Enrollment Reaches Historic Levels

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California's education system may be experiencing hardship, but the opposite appears to be true for the University of the Pacific. Instead of cutting back, UOP welcomed the most freshman students in university history this fall, as well as the highest number of transfer students in over ten years.

According to this year's enrollment figures provided by the Office of Admissions, the number of new freshman is estimated at about 1,043 -- 149 students more than last year -- and 272 transfers.

The expected enrollment total is 5,093 on the Stockton campus.

"Some might worry about space on campus, but thanks to dedicated planning through the spring and summer, we've ensured ample housing space and student services to continue Pacific's tradition of a student-centered campus culture," Associate Provost for Enrollment Rob Alexander said.

At this point, the numbers are projections; the figures will be made official by October 1.

"This freshmen class, the largest in Pacific's history, represents a surge of interest in Pacific from prospective students," said Alexander. "We have taken steps to keep class sizes small.

"Last year, my class was about 20 students and now there are about 21 or 22," Chair of the Political Science department and professor Brian Klunk said.

Klunk's course load includes teaching a Pacific Seminar class that all freshman students are required to take. To prevent a significant increase in his and other Pacific Seminar class sizes, the University added new sections of the course.

These kinds of preparations as well as others made by the staff have ensured that new students will not be overlooked.

"There is enough assistance here in the Pacific Community for us to feel welcome," freshman James Follett said.

Jared Wagner, a junior transfer student from Kansas, also feels confident about coming to Pacific.

"So far I've really enjoyed the supportive environment," he said. "There are a lot of resources available to get involved and it's been very easy to get situated."

Returning students have not been too put out by the increase either.

"Good professors will still be good regardless of the expansion," senior Amalee Elayyan said.

Even though the figures are higher than the norm, life may not be all too different.

"Everything has been the same, there's just more people around," sophomore Claudia Ochoa said.

Fast Freshman Facts

- Largest freshman class in school history
- Average GPA 3.49
- 58% Women; 42% Men
- 38% Caucasian; 33% Asian; 14% Hispanic; 3% African American; 2% Multiethnic; 1% Native American; 5% Unknown
- 17% are legacy students
- 324 from local communities
- 44 international students from 17 different countries
- 153 prospective engineer students
- 140 prospective business students
- 104 prospective pre-pharmacy students

Pacific Ranked One of Top Universities

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Since 1985 U.S. News and World Report has been annually producing its top 100 "Best Colleges" and this year Pacific has made the list, ranked 99.

U.S. News bases the ranking on a very comprehensive list of qualifiers including undergraduate academic reputation, graduate rate performance, graduate and freshman retention, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, and their alumni giving rate.

There were also secondary lists that the U.S. News and World Report posted ranking Pacific highly in many categories.

In the category of Best Values we were ranked # 40, Student Racial Diversity # 22, Proportion of Class Sizes under 20 # 42, Lowest Acceptance Rate # 46, Economic Diversity (% of Pell-eligible students) #51, Amount of Need-Based Aid Awarded Among Top Schools # 39, and Undergraduate Engineering Among Schools not Offering PhD # 49.

The University of the Pacific was selected out of thousands of institutions across the United States.
Top Ten Things College Students Forget

Kelly Asmus
Copy Editor

It always hard to keep track of everything you’ll need to pack for your dorm room, so we’re going to help you out. Here are a few things students tend to forget on their packing lists:

Umbrellas. When the rain hits it’s very unfortunate to be caught without one and during Winter stores tend to be sold out or already switching to the next fashion season.

Tools. Most stuff you bring to your dorm should already be built but if you run out and get a filing cabinet or something similar, it usually at least needs the handles attached. Having a small tool kit with a couple screwdrivers and wrenches or hammers is a great help for the little things along the way.

First Aid Kit. No longer can you run into your parents medicine cabinet and steal some Neosporin and a Band-Aid, you have to get that stuff yourself. Most stores offer a generic First Aid Kit that can really come in handy for all those paper cuts after the 20 page paper you spend all night writing.

Extra sheets. Eventually you should wash your sheets, and now being able to use your bed the entire time can really be a hassle when your only other seat is your desk chair. Keep an extra set around so when you strip your bed to wash the sheets, you can make it again right way and not lose any usage of your small space.

