Advancing Women’s Leadership

Former U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice was the keynote speaker at University of the Pacific’s first forum on Advancing Women’s Leadership. Themed “No Ordinary Woman,” the half-day event in March also featured speaker Christy Haubegger, founder of the groundbreaking Latina magazine, and a panel discussion on Women in Leadership with panelists including Judge Connie Callahan ’75 from the U. S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and San Joaquin County Deputy District Attorney Tori Verber-Salazar.

The idea for the conference was conceived by Kristen Birtwhistle ’81, ’88; former Regent Dea Berberian; Regents Kathy Janssen ’68 and Connie Callahan ’73; and Stockton businesswoman and community leader Cyril Seligman who sought to inspire leadership in women at Pacific and in the community. Through the involvement and sponsorship of several University departments, individuals and community organizations, the idea became reality.

In her address, Rice shared her personal journey as a female who has held numerous leadership positions typically held by men. Afterward, she discussed issues surrounding women in leadership roles in an interview with President Pamela A. Eibeck.

ATHENA International founder Martha Mertz presented Rice with a Global ATHENA Leadership Award, recognizing her leadership on the world stage in positions such as National Security Advisor and U.S. Secretary of State.

More than 1,800 attended the forum in the Alex G. Spanos Center. Proceeds from the event resulted in a donation of $50,000 to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Stockton and $50,000 to Pacific’s Women’s Resource Center.

New Program Trains International Dentists to be Educators

Pacific’s schools of dentistry and education and Kuwait University have teamed up to launch a program that addresses a need for advanced training of dental educators at international universities. The newly launched International General Dentist Educator (IGDE) program brings international scholars to Pacific to help them become dental educators in their home countries. The first students in the five-year program are Drs. Fawaz Alzoubi and Hanadi Al Enezi, both from Kuwait University.

The program provides clinical education under the two-year Advanced Education in General Dentistry program at the Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry. Educational training comes through a two-year master’s degree in professional education and leadership through the Gladys L. Benerd School of Education. In the final year of the program, the students complete a thesis project and teaching practicum in classroom, pre-clinical and clinical education of doctoral students.

Upon completion, Alzoubi and Al Enezi will be qualified to teach and practice at Kuwait University, where both plan to return as dental educators.

Since the program was developed, other universities have shown interest in having scholars participate. Pacific is accepting applications from prospective students at other non-U.S. universities.
Elizabeth Griego Retires as Vice President for Student Life

As Vice President Elizabeth Griego bade adieu to Pacific this summer to begin retirement, she concluded an exceptional seven-year tenure leading Pacific's Division of Student Life. Griego's impact in the student affairs profession extends regionally and nationally through her various leadership roles with NASPA – Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education, which included serving as the organization's president.

She has been recognized twice by NASPA for her contributions to the organization and the profession, receiving the Fred Turner Award for Outstanding Service to the Profession of Student Affairs and the Zenobia Hikes Award for Leadership.

Before coming to Pacific, Griego was an associate director for the Western Association of Schools and Colleges from 2000 to 2006 and had established a reputation for excellence in previous leadership positions at other universities, including serving 11 years as vice president for student affairs and academic support services at Samuel Merritt College and in various positions at Mills College, both in Oakland.

Among many achievements at Pacific, she played a key role in the development of Pacific's award-winning orientation program, MOVE (Mountain, Ocean, Valley Experience), as well as the One Word and My Why programs, which are engagement opportunities to stimulate student leadership. She also strengthened programming for diversity and inclusivity through establishing the Multicultural Center, the PRIDE Center and the Women's Resource Center, and led the University's Diversity Task Force. She emphasized and enhanced campus safety and security.

The comprehensive method for learning assessment and program review she implemented in Student Life received commendation in the University's recent WASC review.

Patrick Day Welcomed as New VP

Patrick K. Day, formerly the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs at the University of Massachusetts, Boston, was appointed as the new vice president for student life and began his new role at Pacific on August 1.

