President Pamela A. Eibeck will hold a series of Town Hall meetings on the Stockton, Sacramento and San Francisco Campuses during the month of April.

The first will be a Student Summit at 4 pm on Monday, April 11, in the DeRosa University Center Ballroom. Discussion topics will be safety, student events and tuition for the 2011–2012 school year. The Stockton Campus Town Hall for the entire Pacific community will be held at noon on Wednesday, April 13, in the DeRosa University Center Ballroom. Items to be covered are student enrollment, a WASC reaccreditation progress report, campus safety and security, and University priorities for fiscal year 2012.

Separate campus town halls will be held at Pacific McGeorge School of Law at 3 pm in the Lecture Hall on Monday, April 18, and at Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry at 1 pm in Room 103 on Thursday, April 28.

Kyle Sasai ’14, a political science major in the Pacific Legal Scholars program, has spent much of the last year developing Hope Street, a program that came to fruition March 24. When he learned that Stockton has one of the highest student dropout rates in the nation, he decided to become part of the solution. Throughout the past year, Sasai worked with students in the Pacific Legal Scholars program to raise money for backpacks and school supplies to be distributed to eighth grade students at Cleveland Elementary School in Stockton.

The goal of Hope Street is to encourage middle school students to receive their high school diploma and aim for a college degree. The idea came from a similar project Sasai was involved with in high school. Sasai, along with eight other Pacific students, spoke to the Cleveland students in small groups, giving them words of advice about high school, college and reaching for their dreams and presented the 64 students with new backpacks filled with school supplies.

The Legal Scholars plan to have fundraisers next year to help Hope Street become self-sustaining and also allow it to expand to more schools in Stockton.
NOTEWORTHY

Alison Hope Alkon, Sociology, spoke on “Race, Farmers Markets and the Green Economy” at Stanford University’s lecture series, The Environment in Context.

Paul Bulakowski, Psychology, co-authored the paper “Reexamining the possible benefits of visual crowding: dissociating crowding from ensemble percepts” published in the latest issue of the journal Attention, Perception, and Psychophysics.

Kurtis Burmeister, Earth and Environmental Sciences, presented the paper “Deformation in the Tenryu Submarine Canyon of the Nankai Accretionary Prism, Japan” at the National Science Foundation GeoPRISMS Subduction Cycles and Deformation Implementation Workshop in Austin, Texas.

Caroline Cox, History, presented her paper “Drummer Boys: War, Work, and Family in the American Revolution” at the John Carter Brown Library seminar in Providence, R.I.

Peter E. Hilsenrath, Eberhardt School of Business and Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, presented “Graduate Healthcare Management Education: Origins and Development” at the Association of University Programs in Health Administration Annual Leaders Conference, and “Retirement Security in Times of Financial Crisis: Lessons for the United States from Chile” at the Midwest Business Administration Association Annual Meeting. Both were in Chicago, Ill.

Daniel Kasser, Visual Arts, will exhibit 30 of his recent photographs from the Western Technosite series at the Russell Day Gallery on the Everett Community College Campus in Everett, Wash. His work was selected as the inaugural exhibition for the newly reconstructed gallery. As part of the rededication ceremonies, Kasser will lecture on the evolution of his photography and conduct a workshop.

Larry Langlej, Mathematics, will have the article “A Characterization of Connected (1, 2)-Domination Graphs of Tournaments,” co-authored with Kim Factor, Marquette University, published in AKCE International Journal of Graphs and Combinatorics.

Courtney Lehmann, English, had her book “Screen Adaptations: Shakespeare’s Romeo and Juliet; The Relationship Between Text and Film” published by Methuen Drama.


Macelle Mahila, Theatre Arts, had her article “Black Nativity as Valence of Cultural Survival” published in the journal Theatre Topics.

Ethel Nidcao, Sociology, and Nabeel Cajee ’11 presented “Your Blood is Sweet: Sociocultural Narratives of Southeast Asians with Type 2 Diabetes” at the 82nd Annual Meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association in Seattle, Wash.

Traci Roberts-Camps, Modern Languages and Literature, had her article “Female Solidarity in the Films of Maria Novaro” and her book review of an essay collection on Rosario Castellanos accepted for publication in Chasqui: Revista de Literatura Latinoamericana.