Safe. You might know a lot of people on campus but you don’t know everyone in the city. Having a small safe to keep your money, Spanish to English or French dictionary can really help with those new unknown words.

Light sleeper earplugs are the way to go. Even for just studying in a area that is not the quietest, they can block out that unwanted noise.

Earplugs. Not everyone is courteous, especially your snoring roommate. If you’re a light sleeper earplugs are the way to go.

Formal clothing. It is always good to keep at least two formal outfits with you, whether you think you’ll do anything formal or not. There are times when you may need to do a presentation and your looking pretty funny up there in your jeans and tee shirt when everyone else is in slacks and ties; and ladies, having a pair of slacks or pencil skirt and a nice dress are staples for any wardrobe.
Mosque at Ground Zero

Christiana Oatman
Perspectives Editor

A building that has been unused for a decade two blocks away from Ground Zero has captured the nation's attention this summer, after an imam, Imam Felsi, and his organization, the Cordoba Initiative, requested and the city approved construction of an Islamic cultural center.

The center has become controversial because many conservative commentators, religious leaders and some families of 9/11 victims feel that the closeness of the building to "sacred ground" is disrespectful to the memory of those who died in the terrorist attack ten years ago.

The cultural center will include a mosque, 9/11 memorial, swimming pool, gym, library, childcare services and many other resources and organizers have frequently stated it will be open to anyone.

Respecting the memories of those who died in one of the worst terrorist attacks in American history is important. But there's a distinct line between "respecting the memory" and restricting freedom of religion, protected in the First Amendment of the Constitution.

While a family member of someone who died in the 9/11 attacks may argue that not every Muslim is a terrorist, hundreds of 9/11 victims were also Muslim. The 9/11 terrorist attacks were planned and executed by extremists whose beliefs go against the teachings of the Koran and the beliefs of the majority of Muslims.

All of the criticisms of the Islamic cultural center stems from a hatred of Islam and Islamic culture, to the point where commentators have exaggerated about the closeness of the cultural center to Ground Zero (according to PoliFact.com, "it does not directly abut [Ground Zero] or overlook [Ground Zero]") and misleading the public about what the Islamic community center's purpose is and who their imam is.

In a segment later mocked by Jon Stewart on The Daily Show, a Fox News commentator used index cards and a highlighter to try to play Six Degrees of Separation to connect Imam Felsi to extremist groups in Iran. This is ridiculous.

Nearly every major religion has committed atrocities in their history; followers of Christianity, the most influential religion in the U.S., have committed genocide after genocide during the Crusades, against indigenous people when establishing imperialism in places like Australia, Africa and the U.S. itself.

No one protests very much when churches are established, but there's such a ridiculous fear and hatred of Muslims in this country that many seem to forget that Muslims who live in this country are Americans too and many of them mourned the losses of the victims of 9/11 just as much as every other religious group.
How Will Your Life Change During College?

"I think it will change my whole outlook on life." - David Tomaselli, Education Major

"I feel like I'll learn how to become more independent..." - Mariah Mayo, Pre-Pharmacy Major

"College will be unlike anything I've ever done before, but I'm looking forward to it" - Eric Pastana, Exploratory Major

"College is going to get me more organized being in an environment of academia and will inspire more interest in my core classes" - Neal Patel, Pre-Dentistry Major

"Not gaining the freshmen fifteen" - Shelly Zeiser, Music Therapy Major

"I'm looking forward to the freedom and individualism college has to offer" - Taylor Yatogo, Computer Engineering Major

"Won't change all that much, I'm already self dependent." - Alex Zaworski, Graphic Design Major

"Things will be more complicated, there will be more studying and I'll be forced to adapt." - Dawn Fleming, International Relations Major

Tiger Talk: Lifestyles Editor Kobe Armah

Where are you originally from?
San José, California

What are you studying?
Political Science with a minor in Ethnic Studies

What do you see yourself doing in 5 years?
Something that keeps me engaged and happy, I just want to dedicate my life to helping individuals and making their lives easier.

What do you focus on in your spare time?
I spend the majority of my time talking to people; I really like understanding their perspective on life.

