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A Letter From University of the Pacific
President Pamela Eibeck

Dear Students,

Welcome to the fall 2016 semester. This new beginning signals a time of opportunity for each of you to become a great thinker, a global citizen and an ethical leader.

Whether you are a new or returning student, you will soon realize that you will receive a transformative education at University of the Pacific. You will gain tools to help you discover yourself, earn your first job out of college, learn throughout your life and lead a life of meaning and purpose.

It will be our job to help you get there. Pacific offers a variety of services to support students—from academic counseling and tutoring to our Career Resource Center, our Multicultural Center, health and wellness programs and much more. Our faculty and staff are invested in your success. Reach out to them for guidance, mentorship and advice.

We have a bright and bold vision to become the leading university in California and sound strategies to get there.

Our roadmap is Pacific 2020, our strategic plan that has five priorities for the coming year:
- To become one university with three campuses in important markets
- To enhance enrollments and student success
- To build our reputation through academic quality
- To support faculty and staff development and engagement
- To embrace our fundraising campaign

Each of these pathways will help us fulfill our mission: making a difference in the lives of our students and in the world around us. We are here to help you build the life you want.

Great successes and probably a few hurdles lay ahead of you. Like the pioneers who came 165 years before us to envision this great university, I encourage you to be bold dreamers, meet risk head on and innovate when the going gets rough.

Most of all, enjoy your time here.

Pamela A. Eibeck
President
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EDITOR

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The 35th Annual Stockton Labor Day Community Pow Wow concluded on Sunday after three days of festivities and celebration at the Wendell Phillips Center lawn at the University of the Pacific. Vendors, dancers, and drummers gathered to recognize their heritage and the continued presence of Native Americans in the San Joaquin area.

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Making a Difference – Student Community Highlight: Rho Pi Phi

As students, we are capable and responsible for much more than our own learning and as a community, we can make large differences with the support of one another.

The brothers of Rho Pi Phi, a professional international pharmacy fraternity, deserve overdue recognition for their seven-day long medical brigade in Honduras this past summer.

For the past few years, Rho Pi Phi has been teaming up with Global Brigades to make this mission possible. In collaboration with other pre-dental students and the University of London, there were 21 student volunteers, 16 coming from UOP.

Before the trip, brothers worked together to raise funds and donations to buy medication and dental hygienic equipment. They turned their hard work in preparation for the brigade into transformative action by volunteering at clinics and participating in public health projects in Honduras. The student set-up clinic offered dental, medical, and pharmaceutical services.

Allison Mac, a first-time brigader and first year pharmacy student, reflected on the brigade as such: “It was such a pleasure to go with the brothers and Global Brigades. I was able to bond so well with everyone and truly enjoyed serving those communities.” During her trip, she worked in the pharmacy as well as sat in on doctor consultations and dental stations. These experiences at different stations made the trip enjoyable. More importantly, “the trip really showed [her] the importance of accessible healthcare and how we take such service for granted back home.” Being surrounded by passionate people just reinforced her desire to succeed in the healthcare field. It is with mindsets like Allison’s that students can really make a difference in the community by dedicating time and effort to your passions.

Rho Pi Phi is a professional fraternity dedicated to friendship, professionalism, and community service, and their work this past summer together is a perfect example of all three pillars and of making a difference in communities beyond our own. We would like to thank the following Rho Pi Phi brothers for serving on this opportunity: Allison Mac, Megan Ong, Amy Lee, Daniel Nguyen, Morgan Sato, Claire Chang, David Mei, Dorothy Fan, Hong Van Nguyen and Duy-Anh Dang.
Pacific Water Polo Alumni Erdelyi, Obert Return From Rio Olympics

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SPORTS EDITOR

It is not unusual for former Tigers to go on to accomplish great things upon graduation from Pacific. For former standout men's water polo team members Balázs Erdelyi '14 and Alex Obert '15, that greatness came in a form that only a select few in the world will ever know. Each man was selected by his respective country to compete in the world's foremost competitive occasion, the summer Olympic games, which took place in Rio, Brazil last month. Erdelyi represented his home country of Hungary, while Obert earned a spot on the United States' national squad.