At UMass Boston, Day served as the chief student affairs officer for the 16,000 students at New England’s most culturally diverse university. He led the effort to transform UMass Boston from a commuter school to a 24/7 residential campus culture, and increased the university’s infrastructure in student learning and assessment, programming, policies and staffing. Day has also worked to increase partnerships with the university’s academic departments. Day chairs the James A. Scott Academy Board of NASPA, serving the professional development needs of chief student affairs officers internationally.

Prior to UMass Boston, Day held student affairs positions at Temple University, Johnson C. Smith University and Texas Tech University. He holds a bachelor's degree in education and social policy from Northwestern University and a master’s in education from Texas Tech.
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Clark Gustafson '66

Gustafson is the founder and chairman of the board of Optimal Health Services, a provider of home health care and hospice services in the San Joaquin Valley and Santa Clara and Los Angeles counties. He has a bachelor's degree in pharmacy from Pacific and serves on the Dean's Leadership Council of the Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.

Rev. Kathleen McShane

McShane is the co-pastor at San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church in Alamo, California. Until June 2013, she was the Vice President for Institutional Advancement and Director of the Commission on Strategic Direction at Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley. She has a BA in public service/political science from UC Davis, a JD from Boalt Hall School of Law and an MDiv from Pacific School of Religion.

Dr. Ron Redmond '66

Redmond previously served on the Pacific Board of Regents (2004-2012), where he chaired the Advancement Committee. He is a successful orthodontist. Redmond is a former president of the Pacific Dugoni Foundation and a member for nearly 20 years, and co-chairs the school’s $40 million campaign to fund relocation to its new campus. He and his wife, Margaret, have made a leadership gift of $5 million for the new campus, the largest gift ever to the dental school.

D. Kirkwood Bowman '62

Bowman previously served on the Pacific Board of Regents (2001-2010), where he served as chair of the Investment Committee and on the Presidential Search Committee to select Pacific’s current president, Pamela A. Eibeck. Retired from a successful career in investment banking and venture capital fund management, Bowman continues to serve on the advisory boards of several venture capital funds. He also serves on the advisory board of the School of International Studies.

Pacific Pipeline School NP3 Garners State and National Recognition

Natomas Pacific Pathways Prep (NP3), an educational pipeline school and partner with Pacific McGeorge School of Law and the Gladys L. Benerd School of Education, received a silver medal and was named among the “Best High Schools” by U.S. News & World Report in rankings released in April.

The previous month, the school was selected to receive the Civic Learning Award—with Distinction, which recognizes the quality of its law-themed civics programs. The award is co-sponsored by California Supreme Court Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye and State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson. It celebrates successful efforts to engage students in civic learning and identifies models that can be replicated in other schools. The award placed the school in the top eight among only 22 schools statewide to receive the recognition.

In the U.S. News Best High Schools list, NP3 ranked No. 93 among the nation’s public charter schools and No. 148 among public high schools. Data was collected from more than 21,000 schools. Rankings were based on Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate exam results and on overall student performance on state-mandated assessments, such as how effectively schools educate their ethnically diverse and disadvantaged students and how they prepare their students for college-level work.

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Student Scholars Land Prestigious Awards

This spring, four Pacific students won highly sought-after awards that will help further their research and study interests at Pacific and abroad.

“Pacific’s strong showing in the Goldwater and Fulbright competitions again this year is a testimony to a culture that enables undergraduate research as early as the freshman year, and that fosters close collaboration and intellectual exchange between students and faculty.”

— Susan Weiner, Pacific fellowship advisor

Fulbright Award: Emma Luther ’13
Will study economics in Germany

Emma Luther ’13 majored in economics, with a special interest in macroeconomics. Her award will fund a year of her master’s program at the Universität Konstanz in Germany this fall.

Luther credits the help of her professors with her application and garnering strong recommendation letters and their ongoing interest and support in her academic goals. She is a member of Phi Kappa Phi honors society and Omicron Delta Epsilon economics honors society.

Recipients of Fulbright grants are selected based on academic or professional achievement and demonstrated leadership potential in their fields.

