PACIFIC CLIMBS HIGHER ON RANKING LADDER

Pacific was named in the top 100 schools for the second year in a row by U.S. News & World Report and as one of 50 “Great Schools at Great Prices” for the seventh consecutive year.

This year, Pacific climbed to 96th place, up from 98th last year, placing it among schools such as Auburn, University of Vermont, University of Tennessee, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, UC Riverside, University of Arizona and Northeastern.

“Pacific provides a personalized, high-quality education to students on all three campuses, and we are pleased to consistently be recognized for this commitment,” said President DeRosa. “However, I have to caution that rankings such as these rely in part on subjective measures and do not consider all factors that reflect true academic distinctiveness.”

Pacific is one of the smallest universities to be ranked this high in a category dominated by large research institutions. When compared to the nation’s top universities on measures of personalized learning, Pacific leads the way with about 60 percent of classes having fewer than 20 students, a higher rate than is found at three-quarters of all ranked universities nationally.

Pacific was ranked 42nd in the “Great Schools at Great Prices” list. To determine which schools offer the best value, U.S. News considers the ratio of quality to price and the percentage of all undergraduates receiving grants meeting financial need. Pacific’s percentage of undergraduates receiving grants or scholarships based on need at 64 percent is the sixth best on the list, higher than any California institution in the list.

The U.S. News & World Report rankings were published in their August 20 issue and were released online at www.usnews.com.

WRITING IN THE DISCIPLINES INITIATIVE

The College of the Pacific and the Office of the Provost have launched a “Writing in the Disciplines Initiative” to encourage enhanced writing skills in all Pacific students. The initiative will include a brown-bag series devoted to improved writing instruction (co-sponsored with the Center for Teaching Excellence), a new Blackboard faculty development site and departmental/faculty development grants of up to $5,000 to support the design of more writing-intensive courses within the disciplines.

Interested faculty should contact Cynthia Dobbs at 209.946.2142 or cdobbs@pacific.edu for more information. The deadline for grant proposals is October 1.
Ray Sylvester, Eberhardt School of Business, was elected vice president for the western region of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi at their convention in Orlando, Fla.


Alan Lenzi, Religious and Classical Studies, had his article “Dead Religion and Contemporary Perspectives: Commending Mesopotamian Data to the Religious Studies Classroom” accepted for publishing in the journal Method & Theory in the Study of Religion. Lenzi also attended the “Rencontre Assyrillogique Internationale” in Moscow and St. Petersburg, Russia.

Ken Albala, History, had his sixth book, “Beans: A History,” published by Berg in Europe and Palgrave/Macmillan in the US. He also co-edited “The Business of Food: An Encyclopedia of the Food and Drink Industries,” which will be published later this fall by Greenwood Press. His series “Food Culture around the World,” also published by Greenwood Press, has been extended to 21 volumes.

Jianhua Ren, Chemistry, received an ACS Petroleum Research Fund (PRF) summer research fellowship (SRF) grant of $8,000 to support her research “H/D Exchange Properties of Cysteine-Polyalanine Peptides.”

Cassandra Mitchell ’10, Sociology, completed the University of California Irvine’s prestigious Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship Program.

Robert Oprandy, Benerd School of Education, gave seven workshops and a plenary talk during a 10-day visit to Guatemala. Workshops with English teachers and their coordinators at the Instituto Guatemalteco Americano covered “Expanding Your Pedagogical Repertoire by Using FOCUS.” The plenary session at the Regional English Language Conference in Quetzaltenango was “A Principled Approach to Communicative Language Teaching.”

Jessica Song, Pharmacy Residency Program Coordinator for Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, has been named a 2007 Practitioner Fellow by the California Society of Health-System Pharmacists (CSHP). Fellows are chosen for their contributions to CSHP and the mission of promoting wellness and the best use of medications and are recognized at the Society’s annual convention in October.

Ashland O. Brown, School of Engineering and Computer Science, along with Howard H. Chi and Casimir Lekinus, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry, gave a poster presentation “Utilizing the Laser Vibrometer in Measuring the Muscle Activity of the Masseter Muscle” at the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) “2nd Frontiers in Biomedical Devices” Conference in Irvine, Calif.

