls and Women in Sports Day Luncheon. Deering works in the legal profession as an in-house counsel.

Jenny Mae Phillips ’07 LAW, Sacramento, CA, has been appointed deputy director of legislative affairs at the California Department of Managed Health Care by Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr.
Brandon Hemphill ’08 BUS, Sammanish, WA, has taken over head coaching responsibilities for the Skyline High School Spartan’s baseball program.

Ashraf Miqbel ’08 BUS, Santa Monica, CA, has been promoted to accounting manager at Entravision Communications.

Natasha Tomich ’08 COP, Seattle, WA, is a senior consultant/project coordinator at Microsoft.

Emily Haden ’09 LAW, Merced, CA, has been reappointed to the 35th District Agricultural Association, Merced County Fair Board of Directors, where she has served since 2012. Haden has been an owner at the Haden Law Office since 2014.

Lakeisha Hood ’09 LAW, Tallahassee, FL, has been promoted from assistant director to director of the Division of Food, Nutrition and Wellness in the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

Marco Stefan ’09 MUS, Pleasanton, CA, performed “Lindoro” in The Italian Girl in Algiers with the Livermore Valley Opera.

10 Mario Enriquez ’10 COP, Pittsburgh, PA, was invited by the Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities (AICCU) to speak on behalf of private institutions on the importance of protecting the Cal Grants and was featured on Univision.

Carl Fairburn ’10 PHS, Lakeview, OR, was elected to a three-year term as a member of the nominating committee of the Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Section of the American Physical Therapy Association.

Seema Ghatnekar ’10 COP, Riverside, CA, was a member of the legal team representing Hulk Hogan in the Hogan v. Gawker case.

Mike Lorenzen ’10 EDU, Washington, DC, is assistant athletic director at Georgetown University in Washington, DC.

Kim Bowman ’11 LAW, Salt Lake City, UT, is the Democratic nominee for lieutenant governor of Utah and the manager of the Division of Health System Innovation and Research at the University of Utah School of Medicine. Bowman also is a captain in the United States Air Force Reserve and a member of the Air Force Judge Advocate General’s Corps (JAG). His wife, Nadia Mahallati Bowman ’08 COP, ’11 LAW, competed her coursework and is preparing for her comprehensive examination as a PhD student at the University of Utah.

Clion Gewelber ’12 DEN, Las Vegas, NV, is a new faculty member at University of Nevada, Las Vegas as an assistant professor in residence at the UNLV School of Dental Medicine, where she treats patients with disabilities in the Special Care Dental Clinic.

Sam Willard ’11 COP, Pierre, SD, was named January MVP for Japan's basketball BJ League. He had four double-doubles last month, and averaged 20.7 points and 13.7 rebounds in four games.

Megan Dias ’12 EDU, Mountain View, CA, and Pamela Wong ’12 DEN, Mountain View, CA, traveled to Bergen, Norway, together. “Cheers from Europe!” they said.

Johnathan Gluck ’12 DEN, Nashville, TN, is an orthodontist with his father at Gluck Orthodontics in Green Hills, TN. He recently married Dina Finer.

Larry Grimes ’12 EDU, Stockton, CA, has been selected by NASA as a Cycle 4 airborne astronomy ambassador aboard the Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy (SOFIA) aircraft. He and team member Jeff Baldwin will spend a week at the NASA Armstrong Flight Research facility in Palmdale, CA, in fall and will be making two flights high into the stratosphere aboard the SOFIA modified 747SP with its 2½ meter infrared telescope. The SOFIA program partners educators with research scientists in conducting infrared astronomical research aboard the flying observatory. Grimes is chair of the science department at Sierra High School in Manteca, CA.

Becky Nielsen ’12 EDU, Elkhart Lake, WI, has joined the student affairs team as student life coordinator at the University of Wisconsin–Fox Valley.