Goldwater Award: Brittany Klemm ’14
Will continue geologic research

Brittany Klemm ’14 said the Goldwater Scholarship will help her continue her research projects, which include geologic mapping in the Sierra Nevada and microscale strain analysis of a portion of the Appalachian Mountains in New York.

A geology major and honors student, she plans on pursuing a doctorate in structural geology so that one day she can teach at a university and conduct field research. She is the recipient of numerous scholarships and grants, including the Regents’ Scholarship and the Undergraduate Research Award, and says her ability to conduct her research is a direct result of support that Pacific has provided through such funding.

Goldwater Award: Sarah Ann Wong ’14
Will support graduate work and dental research

Powell Scholar Sarah Ann Wong ’14 is a pre-dentistry/biological sciences major who plans to go on to earn DDS and PhD degrees in order to teach and conduct dental research. She is interested in using dental stem cells for regenerative therapy and in neuroscience biomedical research to repair damage to the central nervous system and prevent neurodegenerative diseases.

“In all honesty, I don’t think I would have received the Goldwater if I had been at any other university,” she said. “Where else are students so blessed with small class sizes, professors who care about them and know them by name, and ready access to resources that will let them reach their full potential?”

Only 271 Goldwater Scholarships were given in the United States from a field of 1,107 math, science and engineering students. The scholarships cover up to $7,500 in tuition, fees, books and room and board.

Boren Award: Caitlin Denton ’15
Will study the people and culture of Ghana

Sociology major Caitlin Denton ’15 received a $10,000 Boren Scholarship, which will help pay for her semester abroad at the University of Ghana in Accra, along with a $7,400 summer award to fund her attendance at the African Language Initiative Program at the University of Washington this summer to study Twi, the language spoken in Ghana. She will also intern with a non-government organization that combats human trafficking and helps rehabilitate victims, which is her special area of interest.
2013 Brubeck Festival Rocks Stockton

The city of Stockton was infused with music, jazz and enlightening discussions this March during University of the Pacific’s 12th Annual Brubeck Festival that celebrated Dave Brubeck’s ’42 legacy as a jazz giant and his Stockton roots.

The Festival covered the full spectrum of jazz as well as Brubeck’s spiritually inspired works with live concert performances, a documentary about the beginnings of jazz education, lectures and symposia and several community-based jazz events. A true citywide effort, the Festival took the community on a wide-ranging journey that spanned the remarkable life of a musical and cultural icon.

DownBeat Names BIJQ Tops — Twice

DownBeat magazine’s 36th annual Student Music Awards poll, published in June, named two separate Brubeck Institute Jazz Quintets the best in the category of undergraduate college jazz groups. It is the first time two different quintets have won the honor in the same year, and the sixth and seventh times in the Brubeck Institute’s 12-year history that the magazine has honored the group.

Brubeck Institute Brings Jazz, Peace and Dave Brubeck to UN and Smithsonian

At the Smithsonian Institute’s American Art Museum in Washington, D.C., the BIJQ performed the tribute concert “Dave Brubeck — Across Time,” celebrating the tremendous impact of Brubeck’s life and music during his 70-year career and beyond.

The BIJQ then occupied center stage at the United Nations headquarters in New York City with a featured performance during the first Dave Brubeck forum, “Jazz: A Language for Peace.” Brubeck’s son Darius Brubeck and Brubeck Institute Executive Director Simon Rowe were among the dignitaries presenting at this prestigious event. The forum celebrates Dave’s legacy as an artist using jazz to promote peace and social justice, and put the Brubeck Institute at the forefront in carrying forward that legacy for future generations.
Giving the Gift of Jazz

Iola Brubeck ’45, the guest of honor at President Eibeck’s home on March 14, was both surprised and touched when the President announced that a $1 million endowment had been named in her honor.

The endowment is one of five created to support the Brubeck Institute Fellowship Program. The Jane Bancroft Endowment was the first fellowship established in 2007 by James Bancroft in memory of his beloved wife.