Liang Xue, Chemistry, had his article “Synthesis and Spectroscopic Studies of the Aminoglycoside (Neomycin)-Perylene Conjugate Binding to Human Telomeric DNA” published in “Biochemistry.” The article is coauthored with Dev Arya, Clemson University.

HONORABLE MENTION

George Condon, Jacoby Center for Public Service and Civic Leadership, was elected to a two-year term as chair of the Inter-Institutional Liaison Officers Committee of the Washington Semester Program at American University.

Laurie Lichter-Heath, Eberhardt School of Business, was elected vice president/program director for the Western Academy of Legal Studies in Business at the annual meeting in Monterey, Calif. Her paper on “Experiential Learning: Lessons from Panama” was included in the proceedings and presented at the conference.

Susan Sample, School of International Studies, received the Distinguished Paper Award at the Intercultural Development Inventory 2010 Conference in Minneapolis, Minn., for her paper “Testing the Impact of a Four-Year International Curriculum: Assessing Changes in Intercultural Competence.”

The John Ballantyne Hall and Carter House (JBC) Community was named as a Regional Winner for Community of the Month for the Pacific Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls.

NOTABLE CHANGES

Rosemarie Hamblin has transferred from library assistant in the Library to administrative assistant II in University Development.

Holly Stano was promoted from external relations director of the Conservatory of Music to director of development for the Conservatory of Music in University Development.

Bradley De La Cruz was promoted from external relations director for the Brubeck Institute to director of development for the Brubeck Institute in University Development.

Stacey Erickson was promoted from external relations director for Benedict School of Education and the Library to director of development for Benedict School of Education and the Library in University Development.

Amanda Kennedy was promoted from external relations director for the School of Engineering and Computer Science to director of development for the School of Engineering and Computer Science.

Jimilynn Dorough was promoted from associate director of the Pacific Fund to director of development for the College of the Pacific in Development.

WELCOME TO PACIFIC

Tod Davis takes over as the new director of development for Eberhardt School of Business in University Development beginning April 11.

Nancy Elium is the new administrator for the Tomorrow Project in the Benedict School of Education.

Amy Martin is a records coordinator II in University Development.

Amelia Hooper is an administrative assistant II in University Development.
EXPONENTIAL GROWTH
FOR MATH STEEPLECHASE

The annual Math Steeplechase, now in its seventh year, has grown in attendance each year since it began. This year, attendance is expected to reach nearly 900 fourth and fifth graders, 300 more than the previous year. Schoolchildren come from nine Stockton-area schools, as well as Sacramento and Modesto. This is the first year the event has included schools outside of San Joaquin County. The event will be held at the Alex G. Spanos Center at 9 am on Friday, April 8, and is hosted by Benerd School of Education and Pacific Athletics.

Participants in groups of five and six are given 10 minutes to complete a mathematical problem which is scored by referees. The athletics department will host recreational activities during breaks.

“The Math Steeplechase has continued to grow in San Joaquin County and now beyond,” said event organizer Gregory Potter, a professor in the Benerd School of Education. “We hope that this competition develops an interest in math for these students while also showing them that math can be fun.”

The Math Steeplechase was established seven years ago by Tara Runnels ’07, who remembered a similar event when she was in high school that helped spark her interest in math. Runnels is now an elementary school math teacher.

For more information, contact Gregory Potter at 209.946.2672 or gpotter@pacific.edu.

CAMPUS CONVERSATION
ON INCLUSIVITY TODAY

All members of the Pacific Community are invited to join in a conversation about the climate of inclusivity on campus. Your participation will help continue to shape community standards and priorities for advancing diversity and inclusion at Pacific. The event will be held in the Presidents Room from 4 to 6 pm on Wednesday, April 6.

Dr. Barbara J. Love, social justice educator at University of Massachusetts, Amherst, will be a featured facilitator at this event. All are welcome to engage in this opportunity for dynamic dialogue. A light dinner will be served. This event is co-sponsored by the Office of the President, Benerd School of Education, the Office of the Provost, the Division of Student Life, the University Diversity Committee and Pacific’s Enough is Enough Committee.

