TWO NEW REGENTS APPOINTED TO BOARD

Ronald D. Cordes, co-chairman of Genworth Financial Wealth Management, and Naka “Nick” Ushijima ’88, chairman and CEO of Susquehanna Corporation, were named to seats on the Pacific Board of Regents in January.

Cordes chairs the Advisory Council for Pacific’s Global Center for Social Entrepreneurship and the Cordes Family Foundation. He also serves on the board of directors for the Oakland Boys & Girls Club and the East Bay Community Foundation (EBCF) in Oakland, and is a trustee of the Oakland Rotary Endowment.

Cordes was the co-founder and chairman of AssetMark Investment Services, which was acquired by Genworth Financial in 2006. He now serves as co-chairman of Genworth Financial Wealth Management. Co-author of “The Art of Investing & Portfolio Management,” Cordes is frequently quoted in financial and trade publications.

“I’ve been pleased to have been involved in supporting Pacific’s Global Center for Social Entrepreneurship, as well as the School of International Studies,” said Cordes. “I look forward to supporting the continued progress and advancement of Pacific as one of the nation’s foremost independent universities.”

Ushijima is a graduate of the Eberhardt School of Business. As a student, he participated in men’s golf and served as an admissions volunteer. He is Chairman and CEO of Susquehanna Corporation, a real estate investment company located in Japan that he founded with American investors. Previously, Ushijima and his wife, Heidi ’95, co-owned Ushijima Trade Advisors Ltd., specializing in business consulting between the U.S. and Japan. His previous business experience includes serving as CFO and Senior Vice President for his father’s business, Ushijima Kosan, and NKS Americas (a Sumitomo group of companies).

“It is a great honor to join a Board which has directed such extraordinary recent progress,” said Nick Ushijima. “I aim to help the school build its reputation and reach in Japan and the rest of Asia. Pacific has been a very important factor in my life, business career and amateur golf career.”

“With his investment expertise, Ron will make invaluable contributions to the Board as it handles critical financial issues now and in the future,” said President Don DeRosa. “Nick is an alumnus whose international perspectives and experiences will sharpen the Board’s focus on the University’s international programs, partnerships and outreach.”
NOTEWORTHY

Todd Davenport, Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, had his article “Physical Therapist Management of Acute and Chronic Low Back Pain Using the World Health Organization’s International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health,” published in Physical Therapy.

Qingwen Dong, Communication, and Christine Collaco ’09, presented “An In-Depth Understanding of Ethnocentrism and Its Impact on Intercultural Communication” at the Congress of the Americas II in Mexico City.

Gesine Gerhard, History, had her article “Food and Genocide: Nazi Agrarian Politics in the Occupied Territories of the Soviet Union,” published in Contemporary European History.

Brian Landsberg, Pacific McGeorge School of Law, was an organizer and panel member at a conference on “The Role of Experiential Education in Chinese Law Schools,” which was held at the China University of Political Science and Law in Beijing.

Leah Larkin, Biology, was awarded a grant of $12,000 to subsidize child-care for graduate students and postdocs at the annual Evolution conference, which is a joint meeting of three scientific societies. The money will also be used to establish an e-mail-based mentoring system between senior mentors and early-career protégés through MentorNet.

Michael Malloy, Pacific McGeorge School of Law, presented the paper “Coordination, Cooperation and Harmonization: Utility and International Regulation” at the Association of American Law Schools conference in San Diego. He also served as a commentator on the panel, “Does Modern Financial Institution Regulation Work? Reflections on Deregulation and Internationalization of Supervisory Standards.”

Kathaleen Reed ’04, Communication, presented “Social intelligence and communication apprehension among at-risk community college students.”

Christine Collaco ’09, presented “Social intelligence relationship with communication apprehension and its relationship predictability towards communication competence.”

Danny Nuss ’02, Education Resource Center, presented “Emotional intelligence and communication apprehension among university students with disabilities.”

Mariela Vera ’09, presented “Emotional intelligence and communication apprehension in intercultural relationships.”

Qingwen Dong, Communication, served as a respondent to a panel on the “Impact of emotional intelligence and social competence on communication apprehension.”

Mark Urista ’08, along with Ken Day and Qingwen Dong, Communication, presented a paper on “Explaining why young adults use MySpace and Facebook through uses and gratification theory.”

WELCOME TO PACIFIC

Aven Lee is an assistant women’s volleyball coach in Athletics.

NOTABLE CHANGES

Amanda Root is now an external relations director for the School of Engineering and Computer Science in University Advancement. She was formerly in Advancement Services and Research in University Advancement.

Cheryl Sloup has been promoted to claims and insurance technician in Budget and Risk Management.

Blake Crary has been promoted to administrative services coordinator in Public Safety.

BOOK FAIR SUPPORTS LOCAL SCHOOL

The School of Education Student Association in the Benerd School of Education is sponsoring a Scholastic BookFair in March. The BookFair will be held in the lobby of the Benerd School of Education during the first week of March: Monday, March 2 to Friday, March 6 from 2 – 6 pm and Saturday, March 7 from 10 am – 2 pm. All of the profits will go toward the purchase of books for Van Buren Elementary School in Stockton. All are welcome.
SINGER MARVIN SAPP
FEATURED AT GOSPEL CONCERT

The biggest name in Gospel Music today, singer Marvin Sapp, will highlight Pacific’s annual GospelFest concert this year. The gospel concert is part of the University’s Black History Month celebration. The concert will be held at 7 pm at Progressive Community Church, at 2820 South “B” Street, on Friday, February 20.