The Brubeck Institute Fellowship Program is a one- or two-year specialized performance program designed to facilitate the education of five gifted jazz students. Hailing from performing arts and high schools throughout the nation, the fellows are selected from an intensive application and audition process. The award-winning Brubeck Institute Jazz Quintet performs nationally and internationally at festivals, jazz clubs and conferences and provides jazz education to underserved schools.

Most importantly, the fellows serve as jazz ambassadors, promoting the music and life of Dave Brubeck to new audiences.

This prestigious scholarship program provides an unparalleled undergraduate music training experience, with an option to transfer into Pacific’s Jazz Studies program to complete a degree. Since it began, 50 fellows have completed the program, helping them gain acceptance into prestigious jazz programs across the country. Many have already become notable jazz performers, such as Fabian Almazan, Joe Sanders and Colin Stranahan.

The Iola Brubeck Fellow for 2013–14, bassist Sarah Kuo, is the first female musician to be selected into the program. A 2013 graduate of the Los Angeles County High School for the Arts, Kuo is a rising young musician whose performances have garnered recognition in the jazz media. She has performed with some of the most prominent jazz artists of our time, including Bob Mintzer, Ingrid Jensen, Robin Eubanks and Herbie Hancock.

“It’s an absolute honor to be a part of this program of the Brubeck Institute and to be a recipient of the Iola Brubeck Fellowship. I couldn’t be more excited to try and improve on every aspect of myself through all of the challenges and puzzles this year seems to be filled with.”

—Sarah Kuo

Fund a Fellow

Three more endowments are in need of funding. Gifts of any size designated for this program help with travel costs for performances around the globe.

For more information, visit BrubeckInstitute.org or call Briana Ezzell, director of development for the Brubeck Institute, at 209.946.7635.
Civil Engineers Rock at GeoChallenge

Pacific’s civil engineering students built more than roads, bridges and buildings at the 2013 Mid-Pacific Civil Engineering Competition — they built a reputation for winning.

The team took first place in the GeoChallenge, first place in Mini Games and second place in the Water Treatment competition on their way to first place overall.

The competition was hosted by San Jose State and Santa Clara universities. Pacific’s team of 46 undergraduate students, five faculty members and eight alumni competed against top-tier schools such as UC Berkeley, Stanford and Tongji University, one of China’s most prestigious universities.

For the GeoChallenge, contestants built a simulated, mechanically stabilized earth wall that was subjected to a series of static and dynamic loads. In the Water Treatment challenge, they developed a plan to treat wastewater after severe flood damage to the treatment plant. The Mini Games included activities from tug-o-war to concrete bowling.

Pacific will co-host the 2014 Mid-Pac conference, which will be held at Fresno State.

Student-Designed Robot Takes First Place

Mechanical engineering students Andrew Babaoka ’13, Jose Cordova ’13, Joe Doan ’13 and Mark Rea ’13 took first place in the Student Design Competition at the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) District D Student Professional Development Conference held at Saint Martin’s University in Lacey, Wash. They were required to design a remote-controlled inspection vehicle that could perform five specified tasks without direct visual sight of the course. Their first place finish qualifies them to compete at the ASME International Mechanical Engineering Conference and Exposition in November in San Diego.

Senior Projects Soar to New Heights

Two teams of mechanical engineering students in the School of Engineering and Computer Science took their senior design projects to a whole new level this year, raising more than $25,000 to fund their ambitious design projects through a $10,000 “Make-a-Thon” contest on crowdfunding website GoFundMe.com.

Both teams entered their designs to raise funds and compete for a cash prize — and won. In addition to the $5,000 first prize and $3,500 second prize funds awarded by GoFundMe, the teams raised funds for their projects through donations.

Taking first place with their single passenger ultralight plane were mechanical engineering students Michael Conway ’14, Patrick Green ’14 and Tyler Sandelin ’14. They raised more than $12,000 in donations in addition to the $5,000 prize money.

Taking second place and the $3,500 prize were Mike Baron ’13, Raphael Escalona ’14, Vinh Hoang ’13 and Zach Wiberg ’13 for their lightweight sand car. They also raised $6,550 in donations.
Pacific Family Health Fair Makes Healthy Living Fun

Nearly 440 children and adults received free health care and education in March during the fun-filled Vietnamese Cancer Awareness Research Education Society (VNCARES) Committee’s 6th Annual Pacific Family Health Fair.