Who is your greatest historical influence?
Thurgood Marshall-- His career in law was so progressive. At the same time, his work was so of the moment, necessary and appropriate for his era.

Who inspires you today?
My peers; I see so many promising leaders in our generation.

How would you define your life philosophy?
To me, the ultimate purpose of life is to find personal happiness and see the people around you happy.

What is your favorite dish?
My favorite dish changes by the time of year--I love anything that is multidimensional. At the moment, I really love chicken jambalaya; all of the flavors and ingredients just come together. The trick usually lies somewhere behind the hot red peppers and tomatoes.

What is one of your biggest goals or dreams you are personally focused on? If you can share...
My biggest goal is to see all of my dreams come true through hard work and dedication. It would really make me to see everything I have ever imagined in action.

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THE NEW RECRUITS

Who will rise to the task?

Allyson Seals
Sports Editor

What do four transfers and two incoming freshman from around the world have in common at Pacific? Well, they may all be seen with slightly confused looks on their faces as they navigate their ways around campus. But, most importantly, all six of these men can be seen gracing the Spanos Center floor during Men’s Basketball games this fall.

Andrew Bock (Rioja, CA), Rundell Mauge (Cedres, Trinidad), Jose Rivera (Brentwood, CA), and Spencer Llewelyn (Sydney, Australia) have recently signed their letters of intent to Pacific, pairing them with Chuck Coley and Khalil Kelley. There are high expectations for these players this fall, just as there are for the recruits on the other sports teams.

Make sure to come out to the field, court, and pool to also cheer on these other award winning athletes!

Women’s Volleyball:
Hannah Clancy (Thousand Oaks, Calif.), Misa Matsuoka Wahiawa (Hawaii) Siga Appelgate (Las Vegas, Nev.), Megan Bitch (Monroe, Wash.), Taeler Davis (Phelan, Calif.), Sam Misa (St. George, Utah) and Jennifer Sanders (Kary, Texas)

Women’s Water Polo:
Brooke Millar (Milford, Auckland, HZ), Jasmine Myles (North Shore City, Auckland, NZ), Mandy King (Benicia, Calif.), Kaitlin Biagg (Friant, Calif.), Allison King (Benicia, Calif.), Nicole Vasco (Dana Point, Calif.), Brittany Maag (Orange, Calif.), Melissa Loper (Napa, Calif.)

Women’s Soccer:
Shanelle Kapaono (Kailua, Hawaii), Ranar McFadden (Ripon, Calif.), Brittni Beeman (San Diego, Calif.), Nydia Ramos (Elk Grove, Calif.), Michelle Gonzales (Pasadena, Calif.), Sasha Moscatello (Millani, Hawaii), Haylee Bettencourt (Hilmar, Calif.), Hillary Hitz (Anchorage, Ala.), Tasha Long (Sandy, Utah)

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TG M: 13 () First-place votes

Soccer Picked Fourth By Big West Coaches

Athletic Media Relations

For the second consecutive season the Pacific women’s soccer team was picked to finish fourth by the coaches of the Big West as the 2010 Preseason Coaches poll was released on Thursday, August 12. The Tigers finished 2009 in fifth place in the conference after posting a 4-3-1 conference record and a 10-6-3 overall record. UC Santa Barbara was selected as the preseason favorites for the third consecutive season after winning the Big West tournament despite finishing third in the conference in 2009.


Nathan LeRoy Qualifies For the 2010 Short Course National Championships

Nathan LeRoy and Jordan Litz of Pacific’s men’s swim team traveled to Irvine to compete in the 2010 ConocoPhillips National Championships held Aug. 3-7. As part of Tiger Aquatics Swim Club, LeRoy competed in the 100 and 200 Breast while Litz swam the 200 and 400 IM.

LeRoy placed 54th in the nation in the 100 Breast with a time of 1:05.43. He then went on to touch the wall in 2:23.03 in the 200 Breast for a 63rd overall finish. LeRoy’s times in the 100 Breast (1:05.43) and the 200 Breast (2:23.03) qualified him for the 2010 Short Course National Championships that will be held Dec. 2-4 in Columbus, Ohio.

Litz completed the 400 IM with a time of 4:32.16 to finish 57th. In his second individual event, Litz placed 115th in the 200 IM, touching the wall in 2:10.15.

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