CAREER FAIR PROVIDES STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

More than 100 employers attended last week’s Career and Internship Faire, making it the University’s biggest job fair ever. The daylong event included a general career fair from 11 am to 3 pm in Grace Covell Hall and an Educational Career Faire from 4 to 6 pm at the Benerd School of Education. This year the Faire attracted 111 employers to campus looking to fill full-time, part-time and internship positions, compared to 94 last year. This year the Benerd School of Education partnered with California State University, Stanislaus for the education portion of the Faire.

Sponsored by Pacific’s Career Resource Center, the Faire was only open to Pacific students and alumni. “The Career Resource Center is committed to the lifelong success of Pacific students and alumni,” said John Carvana, assistant vice president for community and professional development. “The Faire allows us the opportunity to showcase the ‘readiness’ of our students to employers.”

Employers ranged from companies such as Enterprise Rent-A-Car and Merck & Co., Inc. to state and local agencies like the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the Stockton Police Department, as well as The United States Navy and Marine Corp, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Peace Corps. Kaiser Permanente, the California Highway Patrol, Dyson and the Oakland City Teacher Corps were first-time participants.

PACIFIC WOMEN OF DISTINCTION

At the Women’s Leadership Conference on February 24, three women received awards as “Women of Distinction.” Congratulations to:

• Pacific Student — Alondra Young ’07, psychology
• Pacific Faculty/Staff/Administrator — Lisa Cooper, director of the Education Resource Center and acting assistant provost for Diversity.
• Community Member — Julie Schumacher, executive director of United Cerebral Palsy

A special award was presented to Vice President Julia Sina, who founded the Women’s Leadership Conference in 2001.

EVENTS:

CONSERVATORY EVENTS

• PACIFIC ARTS WOODWIND QUINTET
March 8 • 7:30 pm
Recital Hall

Residence artist series features Mat Krejci on flute, Tom Nugent on oboe, Patricia Shands on clarinet, Jennie Blomster on horn and Don DaGrade on bassoon.

Tickets are $6 public, $4 seniors, and Pacific students are free with ID.

• THE YING QUARTET
March 24 • 7:30 pm
Faye Spanos Concert Hall

Presented by Friends of Chamber Music, featuring Timothy Ying and Janet Ying on violin, Philip Ying on viola and David Ying on cello.

Tickets are $25 public, students and faculty receive discounts, and Pacific and Delta College students are free with ID.

L’INCORONAZIONE DI POPPEA
March 28–30 • 8 pm, April 1 • 2:00 pm
Long Theatre

This opera by Monteverdi, probably the first historically-based opera, presents an episode in the life of Nero, Emperor of Rome.

Tickets are $15 adults, $8 students, and $5 seniors.

ISLAND STYLE
16TH ANNUAL HAWAII CLUB LU’AU
March 31 • Dinner 6:15 pm, Show 7 pm
Spanos Center

A portion of the proceeds will go to Hawai’i earthquake relief efforts.

Tickets are $22 for dinner and the show in advance, $32 at the door, children are $7 and show only is $12 in advance. Call 209.946.7338 for tickets and information.

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Robert F. Halliwell and Leanne Coyne, Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, have been awarded a grant of $10,000 from Johns Hopkins University Centre for Alternatives to Animal Testing. The grant will support a pilot study on the potential of nerve cells derived from human stem cells to investigate neurotoxins.

Paul Fogle, Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, presented two seminars at the South Carolina Speech-Language-Hearing Association at the annual convention in Hilton Head, S.C. The seminars were “Forensic Speech-Language Pathology: Court Testifying as an Expert Witness” and “Cognitive Rehabilitation — Collaborative Brain Injury Intervention.”

Students Melody Demel and Kara Raynor, Communication, presented their paper on “MySpace and the Effects it has on Self Esteem,” and student Steven Sworfford, Communication, had his paper on “MySpace as a Political Tool” presented at the Western State Communication Association Undergraduate Scholar Research Conference in Seattle, Wash.

Christopher Goff, Mathematics, presented “Transitioning: Using a variety of writing assignments in a bridge course” at the 2007 Joint Meetings of the American Mathematical Society and the Mathematical Association of America in New Orleans, La.

Jialing Dai, Mathematics, presented “Mis-Displayed Statistical Graphs in Presentations” at the 2007 Joint Meetings of the American Mathematical Society and the Mathematical Association of America in New Orleans, La. She also served on the panel “Mathematics and mathematicians in emerging nations.”


Christine Wilson, Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, gave a presentation on “Exercise and Interstitial Lung Disease” at the American Physical Therapy Association’s Combined Sections Meeting in Boston, Mass.

Harrison Inefuku ’08, Visual Arts, will present, “Pollution and Hybridity: Cultural Collision in Masami Taraoka’s McDonald’s Hamburgers Invading Japan” at the University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire’s April “Cross-Cultural Perspectives of Visual Communication” conference.