An art and essay contest for local school children on the topic “Who is your hero, and how have they inspired you to be healthy and strong?” added a new flare to this year’s efforts.

Children could read with Book Buddies, take pictures with Powercat and learn about healthy eating at the Kid’s Corner while parents and other participants visited the many health screening and educational booths offered by Pacific pharmacy and health sciences students and local organizations. Free medical services included dental screenings, medication reviews and assistance, smoking cessation, screenings for bone mineral density, asthma, blood pressure, cholesterol, anemia and diabetes.

Pharmacy and Health Sciences Students Rise to the Challenge in National Competition

Team Pacific won one of only five awards at a national competition for their success in raising awareness among diverse and underserved populations about the importance of taking medications as directed. The “Script Your Future” Medication Adherence Team Challenge was sponsored by the National Consumers League and its more than 130 public and private stakeholder organizations. Fifty-eight teams from 85 participating colleges and health professions schools competed.

Winning the Target Market Challenge for their success in raising awareness among diverse and underserved populations, the Pacific Team included Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences students Kristen Ward ’14, Andy Pang ’14, Alexander Fung ’14, Robert Lee ’14 and Katherina Fong ’14, under the direction of pharmacy professor Allen Shek.

The team’s activities to increase awareness of the issue included a weekly, hour-long radio show on medication adherence; collaboration with the Script Your Future Sacramento coalition to translate resources into languages including Spanish, Vietnamese, Korean and Chinese; and working with local clinics to provide adherence information to Filipino, Hispanic and rural populations. The team also incorporated medication adherence into continuing services offered in student-run clinics and in outreach events such as the Medicare Part D program.

Failing to take medication as directed has been identified as a major national health concern that results in more than one-third of medicine-related hospitalizations and almost 125,000 deaths in the United States each year.

Phi Beta Kappa Chapter Receives National Recognition

Pacific’s Phi Beta Kappa chapter, Chi of California, earned one of the top rankings in the nation for its activities and outreach in 2011–12, positioning Pacific’s chapter in the top 20 among approximately 280 institutions (only about 10 percent of colleges and universities nationwide) that host Phi Beta Kappa chapters. The ranking acknowledges the strength of Pacific’s liberal arts and sciences programs and the accomplishments of its students and faculty.
Music management students and members of the Pacific Wind Ensemble had a unique opportunity this fall to record in the exclusive Skywalker Sound studios as they took on an ambitious project to produce, perform and promote a CD. The production of *Reminiscences* involved nearly 60 Pacific students working with faculty and staff to create a truly professional, student-driven product.

Skywalker Sound, world-renowned for its outstanding acoustics, is at Skywalker Ranch, a working ranch in Marin County that is also home to Lucasfilm.

“There is no finer recording facility in the world than Skywalker Sound, not only in the quality of equipment and professionalism of its staff, but also in their genuine love for music. They treated us like veterans and made us feel at home.”

— Kenan “Didi” Baker ’14 ensemble saxophonist.

In addition to rehearsals and performances on campus, the students spent a week of winter break touring the San Francisco Bay Area, performing concerts and holding clinics at various high schools to prepare for the December 21 recording session. Skywalker staff welcomed the Pacific group with open arms and went out of their way to assist in the project.

The project was conceived and developed by Music Management Program Director Keith Hatschek and Director of Bands Eric Hammer and gave students a firsthand look at the music business from start to finish, and from the inside out.

“I am so pleased we could offer this opportunity for our students. It was inspiring to see our students perform at such a high level,” Conservatory of Music Dean Giulio Ongaro said. “This project captures the Pacific experience perfectly—students having the chance to test their limits outside the classroom and see just how far they have progressed. The result is that students now have a new vision of what they can achieve by working together.”

After the recording session, editing and mixing was completed at the Pacific Recording Studio, while staff at Pac Ave Records, a student-run recording label, worked on marketing, sales and distribution.