Erdelyi etched his name in history as one of Pacific's greats during his four years as a Tiger. Twice awarded the Peter J. Cutino award, which is given to the best water polo player in the nation, Erdelyi earned every major honor possible at least once during his run: MPSF Player of the Year, All-Conference, NCAA Championship MVP, All-American, MPSF Freshman of the Year, ACWPA NCAA Player of the Year and countless other weekly awards throughout his four seasons. He holds Pacific's single-season record for goals at 96 and finished his college career with 287 goals, which is good for second all-time in Pacific history.

With the Hungarian team known as a powerhouse and a threat to win the gold medal at every Olympic tournament, Erdelyi proved that he could dominate among not just the best in the United States, but among the best in the world. And while Hungary ended up falling short of the medal stand with a fifth-place finish, it was in no way a reflection of the gold-medal caliber play from Erdelyi. He saw action in eight games during the tournament in Rio, and in those eight games totaled ten goals, five assists, three steals, and one block.

On the other side of the pool, Alex Obert represented the United States. Obert was considered as a finalist for the Peter J. Cutino after a stellar senior year in 2015 and has been named an All-American in three different years. Obert was regularly one of the top goal-scorers in the MPSF, earning First Team All-MPSF and MPSF All-Academic honors. It was common to find Obert's name on "player of the week" lists throughout his run at Pacific, which ended with him tied for ninth place on the all-time scoring list with 157 goals. Obert previously represented the U.S. in the 2015 Pan American Games, where he helped the U.S. win gold by scoring four goals during the tournament.

Obert competed admirably for the American National Team in Rio, playing in all five of the United States' games throughout the tournament. He scored two goals, and also posted two steals and one block. Unfortunately, though, the United States did not finish with a medal either and finished in tenth place.

While neither man was able to bring home a medal when the Olympics ended late last month, the two former teammates unquestionably did their respective countries and shared alma mater proud by giving it their all against the best players in the world. And while the Olympics may now be over, these two outstanding athletes will surely be viewed as a model for all Pacific athletes as they strive to make their school proud this year.

Athlete of the Week: Ash Rutherford '20

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SPORTS EDITOR

Our Athlete of the Week for this edition comes to us from more than 10,000 miles away. Ash Rutherford '20 of the Pacific field hockey team hails from Cape Town, South Africa, where she previously attended Rhenish High School. Prior to being recruited to Pacific, Rutherford made a name for herself as a highly-decorated player and student.

Rutherford was named the Rhenish High School All-Round Sportswoman of the Year in 2015 and was awarded the School Field Hockey Best Player Award in 2013 and 2014; she also won the Deputy Head President's Award in 2014. Rutherford has served as captain of the Boland U18A Hockey Team and was a member of the U18A South African Team for indoor and outdoor hockey.

Coming from a country whose national field hockey team is ranked eleventh in the world by the FIH World Ranking, a player of Rutherford's caliber certainly had other options when Pacific Head Coach Andy Smith began recruiting her. Rutherford chose to become a Tiger. When asked how she was getting acquainted with her new home here at Pacific, Rutherford did not hesitate in her praise for the University. "I'm loving it. It really is a great experience, and I really love the campus. So far I'm still experiencing and exploring it all."

When asked about her personal goals for this season, she expressed that she is mostly focused on becoming comfortable in her new situation. "I think because it is so early and because it is a completely new experience being so far from home, I would say that one of my biggest goals is just finding my feet." Ever level-headed in her approach, Rutherford is intent on making the most of her time at Pacific. "I want to enjoy these experiences and learn new things and meet new people."

In addition to getting acclimated to a new country and school, Rutherford is tackling another challenge, although this one is physical. Rutherford is returning to the field after a lengthy recovery from a surgery on her foot. "I've been out for quite a while. I'm just looking to find my feet, increase my confidence, and get back into hockey."

Rutherford enjoys all sorts of sports, especially swimming and water polo. "I love being outdoors and going on adventures," said Rutherford. She also cherishes time with her friends, and is fascinated by the subject of nutrition. "Anything to do with nutrition, I will be very interested in."

When asked about what she misses most from home, Rutherford was quick to mention her friends and family. Aside from personal relationships, though, there is nothing she misses more than the classic South African snack, the rusk. "That's something from South Africa that Americans don't know or have. It's like a baked, very hard bread that usually has nuts or raisins in it," explained Rutherford. "You dip it in tea or coffee."

While Rutherford has not explored enough restaurants in the Stockton area to pick one as her favorite, we know there is at least one thing The Lair could add to its menu to make Rutherford a regular costumer. "Americans should definitely invest in rusks."