Gil Dellinger, Barbara Flaherty, Daniel Kasser, Lucinda Kasser and Marika Wolfe, Visual Arts, will be displaying their work, paintings and photographs, depicting a year’s time in California Central Valley Cherry Orchards in “Flowering Beauty: Cherries in Four Seasons” at the Knowlton Gallery in Lodi, Calif.

Greg Rohlf, History and School of International Studies, presented “Confucian Ideas in History and Today” and “Overview of the Qin, Han, and Tang Dynasties” at the National Consortium for Teaching About Asia, East Bay Seminar 2007, at UC Berkeley’s Institute for East Asian Studies.

Cassandra Mitchell ’08, Sociology, will present “Telling Numbers: The Problem of Interrater Reliability in Assessing Maltreatment in African American Families” at Santa Clara University’s 34th Annual Western Departments of Anthropology and Sociology Undergraduate Research Conference.

PACIFIC COMMUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN WASC SURVEY

As the University prepares for Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) accreditation review, a proposal for the process is currently being generated. There are four primary Standards for accreditation, each having a number of criteria. Pacific must demonstrate evidence on these criteria for review (CFR). An on-line survey was designed to measure where Pacific currently stands regarding performance and perceived importance of the criteria. The results will be used to inform the process. The six Pacific Rising commitments were used to organize the criteria. After each commitment statement are the corresponding questions relating to the CFR.

The survey is located at: http://iris.pacific.edu/survey/wasc_survey.htm.

When you fill out the survey, please make two ratings: The first rating is your opinion on how well Pacific is currently performing on each CFR. The second rating is how important a priority you find each CFR. Please be sure to mark BOTH ratings. If you are unable to make a rating, mark NC for “no comment”.

The last day to do the survey is Monday, March 12.

TOWN HALL MEETING ON DIVERSITY

The University Diversity Committee urges members of the Pacific campus community to attend a “Town Meeting” on Thursday, March 8 from noon until 1 pm in the Raymond Common Room. An additional session is being offered from 7 until 8:30 pm in the Common Room.

The purpose is to provide a forum for expression of perspectives on diversity and inclusion, to create a level of safety and comfort in participating in this type of dialogue, to begin to determine an appropriate response to the diversity commitments put forward in the University’s strategic plan (Pacific Rising 2008-2015), and to assess what progress has been made in developing an inclusive campus community.
PuRNELL
TO SERVE AS ExECutiVE ASSiSTANT TO ThE PRESidENT
Associate Provost and Dean of the Library Jean Purnell will succeed Julie Sina as executive assistant to the President and secretary to the Board of Regents, starting March 5. “I’m excited to begin this new leadership position in the President’s Office. I hope to make the strongest contribution I can in helping the University reach its strategic goals,” Purnell said. “I am thankful for the opportunities that Pacific has given me throughout my career.”

Purnell was hired by Pacific in 1984 as the music librarian and as an assistant professor. She has served as dean of the library since 1992, overseeing the development of electronic collections and a facilities expansion and renovation project. She has led numerous organizations, including serving as president of the California Academic and Research Libraries and the Statewide California Electronic Library Consortium.

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CAST YOUR VOTE FOR MOST VALUABLE PACIFICAN
This spring the University will recognize one non-exempt staff member and one exempt staff member from the Stockton campus who has made significant and meaningful contributions to the University. The award will be presented at the annual Staff Years of Service Luncheon on Wednesday, May 30. This year’s Most Valuable Pacificans will receive an “A” parking permit for the following academic year, an award plaque and a check for $500.

All members of the University community are encouraged to make nominations. In completing the MVP nomination form, please describe how the candidate qualifies for this University honor by providing specific examples that demonstrate extraordinary service, contributions to the University’s mission, outstanding customer service, commitment to teamwork and other areas of excellence. The nomination form can be downloaded at http://www.pacific.edu/hr/current-employees/index.asp.

Each nomination form is to be accompanied by a maximum of three letters of support from members of the Pacific community. Please submit the completed nomination packet to the MVP Selection Committee, c/o Department of Human Resources by Friday, April 6. The Committee is comprised of past award recipients with a representative from Human Resources facilitating the process as a non-voting member. Please contact Sally Coleman in Human Resources at 209.946.3907 or scoleman@pacific.edu for additional information.

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DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME COMES EARLY THIS YEAR

In accordance with the Energy Policy Act of 2006, Daylight Savings Time (DST) will start about three weeks earlier than usual, on the second Sunday of March. Mark your calendar for March 11 and put a Post-it on the fridge; it’s just around the corner! The extension also lengthens DST through November 4, a total additional time frame of about four weeks.

The change had an impact on the Groupwise calendar function, but the OIT has made the appropriate updates. Previously calendared appointments between March 11 and 31, and between October 28 and November 3 may be off by one hour. Please check those appointments and make appropriate corrections. Call the Help Desk at 209.946.7400 if you have questions.