“This experience is something I’m never going to forget, because in 20 years I’m going to be able to listen to *Reminiscences* and recognize that it was me performing in such a professional sounding ensemble,” said flutist Jerwin Monje ’15.

*Reminiscences* is available at CD Baby, iTunes, Amazon.com, eMusic and on campus: $15 for CD; $9.99 for download.

Pacific jazz musicians scored a second place finish at the 2013 Reno Jazz Festival in April. It is the largest such festival on the West Coast, with more than 300 school groups and 9,000 participants. In only its third appearance in the festival, the Pacific jazz ensemble earned 2,808 out of a possible 3,000 points in the College Big Band division, a mere 67 points from tying for first place.

In the College Combo division, the Pacific musicians placed fifth, in very close competition. (Their 1,958 out of a possible 2,000 points was a mere 12 points from first place.)

Still in its infancy when measured against the award-winning history of many of the competing jazz ensembles, Pacific has definitely become a rising star.
Pacific Students Receive First CGIU Fellowship — Funds Will Support Stockton Outreach

For most of its carefully selected participants, attending a Clinton Global Initiative University (CGI U) conference is a once-in-a-lifetime experience. For two of the 10 Pacific students attending CGI U 2013, Naveed Ahmed ’13 and Chad Fraga ’14, it was a defining moment.

Not only was it their first experience attending an international conference, their first trip out of California and their first airplane flight, they both won The Resolution Challenge, a competition offered at CGI U for the first time this year. The award will provide funding to support their proposed initiative to mentor at-risk youth in Stockton.

Out of more than 1,200 participants at the conference, only 17 fellowships were awarded by The Resolution Challenge. The fellowship provides Ahmed and Fraga, both sociology majors, an initial grant of $3,000 and other forms of support over a two-year period to help carry out their commitment to develop their “Tigers Giving Back” mentorship program.

Their program pairs Pacific students as mentors with at-risk Stockton high school students to help motivate the youth to lead more productive lives. This summer, Ahmed and Fraga will put finishing touches on the program, which will launch in fall 2013 with a small group of students at Cesar Chavez High School, Ahmed’s alma mater. They hope to develop a sustainable program that could be expanded to other schools and will offer community outreach opportunities for Pacific students.

This was Pacific’s fifth year bringing a delegation to CGI U. The program, introduced to Pacific by Regent Ron Cordes, is coordinated by the Global Center for Social Entrepreneurship. Cordes, who is on the board of the Clinton Global Initiative and of Pacific’s Global Center, provided the funding that enabled Pacific students to attend CGI U.

The Pacific delegation also included Geori Berman ’13, Devon Guidoux ’14 and Eric Luke ’13, Education; Mustafa Babak ’14 and Connie Xu ’14, Communication; Daniel Episcope ’14, International Studies; Kate Casey ’15, Law; and Justine Tang ’14, Physics, accompanied by faculty advisors Joanna Royce Davis, dean of students, and Peg Ciccolella, professor of Health, Exercise and Sport Sciences.

Student Artwork Adorns new Lodi Vintage

Blend a winemaker who had an unusual new vintage to showcase and a classroom of budding illustrators in a Pacific Visual Arts class and here’s what you get: an unusual and challenging learning experience for the students; a bold, artistic wine label for the winemaker’s spring release, “MKBW8872”; and a $300 prize for the winning artist, graphic design major Sheng Moua ’14.

Winemaker Markus Niggli of Borra Vineyards, owned by Steve and Christine ’93 Borra, had approached art professor Michael Leonard last year with an idea to feature a student-designed label. They decided to propose a competition in Leonard’s fall illustration course.

The opportunity gave students a chance to learn about researching a specific type of commercial design project and customizing design ideas with specific goals in mind, in the same way they would work with a client in a real-world situation. All Niggli provided was a series of letters and numbers that make up the vintage’s cryptic moniker, that it was a “greenish wine” and that he wanted a contemporary look to appeal to European audiences.
Son’s Passion for Math Will Live on Through Endowed Math Competition

When Stockton residents Surrender and Girja Raina sought a way to honor the memory of their son Avinash, they wanted to celebrate his passion for mathematics and make an impact in the community where he grew up.