UPGRADES
FOR E-MAIL SYSTEM

OIT is in the process of upgrading Microsoft Exchange, the internal e-mail system used by faculty and staff. The latest version will offer an enhanced user experience, larger mailbox sizes, improved mail vault search, longer duration before archival and a more reliable e-mail environment.

This upgrade will take place over the next few months. Users of the Outlook Web Access system may notice a minor change beginning April 9. OIT will be putting into production the new OWA front end, preparing the way for upgrades for individual users in the coming weeks. The new OWA will look somewhat different, but will not impact faculty or staff access to e-mail.

Users will be notified directly at least two weeks before individual accounts are converted. For more information, visit oitfaq.pacific.edu, or call the CSC at 209.946.7400.

TIGER DANCERS SHOW THEIR SPIRIT

The Tiger Dancers spirit squad competed at the national level for the first time in school history and placed 13th in the nation at the United Spirit Association National Collegiate Dance Competition in February.

The United Spirit Association hosts cheer, dance and mascot competitions for NCAA Division I, II and II schools. The Tiger Dancers represented Pacific in the Open Dance 4-Year College Division I. It was the largest category at the competition and included large schools such as University of Arizona, U.C. Davis, UCLA, and reigning champions, Cal State Fullerton.

The Tiger Dancers perform at all home games for Pacific women’s volleyball matches and men’s and women’s basketball games. Preparing for competition also meant a great deal of extra commitment and dedication from the 13-member squad, including additional practices and strength and conditioning training.
ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME

INDUCTEES ANNOUNCED

Four individuals and one team will be inducted into the Pacific Athletics Hall of Fame at the annual induction ceremonies on April 23. The awards banquet will begin with a social hour at 5 pm and dinner at 6 pm, followed by the induction ceremony at 7 pm.

Established in 1982, the Hall of Fame welcomes John Gamble ’63, football; Sharon Kasser-Stephens ’91, volleyball; Bill Simoni, softball coach and long-time softball supporter; Greg Wakeham ’97, volleyball; and the 1998 women’s soccer team. With the 2010–11 class, the Pacific Athletics Hall of Fame will have honored 223 individuals and 22 teams in its 28-year history.

Also that evening, the 2010-11 Pacific Tigers Student-Athletes of the Year Awards will be presented. This evening of celebration and recognition provides a unique opportunity for connecting Pacific’s heritage of outstanding athletic alumni and Hall of Famers with the current generation of exceptional student-athletes.

All previous inductees to the Pacific Athletics Hall of Fame are encouraged to attend and wear their Hall of Fame medallions. Tickets are $50 per person and are available at the Pacific Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, 209.946.3945.

EXPERIENCE AFGHANISTAN

International Programs and Services will feature international student, Mustafa Babak, Communication, who will share cultural features unique to his home country of Afghanistan at noon on Thursday, April 14, in the Bechtel International Center. Bon Appétit will provide a sampling of foods that reflect the distinct flavors of his country, including bolani, lamb kabobs, qubuli, dogh, and phirni.

While he was employed at the Afghan Institute of Learning, Babak was mentored by Sakena Yacoobi ’05, the organization’s founding president and executive director, who encouraged him to apply for a study abroad scholarship to Pacific.

SAC SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

The Staff Advisory Council (SAC) Scholarship Committee has awarded three scholarships for the second quarter as part of its professional development scholarship program for Pacific staff members. Julie Deverell, Finance Center; Ana Argueta, Career Resource Center; and Dua Moua, Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, were all awarded scholarships to help them pursue professional development activities.

To find out more about the SAC scholarship program, deadlines for submission and to download the application form, visit the SAC website at www.Pacific.edu/SAC.

PACIFIC TAKES LEAD ON DELTA SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

Pacific will lead a team of distinguished economists, planners and engineers in developing an Economic Sustainability Plan for the Delta Protection Commission, a requirement of the Delta Reform Act of 2009. The one-year agreement has a maximum award of $1,162,500.

Pacific’s Business Forecasting Center is leading the research and development under the direction of Jeffrey Michael and project management of Thomas Pogue, assisted by Pacific’s Natural Resources Institute and the Jacoby Center, and several partnering firms including Berkeley Economic Consulting; The Dangermond Group; Economic and Planning Systems; Mogavero, Notestine and Associates; and Sapper West.

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