Sapp is best known for his hit “Never Would Have Made It,” which has topped Billboard’s gospel radio chart, becoming the longest-running No. 1 single across all genres on radio in Billboard’s history. Opening for Sapp will be Deon Kipping, a rising star in the gospel industry known for his Christian/Neo Soul style.

The concert will be held off campus for the first time, taking place at one of the largest African-American churches in the Stockton area. Tickets are $25, available at the Pacific Box Office at 209.946.2474 or online at www.tix.com.

Find out more about Black History month events at go.Pacific.edu/BlackHistory.

PACIFIC’S JAZZ ENSEMBLE SELECTED AS FINALIST IN “NEXT GENERATION FESTIVAL”

Pacific’s Jazz Ensemble, made up of Conservatory of Music students studying jazz, was selected to participate in this year’s “Next Generation Festival.” The Festival is put on by the Monterey Jazz Festival to showcase the best emerging talent in the world of jazz. Only six university groups are selected each year to compete.

“I’m thrilled to share news that the Pacific Jazz Ensemble has again been selected as a finalist,” said Patrick Langham, director of Jazz Studies. “This is an extreme honor and outstanding recognition for the institution and our Jazz Studies program.”

The Pacific Jazz Ensemble participated in the festival in 2007 and took second place. This year, Pacific was selected from among hundreds of applicants from across the country. Other musical categories will feature students from Japan, the United Kingdom and Texas.

This year, the artist-in-residence for the Next Generation Festival will be Wynton Marsalis and the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra. The Next Generation Festival will be held April 3 – April 5 at the Monterey Conference Center. It is free and open to the public.

PACIFIC PLAYS PINK

Pacific’s stripes will turn Pink in February as the women’s basketball team plays in honor of Breast Health Awareness when the Tigers take on San Luis Obispo Saturday, February 21 at 4 pm in the Alex G. Spanos Center. Teamed up with St. Joseph’s Medical Center, the Tigers will play to raise money for Breast Health Services.

At the game, Pacific players will be wearing specially made pink uniforms in support of Breast Health Awareness. All proceeds that evening will be going to St. Joseph’s Medical Center. Plus, don’t miss your chance to help support the Tigers as they look to break the single home game attendance record on senior night!

For ticket information, call the Pacific Box Office at 209.946.2474.

ARTIST RIGHTS WORKSHOP HOSTED BY PACIFIC

Pacific’s Conservatory of Music is presenting a free Artist Rights Workshop from 1–4 pm on Saturday, February 21 in the Library Community Room. Entertainment attorney Michael Aczon, author of “The Musician’s Legal Companion,” will facilitate the workshop. Members of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law’s Entertainment Law Society will also be in attendance. “It’s a way for musicians to empower themselves and to better protect their own music,” said Bryce McLaughlin ’11, music management and pre-law, who conceived the event.

The event is sponsored by a Pacific Fund grant, the Undergraduate Task Force on Research, and the Dean of the Library. The event is open to students, faculty, staff and other interested members of the community. A brief reception and book signing with Michael Aczon will follow the event.
**HEALTH FAIR PROVIDES FREE HEALTH CARE**

VN CARES — the Vietnamese Cancer Awareness, Research & Education Society — will be offering more than $250 in free health care services at its second annual Health Fair. The event will be from 10 am to 2 pm on March 5 at St. Luke's Church, 3847 N. Sutter St., in Stockton.

“This is an amazing event that is open to everyone, all ages, races, ethnicities and socioeconomic classes,” said Heidi Nguyen, a doctoral student and VN CARES publicity officer. “The children will be able to enjoy numerous activities, such as face painting, bowling, scavenger hunts and other educational games.”

VN CARES is providing free health services to the entire community to raise awareness on health care issues. Services provided include: cholesterol, blood sugar and bone density screenings, along with dental evaluations and Medicare part D consultations.

Other supporting organizations and businesses include: Rite Aid Pharmacy, the Health Plan of San Joaquin, and Pacific’s Academy of Student Pharmacists. For more information, e-mail pacifichealthfair2009@gmail.com.

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**HILSENRATH APPOINTED TO ENDOWED CHAIR**

Peter Hilsenrath has been appointed to the Joseph M. Long Chair of Health Care Management and Professor of Economics in the Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. The position was established in 2002 with a grant from The J. M. Long Foundation, created by Joseph M. Long, who co-founded Longs Drugs Stores with his brother Thomas J. Long.

Hilsenrath oversees a program that offers a dual degree in pharmacy and business. The combined Doctor of Pharmacy and Master of Business Administration is designed to prepare students for leadership positions that demand knowledge of health sciences and management.

Prior to his appointment, Hilsenrath was Professor and Department Chair of Health Management and Policy at the University of North Texas Health Science Center in Fort Worth, Texas.

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**GAVIN NEWSOM AT PACIFIC**

San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom’s exploratory campaign for governor sponsored a Town Hall Meeting at Pacific on Thursday, February 12. The DeRosa University Center Ballroom was standing room only for the two-hour presentation. Prior to the event, Newsom spoke with a group of political science students and faculty in the Wendell Phillips Center lecture hall.

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