Avinash Raina was a gifted Stagg High School student who excelled in mathematics and believed math skills are critical to our everyday living. He was diagnosed with tongue cancer at the age of 19 and succumbed to the disease in less than two years.

The Rainas knew about Pacific’s exceptional math and engineering programs and had heard of Pacific’s High School Math Competition. Co-founded by student and math club member Alicia Still ’13, the competition was created to give local high school students an opportunity to celebrate their math skills and foster critical thinking. More than 80 students from nine San Joaquin County high schools participated in the April competition this year, including students from Avinash’s alma mater, Stagg High.

The Rainas felt the competition would be a perfect match to honor their son. Their endowed gift of $160,000 has provided permanent funding to support the on-campus competition that will continue to encourage and inspire young mathematicians in the community. Awards for winning competitors are now named in honor of Avinash, so that each student will know of the value for math and competitiveness that he had.

“To know that my son’s legacy will live on year after year in local students’ lives makes me so proud.” — Girja Raina.

“Seeing the students’ faces when they received the award with Avinash’s name on it, I know my son would be honored to be a part of such an inspirational program,” said Girja Raina.

Chinese Education Leaders Learn from Pacific

In May, University of the Pacific welcomed 22 Chinese leaders for training in best practices in higher education administration. The administrators, participating in China’s National Academy of Education Administration (NAEA), are vice presidents from the Central and Western provinces who are being groomed to take over presidential positions at their respective universities.

More than 40 Pacific staff, faculty and students met with the delegation during the three-day training as they learned about Pacific’s three-campus model, university-wide academic programs, curriculum development, student life, faculty development, university finance and more. A day-long tour of School of Engineering and Computer Science co-op sites provided firsthand examples of experiential learning.

Their visit was coordinated by Pacific’s Center for Professional and Continuing Education.
Commencement 2013

“Living a life of purpose, and on purpose, to impact the world is everything! And I want that to happen for each of you!”

So began Whole Foods Co-CEO and Pacific Regent Walter Robb, speaker for Pacific’s 2013 Commencement in the Alex G. Spanos Center on May 4. Robb also received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Pacific during the ceremony.

The Order of Pacific, the University’s highest award honoring members of the Pacific community for distinguished service and outstanding contributions to the University, was presented to Professor of Political Science Robert Benedetti, former Vice President for Student Life Judith (McMillin) Chambers ’58, ’60 and Peggy Rosson ’70, assistant dean of students. Posthumous Order of Pacific honors were presented to the late Robert C. and Jeannette Powell, former Pacific Regents and benefactors.

At the 2013 Commencement ceremonies, Pacific also recognized seven former students who were forced to leave school in 1942 when Executive Order 9066 led to the internment of more than 110,000 people of Japanese ancestry along the West Coast.

“It is time we acknowledge and apologize for the discrimination our students suffered more than 70 years ago, and also honor the incredible lives they built despite this obstacle,” said President Pamela Eibeck. “Pacific is proud to call these students alumni.”

Ida (Takagishi) Inouye, 91, of Roseville, was present along with her four children and many other family members and friends. Inouye said she was thrilled to receive her degree. “I am so grateful for this,” she said. “It’s a privilege and honor.”

Joyce and Judy Teshima accepted a posthumous honorary degree on behalf of their father, Roy Ichiro Teshima, who died in Seattle in 1997. David Kaneda, Naomi Kaneda and Mary Massaro also accepted the posthumous degree on behalf of their uncle, Toshio Kaneda, of Stockton, who died in 1962.

Other students receiving posthumous honorary degrees were Nora Maehara, of Honolulu; Marie Chiyeko Mizutani, of Walnut Grove; Masashi Sugi, of French Camp; and Atsuno Yamaguchi, of Berkeley.
Focused Decisions — Preparing Attorneys for the Courtroom

At a grand opening event in March unveiling Pacific McGeorge School of Law’s newly remodeled Courtroom of Today, the law school also showcased a new consulting service that will help attorneys and their clients prepare for the courtroom and successful litigation.

