PACIFICA\textsc{ns} Honored

\textbf{AT SPRING EVENTS}

On Wednesday, May 30 the Pacific Community came together for its annual Staff Years of Service Luncheon. Staff members celebrating five-year incremental anniversaries were honored for their time in service. (A complete list of honorees appeared in the April 25 Bulletin.) In addition, two Pacific staff members, one exempt and one non-exempt, received the Most Valuable Pacifican award (MVP).

Candidates for MVP are nominated by staff and faculty on the basis of their extraordinary service, contributions to the University’s mission, outstanding customer service, commitment to teamwork and other areas of excellence. The MVP selection committee is made up of previous winners of the MVP award.

This year’s winners were \textbf{Aline deEraso} and \textbf{Jim Thompson}. DeEraso is the administrative assistant in the Department of Visual Arts and has been at Pacific since 1985. She has served on the Staff Advisory Council, on the staff reclassification committee, and the 2002 search committee for the Dean of College of the Pacific. She was nominated for her commitment to and knowledge of her department, outstanding service to staff, faculty, students and donors and the many ways she goes “above and beyond” in her work with the department and the art gallery.

Thompson came to Pacific in 2000 and is the Learning Management Systems Coordinator for Educational Technology Services. In addition to a strong commitment to his position and department and outstanding customer service, nominees stated Thompson “has materially impacted the quality of education at Pacific” through facilitating the successful implementation of educational technologies, such as Blackboard, that have enhanced the educational experience. He was described as an innovative problem solver and a patient and effective teacher.

The Career Resource Center hosted its second annual Student Employment Awards Luncheon in April, honoring outstanding student employees and student supervisors. \textbf{Sadie Stone}, a senior working for the Department of Physical Therapy, received the Student Employee of the Year Award. \textbf{David A. Schmidt}, director of International Programs and Services, was selected Student Supervisor of the Year. Students Jennifer Ou and Jennifer Chau wrote of Schmidt, “He truly goes beyond the call of duty as a department director.”

EVENTS:

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\item \textbf{BRU BECK INSTITUTE JAZZ CAMP CONCERTS}
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  \item \textbf{“JAZZ FACULTY CONCERT”}
    \begin{itemize}
    \item June 25 \hspace{1em} 7 pm
    \item Faye Spanos Concert Hall
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  \item \textbf{“STUDENT JAZZ COMBOS”}
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    \item June 29 \hspace{1em} 7 pm
    \item Long Theater
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  \item \textbf{“STUDENT JAZZ ENSEMBLES”}
    \begin{itemize}
    \item June 30 \hspace{1em} 1:30 pm
    \item Faye Spanos Concert Hall
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Admission is free for all Jazz Camp concerts.

\item \textbf{SUMMER FILM SERIES}
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  \item \textbf{“LITTLE CHILDREN”}
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    \item June 20 \hspace{1em} 7 pm
    \item Stars Kate Winslet and Patrick Wilson
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  \item \textbf{“THE QUEEN”}
    \begin{itemize}
    \item July 11 \hspace{1em} 7 pm
    \item Stars Helen Mirren as Queen Elizabeth
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  \item \textbf{“APOCALYPTO”}
    \begin{itemize}
    \item July 18 \hspace{1em} 7 pm
    \item A Mel Gibson production set in Mayan civilization
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\item \textbf{SUMMER CLASSIC FILM SERIES}
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  \item \textbf{“TOPPER RETURNS”}
    \begin{itemize}
    \item June 16 \hspace{1em} 7 pm
    \item Stars Judy Garland and Mickey Rooney
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  \item \textbf{“HARPER”}
    \begin{itemize}
    \item July 7 \hspace{1em} 7 pm
    \item Starring Paul Newman with an all-star cast
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  \item \textbf{“MY MAN GODFREY”}
    \begin{itemize}
    \item July 21 \hspace{1em} 7 pm
    \item Starring William Powell and Carole Lombard
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Tickets are free for students; staff, faculty and alumni are $3; and general admission is $5.

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W.R. Swagerty, History, lectured in New Zealand at the University of Waikato in Hamilton and Victoria University in Wellington as part of a Fulbright Senior Specialist award. He also addressed the Waitangi Tribunal of New Zealand, comparing treaty-making and legal claims processes of the United States and Native Americans with New Zealand/the Crown and the Maori.

Quingwen Dong, Communication, served as a moderator at the “Career Symposium for Talented Youth” organized by John Hopkins University and held at University of California, Berkeley.

Andreea Boboc, English, presented “The Tree is the Thing: Circumstantial Evidence and the Hermeneutics of Truth in the Pistel of Swete Susan” at the Annual Meeting of the Medieval Academy of America, Toronto, Ontario. Also, she presented “Punishment and Social Reintegration in the Wife of Bath’s Tale” at the Medieval Association of the Pacific Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, at UCLA.