Phillip Yun ’12 ENG, Walnut, CA, is an elite taekwondo athlete who has traveled around the world to more than 10 different countries competing against world-class athletes. This past summer he competed at the 2015 Pan American Games in Toronto, bringing home the bronze medal for Team USA. While a student, Yun represented both Pacific and Team USA at the Summer World University Games in China and founded a taekwondo sparring club.

Tyger Pederson ’13 COP, Palo Alto, CA, is under contract with the Vallejo Admirals of the Pacific Association of Professional Baseball Clubs. He hosted the second annual free Tyger Pederson Baseball Clinic for prospective players in the Palo Alto Little League in February.

Joshua Washington ’13 MUS, Stockton, CA, is a keyboard player, bandleader and music director at Stockton’s Zion Academy. His ensemble is working on a second recording, The Temple.

Romelia Jimenez ’14 EDU, Soledad, CA, is currently serving as a United States Peace Corps volunteer in the small island country of Tonga as an English literacy facilitator. She is working to build a library for a primary school with 270 students. Current books on the shelf include The Story of Powercat and Last Stop on Market Street by Matt de la Pena ’96 COP. If you’d like to help fill the shelves with book donations, contact PacificAlumni@pacific.edu.

Rajen Duggal ’15 BUS, Modesto, CA, is a financial adviser with Merrill Lynch.

Eric Muff ’15 DEN, Auburn, CA, has begun practicing dentistry with his father at Auburn Dental Group.

Tiresa Po’e ’15 SIS, Auckland, NZ, is pursuing an MA in Samoan history, and assisting a professor with research at the University of Auckland.

In Memoriam

Lois Jean Byrd ’41 COP, 11/29/15, Stockton, CA

Winifred (Young) Washburn ’41 COP, 4/23/16, Escalante, UT. Washburn’s career in special education spanned 25 years and included writing a major teaching manual on mainstreaming special-needs kids back into the classroom that is still in use around the world today. Washburn also coordinated Bay Area volunteer outreach efforts at rest homes and wrote the study guide To the Jew first and then to the Gentile, a companion to Arno Froese’s Study on the Book of Acts. Her last book was accepted in March 2016 for publication. Washburn also was an accomplished poet and published numerous works.

Thomas Joseph Ferrari ’42 BUS, 1/15/16, Sutter Creek, CA

Gloria Hops Meltzer ’42 MUS, 5/29/15, San Jose, CA

Elizabeth K. Richardson ’43 COP, 1/31/16, Sacramento, CA

Garner Harrison Long ’44 COP, 4/5/16, Walnut Creek, CA
Betty C. Bartley '45 COP, 3/24/16, Stockton, CA
Mary Gingrich '46 COP, 1/30/16, Concord, CA
Dorothy Beatle Soares '46 COP, 1/14/16, Stockton, CA

A. Donald Cross '48 COP, 9/26/15, San Francisco, CA. Cross worked in the San Francisco Unified School District as a speech pathologist for more than 28 years. He retired early to return to the stage in the Bay Area, where he acted in theaters, commercials and TV shows for the next 30 years.

Garrett Meninga '48 COP, 4/6/15, Ripon, CA
Leo Louis Pochini '48 BUS, 3/17/16, Roseville, CA
Burress Emerson Weiss '49 MUS, 3/4/16, San Luis Obispo, CA
Dolores Blair '50 COP, 5/13/16, Stockton, CA
Moss Helen Pickering '50 EDU, 1/27/16, Makawao, HI
Philip Barry Ortez '51 COP, 1/1/16, Tustin, CA
Frank R. Bevilaqua '53 COP, 3/8/16, Stockton, CA
Cecil Harp '54, '61 COP, Lodi, CA, 1/14/16. Harp was a Tiger fullback during the '51–'52 seasons and became a top end in 1953. He tried out for the Chicago Cardinal pro football team in 1957 and performed as a defensive end in several exhibition games.