Focused Decisions provides attorneys and their clients tailored services not currently available in the region. The program, housed at McGeorge’s Sacramento campus, offers comprehensive mock jury services complete with demographic research, full-scale courtrooms, jury deliberation rooms, witness preparation, focus groups and other litigation and political services. Follow-up jury questionnaires and regular feedback are other services offered, as is video recording and video streaming remotely to off-site clients.

Pacific McGeorge’s newly remodeled and technologically advanced facilities, along with a highly experienced jury consultant, will give attorneys a strategic advantage in evaluating the strength of the client’s case in preparation for trial. The program also offers students unique educational opportunities.

Visit FocusedDecisions.com for more information.

New McGeorge Program to Help Students Master Legal Issues

Reflecting current trends and needs for advanced legal training in a variety of industries, Pacific McGeorge School of Law will launch an accelerated Master of Science in Law (MSL) program this fall. It is designed for professionals who seek the benefits of advanced training in legal reasoning and analysis but who do not need a JD degree. Many highly regulated industries, state and federal agencies and other professional fields are impacted by legal issues every day in the course of conducting business.

The 26-unit program can be completed full- or part-time in one to two years and builds on McGeorge’s strength in trial advocacy, health law, water resources law and government law and public policy. McGeorge faculty will work with each student to develop a customized curriculum with a rigorous legal grounding that is infused with real-world examples, skills-based learning and experiential opportunities.

The MSL program is open to individuals who have completed an undergraduate degree at an accredited institution. Strong preference is given to individuals who have significant work experience.

Helping Seniors Protect Financial Health and Safety

More than 120 seniors took advantage of a “one-stop” opportunity to learn about financial safety and protection and receive free health screenings and legal checkups at the 6th Senior Financial Health & Safety Fair presented in April by Pacific McGeorge School of Law’s Elder and Health Law Clinic.

More than 25 Pacific McGeorge alumni volunteers, law students and faculty provided “senior legal checkups” and consumer/debtor consultations. The U.C. Davis School of Medicine Department of Public Health Sciences offered free blood pressure screenings, vision tests and assessed the seniors’ risk of falling. Exhibitors gave information on caregiver resources, financial solutions, insurance, elder health law, domestic violence, transportation services and more.
Virtual Dentistry Comes to San Mateo

The Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry’s groundbreaking telehealth pilot project, Virtual Dental Home, is now bringing dental screenings and preventive services to nearly 800 low-income and special needs children in San Mateo County Head Start programs.

Through this innovative oral health care delivery system, specially trained dental hygienists provide dental care to underserved populations in community settings such as schools, community centers or nursing homes by collaborating virtually with a dentist.

With funding from First 5 San Mateo County, Virtual Dental Home now benefits children in San Mateo County through a collaboration among The Institute for Human and Social Development, Ravenswood Family Health Center and the Pacific Center for Special Care at the Dugoni School of Dentistry. Children enrolled in Head Start receive oral health screenings, risk assessment and preventive treatment without having to visit a traditional dental office unless additional treatment is needed. Case management is provided to support families in accessing more care if needed.

The Virtual Dental Home system is currently in use at six Head Start sites throughout San Mateo County, and will be expanded to 12 sites this year, reaching an underserved population with much-needed dental care.

Union City Dental Clinic Celebrates 40 Years of Affordable Dental Care

Approaching its milestone anniversary, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry’s satellite clinic in Union City will raise its profile with expanded services in new areas of specialization.

For 40 years, the Union City Dental Care Center has provided low-cost dental care to East Bay Area residents. Fees average 20-30 percent less than those at a typical Bay Area private practice. The Center is home to one of the dental school’s Advanced Education in General Dentistry programs and has a full-time staff of 12 dental faculty experts. Patients of all ages receive a wide range of comprehensive dental services.

Plans are also underway to expand services to include complex endodontic treatment and retreatment, as well as endodontic microsurgery and treatment of dental injuries.