Larry Levine, McGeorge School of Law, had his third edition of “Understanding Torts,” co-authored with John Diamond and Stuart Madden, published by LexisNexis.

Rachael Salcido, McGeorge School of Law, will have her article, “Offshore Federalism and Ocean Industrialization,” published in the Tulane Law Review.

Miriam Cherry, McGeorge School of Law, will have her article, “Prediction Markets and the First Amendment,” co-authored with Rob Rogers, published in the Illinois Law Review.

Frank Gevurtz, McGeorge School of Law, will have his article, “Disney in a Comparative Light,” published in an upcoming volume of The American Journal of Comparative Law.

Mary-Beth Moylan, McGeorge School of Law, was a panelist on the topic “Being an Effective Appellate Mentor” at a meeting of the Sacramento Court Bar Association’s Appellate Section.

Keith Hatches, Conservatory of Music, contributed an article entitled “Concerto for Merlin and Double Wasp” to the May 2007 issue of Air & Space Smithsonian magazine.

Dr. Michael Elium and Tracy Catalde, Benerd School of Education, co-presented the paper “Experimental Analysis of Reading with an English Language Learner: Strategy and Application” at the International Council for Exceptional Children Convention in Louisville, Ky.

Jim Phillips, Office of Informational Technology, participated on the Program Committee for the Educause Western Regional Conference in San Francisco.

Bruce La Brack, School of International Studies, delivered a lecture on “The Early Sikh Diaspora in California” to the Introduction to Sikhism class at Stanford University, Palo Alto, Calif.


Dennis Brennan, Benerd School of Education, received the Region VII Distinguished Service Award from The Association of California School Administrators (ACSA); the largest umbrella organization for school leaders in the nation, during the organization’s annual spring conference in Monterey, Calif. Region VII includes San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Amador, Calaveras and Tuolumne counties.

Cassandra Mitchell ’09, Sociology, has been accepted into a prestigious and highly competitive Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship Program at UC Irvine.

Twelve Pacific undergraduate students presented posters or oral reports at 21st National Conference on Undergraduate Research in San Rafael, Calif.

Presenting posters were: Ross Franckowiak ’07, Graphic Design, on “Steps for Health — Trail Walking Awareness;” Adriana Ibarra ’07, Graphic Design, on “Advocating Awareness for Women of Juarez;” and Yuen Shan Wong ’07, Chemistry, on “Trans-2-Aminocyclohexanols as Ph-Triggered Molecular Switches.”


MBA TIGERS EARN THEIR “STRIPES”

Five MBA students from the Eberhardt School of Business earned first place in the 43rd annual International Collegiate Business Strategy Competition. The team represented themselves as a virtual company called “Stripes,” a manufacturer of high-end sunglasses. This marks the second year that Pacific students have taken top honors in this competition. The team was made up of Dan Natividad ’07, Ben Courtney ’07, Pete Weber ’08, Derek Herboldshimer ’07 and Zaixin Wu ’07.
**PROFESSOR AND STUDENT DISCOVER**

**BREAKTHROUGH TESTING METHOD FOR PET FOOD**

Chemistry Professor O. David Sparkman and graduate student Teresa Vail have developed a new method for determining how to identify foreign substances in pet food. The breakthrough discovery allows scientists to determine whether pet food has been contaminated in a matter of minutes.

Using a mass spectrometer with the Direct Analysis in Real Time (D.A.R.T.) interface device, they determined that a recently recalled can of dog food contains melamine, a chemical used in plastic furniture, cookware, and fertilizers. The chemical is at the heart of the nationwide recall of contaminated pet food that has caused numerous animal deaths.

“The significance of the D.A.R.T. mass spectral technique is that results are available in minutes or seconds,” Sparkman said. The traditional process of determining contamination of food substances can take an hour or more. The new method could save federal regulators time and money when testing food imports, Sparkman said.

The idea to use the method came after Vail received word that ALPO she purchased for her own dogs was recalled due to potential contamination with melamine. Under Sparkman’s direction, she tested the dog food and found that only one of a dozen cans tested positive. Vail said the same testing method is used in other research projects in the department.

Sparkman and Vail will present their breakthrough method at an American Society of Mass Spectrometry conference in Indianapolis, Ind. Sparkman is a mass spectrometry consultant to the U.S. Department of Commerce’s National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and manager of the chemistry department’s mass spectrometry facility.

**MIGRANT EDUCATION CONFERENCE A GREAT SUCCESS**

More than 300 local high school students, whose parents are migrant workers, attended a Migrant Education Conference at Pacific in April, co-sponsored by the Benerd School of Education, the Office of Multicultural Affairs and the San Joaquin County Office of Education Migrant Education Region 23 program. “The Benerd School of Education was delighted to be a partner with the CIP Program and the Division of Migrant Education to host the Conference,” said Dean Lynn Beck. “It was terrific to see these wonderful young people exploring the options that higher education offers.”