Masao Ueda '54 COP, 2/16/16, Modesto, CA
Keith A. Boggs '55 COP, 4/4/16, Redding, CA
Bluford Beason Usrey '55 DEN, 1/17/16, El Cajon, CA

Rotus L. Harvey '56 EDU, 2/10/16, Lodi, CA
Marlene Drew '57 COP, 2/18/16, Stockton, CA
Raymond August Lippert '57 CON, 3/4/16, Acampo, CA
Phillip Lee Dunaway '58 MUS, 2/3/16, Benicia, CA
Jean Marie Anderson '59 COP, 2/11/16, Walnut Creek, CA
Jack B. Gall '59 COP, 5/14/16, Stockton, CA
Edward Allen Hinshaw '59 COP, 3/21/16, Saratoga, CA
Wendell Raymond Davis '60 COP, 5/3/16, Lodi, CA
Daniel Poynter '60 COP, 11/1/15, Santa Barbara, CA. Poynter was a world-renowned speaker and author, known for his 1979 book Self-Publishing Manual: How to Write, Print and Sell Your Own Book, which is now in its 16th edition. Publishers Weekly called him a “self-publishing pioneer.” He wrote more than 130 books on a wide variety of topics, including The Parachute Manual: A Technical Treatise on the Parachute and Parachuting and The Skydiver’s Handbook, considered by many to be cornerstones of skydiving literature. Poynter was a founding member of the Publishers Marketing Association (now the Independent Book Publishers Association), which honored him in 1992 with its Benjamin Franklin Person of the Year Award for Lifetime Achievement.

Joseph Gordon Spracher '60 COP, 3/1/16, Stockton, CA. Spracher retired at the end of 2014 after a half-century career in medicine, where he spent his first 17 years before taking on the same role at Pacific. For his many years of service, Pacific dedicated the Dr. Joseph Spracher Athletic Training Facility within its Pacific Intercollegiate Athletic Center to him in 2010.

Judy Hanshue Lozano '62 COP, 5/7/16, Butte Falls, OR. She and her husband, Bob, turned a rundown property outside Butte Falls into the successful JRL Ranch, which produces renowned grass-fed, all-natural beef and selectively harvested timber.

Pamela Jo Ingraham '63 EDU, 1/5/15, Culver City, CA
Robert Liston Grohs '64 PHS, 1/12/16, Chico, CA. While attending Pacific, Grohs met the love of his life, Janetta (Way) Grohs '64 EDU. In addition to his private practice, Spracher volunteered as the Lincoln High School team physician for 17 years before taking on the same role at Pacific. For his many years of service, Pacific dedicated the Dr. Joseph Spracher Athletic Training Facility within its Pacific Intercollegiate Athletic Center to him in 2010.

Pamela Jo Ingraham '63 EDU, 1/5/15, Culver City, CA
Robert Liston Grohs '64 PHS, 1/12/16, Chico, CA. While attending Pacific, Grohs met the love of his life, Janetta (Way) Grohs '64 EDU. Upon graduation, they began raising a family. They moved from there to Chico and ultimately bought Harlan’s Rexall Drugstore in Oroville. In 1978, he built and operated Olive Pharmacy until his retirement in 2000.

Allen Brockbank '65 DEN, 2/9/16, Centerville, UT
Georgette Marie Machado '65 COP, 2/23/16, Crows Landing, CA

Noreen W. Smith '65 EDU, 4/25/16, Stockton, CA
Timothy R. Stoll '65 DEN, 2/12/16, San Jose, CA
Clare Macintyre-Ross ’66 MUS, 3/9/16, Falls Church, VA. From the early 1970s to the mid-1980s, she worked on Wall Street, initially at Drexel Burnham Lambert, an investment banking firm, as its first female institutional salesperson, and then at Citibank as a senior account officer in the international services division for Latin America, where she helped establish offshore accounts and financial instruments for clients. Previously, she was involved in the musical and songwriting career of the late Harry Chapin and is considered to be the inspiration for his 1972 song “Taxi.”