Paul Glassman, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry, was honored by the Special Care Dentistry Association with its 2007 Saul Kamen Award, its highest honor, during the annual session in May. The award recognizes one individual annually for exemplary leadership and contributions to the advancement of oral healthcare for persons with special needs.

Jerry Caplan, Pacific McGeorge School of Law, spoke at the National Institute of Justice Conference in Arlington, Va. on the 40th anniversary of the publication of the report of the President’s Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice. Caplan served as NIJ director from 1973-77.

Arthur A. Dugoni, Dean Emeritus of Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry, received the 2007 Shils Award from the Program Advisory Committee of the Edward B. Shils Entrepreneurial Education Fund for his outstanding leadership and exemplary service to the dental community, dental education and public oral health. The Shils Award recognizes outstanding entrepreneurial initiatives that have significant positive impact on the dental community.

Allen Wong, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry, was honored by the Developmental Disabilities Councils of Alameda and Contra Costa Counties with the Excellence in Service Award for Health Care during an awards ceremony in June, recognizing Wong’s efforts to improve access to dental care for people with developmental disabilities over the past 18 years. Wong also received certificates of recognition from the California State Legislature and U.S. Congress, including one from Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

Linda Carter, Pacific McGeorge School of Law, worked in the Visiting Professionals Program at the International Criminal Court in The Hague. She also worked in a similar capacity at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda in Arusha, Tanzania. The tribunals adjudicate cases of international crimes, including genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes.

Cary Bricker, Fred Galves, George Harris, Brian Landsberg, Mary-Beth Moylan and Jarrod Wong, Pacific McGeorge School of Law, conducted a three-week workshop in Guangzhou, China, wrapping up the first phase of the law school’s USAID-sponsored program to enhance the advocacy training skills of Chinese law school faculty members.

Leslie Jacobs and Brian Landsberg, Pacific McGeorge School of Law, co-authored “Global Issues in Constitutional Law,” which has been published by Thomson-West (2007). It is another book in the Global Issues series edited by Frank Gevurtz.

Michael Vitiello, Pacific McGeorge School of Law, has been awarded a Fulbright senior specialist grant from the Council for International Exchange of Scholars to teach a course on American Constitutional Law and at the University of Parma Department of Law, Parma, Italy.
GRASSROOTS GLOBAL INSTITUTE

LAUNCHES INAUGURAL SYMPOSIUM

Community leaders from Empalme, Mexico, Stockton’s sister city, met with Stockton community leaders at Pacific to brainstorm ways of improving education, crime, healthcare, government leadership and economic development in their communities at the GrassRoots Global Institute’s Inaugural Symposium in Civic Leadership July 28 through August 4. The GrassRoots Global Institute was established within the Jacoby Center to empower democratic citizenship and leadership at the community level, on an international scale, through citizen participation.

The symposium was the successful culmination of a partnership effort begun more than 18 months ago, between the GrassRoots Global Institute and the Stockton Sister Cities Association. The arrival of the Empalme delegation set the stage for the start of the “pilot” program on the Pacific campus.

The GrassRoots Symposium employed a unique new approach to developing citizen leadership at the community level. Each participating delegation represented the elements considered necessary in a successful civil society: government/politics; the media; business/commerce; education; law and justice; religious tradition; non-profit/non-governmental organizations; youth; and women’s organizations.

For four days, the two delegations from Empalme and Stockton engaged in intense discussions and group exercises, designed to improve their understanding of common concerns, issues and challenges facing their respective communities. The core focus of the program centered on economic development, democratic practices and leadership strategies. Many individuals from the Pacific and Stockton Community were involved in making the program a success. Representatives from all three campuses as well as local organizations and civic leaders, hosted meetings, gave briefings and tours and assisted with the planning and execution of the symposium.

Plans are underway for the GrassRoots Global Institute to coordinate an on-going exchange between these two “pilot” teams, over the coming year, and planning is underway for next year’s program according to Institute Director Dave Frederickson. “With our tremendously successful launch of this pilot effort, all of us who were involved are eager to move ahead to a bigger, better, more energetic program for next year,” Frederickson said.