Workshops were led by Pacific faculty and staff members on subjects including why it is important to go to college, financial aid, careers in health, business, education and engineering and included a panel discussion led by Pacific students. The keynote speaker was Arnoldo Torres, who worked for the governor’s reelection campaign and is a former political advisor to the League of United Latin American Citizens.

“Migrant Education advisors said it was the most organized conference they have attended and Pacific volunteers were awesome and friendly,” said Ines Ruiz-Huston, director of CIP/Multi-Cultural Affairs. “They really liked the way everything went so smoothly. A big thank you goes to all the student volunteers, staff and faculty who made this event a great success.”

**NOTABLE CHANGES**

Director of Admission Marc McGee has resigned his position at Pacific as of June 30. As of July 1, Associate Provost for Enrollment Tom Rajala will assume the primary responsibilities of the director’s office until a successor is appointed. McGee has accepted the position of Director of Admission at California Maritime Academy in Vallejo, and the Pacific Community wishes him well. There will be a farewell reception at the Valley Brew Monday, June 25 at 4 pm.

Alisha Groene, who has been working in the Payroll office for the past 2 years, has left Pacific to pursue her education full time. Prior to working in Payroll, Groene worked in Human Resources. Her last day at Pacific was Friday, June 1. She has been a great asset to Pacific and will be missed.

Brenda Martins, administrative assistant for the Associate Provost for Enrollment, will be leaving Pacific as of July 6. She has been employed with Pacific for 13 years, and also worked in Human Resources and Accounting and as accompanist at the Conservatory. Martins has served as treasurer on the Staff Advisory Council for the past two years. She and her husband will be moving to Indiana. She will be greatly missed.

NOTE: The Financial Reporting Office has a new fax number. Documents for Financial Reporting should be faxed to 209.946.7660. The Accounts Payable Office has moved and is now located in Owen Hall, Room 125 next to Purchasing. The main entrance to the office is on the west side of the building. Phone and fax numbers did not change.
HOUSING

Rental Wanted: Mature, professional writer and his well trained dog want to rent. Seeking permanent residence. Please call 323.782.9149.

House for Rent: 3 bd., 2 ba. home on Trinidad Ct., ten minutes from campus in a quiet cul-de-sac. Living/dining room, family room and two-car garage. $1,300 per month, includes gardener. Available July 1, 2007. Call 916.753.6872 or e-mail kid2kool2002@yahoo.com.

Room for Rent: Near Pacific and I-5, non-smoker, rent is $400 plus deposit. Call Sandra at 209.403.1962.

Room for Rent: Female only, quiet neighborhood of single-family homes just one mile from Pacific. $500 per month, furnished, utilities included. Contact at 209.944.9288 or kelzark@comcast.net.

VARIOUS ITEMS

Living Room Set: Plush red crushed velvet couch and love seat. Also includes glass coffee table and two glass end tables. Pictures available, $500 obo. Contact Koko at alawrence@pacific.edu or 209.946.2331

Queen Bedroom Set: Bed frame with head and footboard and pillow-top mattress. Chest dresser, vanity dresser with mirror and two bedside dressers included. Pictures available, $1,000 obo. Contact Koko at alawrence@pacific.edu or 209.946.2331

Sewing Machine Table: Dark walnut wood grain table-top with metal legs. Very sturdy and folds for easy storage, $20. Call Sheri at 209.612.3536 or e-mail sgrimes@pacific.edu.

Exercise Machine and Convection Oven: Aerobic and anaerobic exercise machine, XL glider w/ resistance, monitor and easy storing. Used, but good condition. $75 (retails new for $121-175). Large countertop convection oven, brushed stainless steel finish. Like new, $100 (retails new for $199-299). Get both items for $150. Call 209.946.0499 after 3 pm.

BBQ Grill: Brand new in box! Weber Performer Grill sells for $299 retail, uses a gas assist to light the coals fast. Has 22.5 in. porcelain-enameded bowl and lid, factory-assembled stainless steel “One-Touch” cleaning system with a removable, black aluminum ash catcher, heavy-duty steel cart frame, gas ignition system, heavy-duty plated steel hinged cooking grate, Weather-protected storage container and lava rock/heat grate or briquettes. Will sell for $225. (Must be able to pick up, right across from campus on Pacific Ave.) Contact bdeliramich@pacific.edu.

Flat Screen Monitors: Two 15 in., LCD flat screen monitors in great condition. One is tan the other is black. Picture quality excellent, like new condition. $75 each or both for $130! Contact bdeliramich@pacific.edu.

FREE AIDS TESTING: For National HIV AIDS Testing Day June 27 from 7 am to 7 pm, the San Joaquin AIDS Foundation at 3220 N. Pershing Ave. Ste B-3 will provide free, anonymous testing on a first come, first served basis. For more information contact the Foundation office at 209.476.8533.

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