Ronald Robert Burns ’67 BUS, 5/12/16, Deltona, FL
Robert Curran Carlson ’67 EDU, 4/16/16, Granite Bay, CA
Marcella O’Connor Welch Murphy ’67 EDU, 1/14/16, Napa, CA. O’Connor went to college for the first time at the age of 40 to fulfill her dream of becoming a teacher. She graduated from Pacific and taught middle school history and English.

Donald Churchill ’68 COP, 1/16/16. Stockton, CA
Susan Victoria Klein ’68 COP, 4/7/16, Jamestown, CA
Garry Boswell ’69 PHS, 1/21/16, Weatherford, TX

The Honorable Armand J. Clavere ’70 LAW, 2/26/16, Sacramento, CA
Robert Lee Garlick ’70 COP, 3/27/16, Augusta, MI
Nancy Ann Neitzel ’70 EDU, 1/17/16, Stockton, CA
Richard Keith Corbin ’72 LAW, 1/10/16, Elk Grove, CA
Ron Summers ’72 RAY, 12/30/15, Springfield, OR
Paul Stockton Shoor ’73 COP, 12/2/15, La Mesa, CA. Shoor spent a year in Rome, Italy, studying with the impresario Tito Gobbi and went on to sing for the San Jose Opera Company.

Richard Frank Sebok ’74 EDU, 3/7/16, Carmel, CA
Charles Douglas McGregor ’75 PHS, 1/21/16, Fresno, CA
Audrey Marie Handy ’76 EDU, 1/30/16, Stockton, CA
Norma C. Lazo ’76 BUS, 4/14/16, Stockton, CA
Darilush Sepehr Noori ’76 EDU, 5/15/16, Acampo, CA
John Howard Sullivan ’77 LAW, 2/20/16, Sacramento, CA
Susan Gayle Bostick ’78 COP, 1/17/16, Rancho Cordova, CA
Robert Lawrence Cole ’81 EDU, 3/22/16, Fallon, NV
Beatrice Claire Grasham ’81 EDU, 1/27/16, Stockton, CA
Howell Runion '56
Emeritus professor of physiology and pharmacology
Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
1933–2016

Howell Runion '56 passed away on May 3, 2016, at age 82. He was a dedicated member of the Pacific faculty for 34 years, retiring in 2002.

Known as Howie to his friends and students, Runion was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan, in 1933. His family moved to Stockton in 1947, where his father, Howard Runion, became the founding chair of Pacific’s new speech and hearing department and helped expand the program over the next 20 years.

Runion served in the Marine Corps in Japan, Okinawa and the Philippines, achieving the rank of captain, and served nine years in the reserves. As a student at Pacific, he participated on the swim team, graduating with a bachelor's degree in chemistry from College of the Pacific in 1956 and a teaching credential from the Gladys L. Benerd School of Education in 1960. He earned his master's in biology from the University of Oregon and his doctorate in electrophysiology from the University of Glasgow.

Before joining the Pacific faculty in 1969, he taught at Lincoln Elementary School and Lincoln High School. In later life, he also earned a degree as a physician assistant and practiced for 15 years.

During his 34 years teaching in the Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, he received two Outstanding Educator of America awards. In 2003 he received the Order of Pacific, University of the Pacific's highest honor. In retirement, he was active with the Emeriti Society and the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute.

He is survived by his wife of nearly 57 years, Dianne (Braley) Runion '60, '74; son Scott and wife, Heather; son Timothy and wife, Paula; three grandchildren; and two nephews. Contributions in his memory may be made to Hospice of San Joaquin or to the Pharmacy Memorial Scholarship, Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, attention Office of the Dean.

Alberto Yánez ’73 ECC
1952–2016

Alberto Yánez Marticorena ’73 ECC passed away in his native Puerto Ordaz, Venezuela, on March 23 at age 63.

Born Oct. 2, 1952, Yánez graduated from Pacific with his bachelor’s degree in inter-American studies from Elbert Covell College and earned his doctorate in management from California Western University.