NOTEWORTHY CONTINUED...

John Sprankling, Pacific McGeorge School of Law, co-taught a course on International Business Transactions with Chinese Characteristics at the Summer Law Institute at Kenneth Wang School of Law at Soochow University in Suzhou, China.


Kim Clarke, Pacific McGeorge School of Law, presented “Alumni: The Forgotten Patron Group,” and Michele Finerry moderated the session at the annual meeting for the American Association of Law Libraries in New Orleans.

Robert Oakes, Pacific McGeorge School of Law, had his article, “The California Legislature Seeks to Further Equality, or We’re Not in Kansas, Anymore,” appear in the July/August issue of the Sacramento Lawyer.

Thomas Petersonson ’07, was named a Cleveland Golf All-American Scholar for his efforts during his senior season. The former Tiger and current Canadian Tour Professional earned the award for the second straight year.

Dragomir Cosanici, Pacific McGeorge School of Law, had his article, “Understanding the Role of Public Libraries under Indiana’s Open Door Law,” published in the most recent issue of Indiana Libraries, a scholarly library publication. He also presented “Making Time for Research” at the Indiana University Librarian’s Day 2007.

Following is a summary of participation from faculty and students of Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences at the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy in Orlando, Fla.

Rajul Patel ’08, James Uchizono ’08 and Gina Maeda ’08 presented the poster “Exploring the distribution of pharmacy students’ examination completion times and factors which affect test performance.”

David Fuentes ’03, Nancy DeGuire ’89, Raj Patel ’01, ’05, and Eric Boyce presented the poster “Integrating skills and public health initiatives early in a pharmacy curriculum using team research projects”.

Wade Russu presented “Toward a simple method for deriving meaningful structure activity relationships from bioactive helical peptides.”

Eric Boyce, Sian Carr-Lopez ’85, and Pamela Moise-Broder presented the poster “Achievement of curricular performance objectives based on preceptor evaluations and student documented interventions during advanced pharmacy practice experiences.”

Eric Boyce was one of three presenters on the topic “The California Pharmacy Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experience — Objective Structured Clinical Examination Initiative.”

NOTABLE CHANGES:

Dragomir Cosanici, Pacific McGeorge School of Law, is the new assistant director for public services at the Schaber Library.

Micelle Mahala, Theater Arts, joins the faculty this fall. Mahala received her BA from Macal- ester College in St. Paul, Minn. and her MA and PhD from the University of Minnesota. Her interest areas are theater history, play writing and literary analysis.

The Office of Marketing and University Relations is now Marketing and University Communications.
**HOUSING:**

**House for Rent:** 3 bd., 1 ba. on South Regent St. Contact Dana at 209.481.5461 or e-mail DCFerg@comcast.net.

**House for Rent:** 2 bd., 1 ba. near campus with hardwood floors, central heat and air, ceiling fans and garden with fruit trees. Includes water, garbage and gardener. $1,200 per month plus $1,000 security deposit. Available September 1. Call Catya at 831.477.1973 or e-mail kge1950@sbcglobal.net.

**House for Rent:** 2 bd., 1½ ba. at 4141 N. Pershing Ave. $850 per month. Call Werner Properties 209.996.5942.

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**Room for Rent:** 2 rooms available in Manteca. Quiet and safe older neighborhood. Non-smoking home. $500 per month per room with full house privileges. E-mail Carolyn at correi1947@comcast.net.

**Room for Rent:** 3 furnished rooms near Pacific. Older Home, quiet established neighborhood, $500 per month per room, plus security deposit, utilities included, with full house privileges. No pets. Call Don and Joy Goodpasture 209.639.8127.

**House for Sale:** 3 bd., 2 ba., move-in condition. Near Mable Barron elementary school. Newer roof, dual-pane windows, many extras, neighborhood pool and lots more. $369,950. Call 209.478.6584 or e-mail sturbainb@mjc.edu.

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**House for Sale:** 2 bd., 1 ba. newly remodeled, close to campus, with large kitchen and gorgeous backyard. 1,250 sq. ft. $279,000. Contact Cynthia at 209.465.6501.

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