Yánez was committed to sustaining a vibrant relationship between the university and Covell alumni and championed a closer relationship between “Covellianos,” cultivating a leadership team that reestablished Covell reunions. Epitomizing the aim of Covell College to promote interamericanismo among peoples in the Western Hemisphere, he was a major proponent and inspiration for Pacific’s development of a new Latino American studies program and Latino/a Community Outreach Office.

He helped organize and host a 2009 Venezuela trip led by then-provost Phil Gilbertson to explore potential student exchange and internship opportunities and introduced the Venezuelan youth orchestra program, El Sistema, to Pacific. The program became the impetus and model for Harmony Stockton, the university’s collaborative music education outreach program. He also helped organize President Pamela Eibeck’s 2010 Ecuador trip to further explore partnerships with Latin American universities and solidify relations with alumni. His many efforts were instrumental in bringing hundreds of students to Pacific. He also served on the International Advisory Board for the School of International Studies.

The owner, president and CEO of PREMISA International Corp, Yánez held a number of influential roles in international business, energy, commerce and education throughout his career. His efforts were recognized by a variety of national and international organizations, including the University Simón Bolívar, the Venezuelan Catholic Conference of Bishops and the U.S. International Service Corps. He was awarded the Meritorious Labor Order in 1983 by the government of Venezuela’s Labor Ministry.

He is survived by his wife, Beverley (Giusti) Yánez ’77 ECC; his children, Armando, Carol and Charlotte; and nine grandchildren.

The Pacific community recalled his warm, optimistic spirit and passion for Pacific during a celebration of his life on May 13, dedicating this year’s Latino/a Graduation Celebration in his honor.
Prominent Stocktonian Doug Eberhardt '59 BUS, CEO and chairman of the Bank of Stockton, Pacific benefactor and member of the Board of Regents for 12 years, was awarded an honorary doctor of business administration.

The Class of 1966 was led by Class of 1950 alumni Bob and Shirley (Awe) McConnell in the memorial rose walk.

“I am extremely proud of this outstanding class of Pacific graduates, a pride shared by our dedicated faculty,” said President Pamela A. Eibeck. “These students have worked hard and truly are prepared for success in their lives and careers.”

The Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences conferred more than 360 degrees in pharmacy, physical therapy, speech-language pathology, applied science and pharmaceutical and chemical sciences on Saturday, May 21. Georges C. Benjamin, executive director of the American Public Health Association, delivered the keynote address.

San Francisco
At the Orpheum Theatre in San Francisco on June 12, the Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry conferred some 200 degrees in dental surgery, dental hygiene and orthodontics, and certificates of completion in advanced dental education specialties.

See a video of the May 14 Commencement ceremony and relive the proud moments as Pacific celebrates its newest Tigers: go.Pacific.edu/Commencement
August

Opening Convocation
Aug 27
Welcoming new students with a Tiger Roar!

17th Annual Orange & Black Ball
Oct 27
Benefiting Pacific athletic scholarships and programs

September

Native American Pow wow
Sep 2–4
Celebrating Native American heritage and culture

Family Day at the Park
Sep 17
Educational activities and book fair

October

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An exciting and event-filled Pacific family weekend
Pacific.edu/Homecoming

Brubeck Festival
Oct 13–15
Featuring Carmen Bradford, Everette Harp, the Dan Brubeck Quartet and the Brubeck Institute Jazz Quintet
BrubeckInstitute.org

“The Question of the Animal and Religion”
Oct 18
The Colliver Lecture with Aaron Gross, PhD

18th Annual Safe Trick-or-Treat
Oct 26

November

Latino Heritage Month
Sep 15 – Oct 15
University-wide celebration of Latino heritage and culture
go.Pacific.edu/LatinoHeritageMonth

Faculty Mentor Awards Luncheon
Nov 13
Honoring professors for their impact in the lives of students and alumni
PacificAlumni.org/Awards

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