COMMERCEMENT 2009

The 152nd Commencement ceremony will begin at 9:30 am on Saturday, May 16 in the Alex G. Spanos Center on the Stockton Campus. All graduates and faculty members are encouraged to attend this ceremony as degrees are conferred at this time.

President Don DeRosa will receive the Order of Pacific during the ceremonies. He also will deliver the commencement address. The Order of Pacific was established in 1952 by the Board of Regents as the highest award the University can give. It honors members of Pacific’s community who have given distinguished service and made outstanding contributions to the University over a significant number of years.

“It has been a privilege to work at Pacific during the past 14 years with the talented faculty and staff and our gifted student body,” said President DeRosa. “I am deeply moved that the Board of Regents selected me as the recipient of the Order of the Pacific, because I can honestly say that my time here has been the best reward I could have received in my professional life.”

Besides the Order of Pacific, the Distinguished Faculty Award will be presented to William K. Chan, a professor of pharmaceutics and medicinal chemistry in the Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. The Outstanding Student Leader Award will be presented to Danielle Neault and Sophie Zumout. Both graduate this year.

After the commencement ceremony, the individual colleges on the Stockton campus will host individual diploma and hooding ceremonies. Hooding ceremonies are at 1pm for Benerd School of Education, College of the Pacific, Eberhardt School of Business, School of Engineering and Computer Science, School of International Studies and Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. The Conservatory of Music will hold its ceremony at 4 pm. Pacific McGeorge School of Law will hold its ceremony at 2 pm at the Memorial Auditorium in Sacramento. Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry’s commencement is scheduled for June 14 at the Hilton San Francisco.

PACIFIC FUND GRANT ENHANCES STUDENT LEARNING

Students from three classes visited the Angel Island Immigration Station National Historic Site in San Francisco Bay on April 2. Modeled after New York’s Ellis Island, the station was the point of entry for Asian immigrants from 1910-1940. It also was used as the immigration detention headquarters for Chinese immigrants. Professors Jennifer Helgren, History, and Xiaojing Zhou, English and Ethnic Studies, received a Pacific Fund grant which made the field trip possible.

The “beautiful poetry on the drab, gray-washed walls tells the sadness, heartbreak, fear and hope” felt by the detainees, says Allison Colberg ’11. “My time spent on Angel Island made me take a good long look at my peers and friends to better understand what their grandparents and great grandparents might have gone through to make a life for themselves and for their families in America.” Students noted the contrast between the island’s beauty and the terrible living condition of detainees. “The Angel Island field trip was very eye-opening for me,” said Henry Nguyen ’09.

It is time to apply for Pacific Fund Grants for the 2009-10. Go to Pacific.edu/PacificFund for details.
Robert Coburn, Conservatory, was the featured composer at the Western Oregon New Music Festival. A concert of his compositions for solo instrument, computer and video was performed, as well as videos from Pacific’s annual SoundImageSound Festival. Coburn also gave a master class for young composers and a lecture on creative use of new technology.

Paul Fogle, Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, has received contracts from Cengage Delmar to write the text books “Counseling Skills for Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists,” 2nd edition, and “Neuroscience for Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists.” He is working on “The Complete Dictionary for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology,” also for Cengage Delmar. Fogle’s papers “Cognitive Rehabilitation-Collaborative Brain Injury Intervention” and “The Amygdala’s Contributions to Cognition” were accepted for presentation at the Asian-Pacific Society Speech, Language, and Hearing Conference to be held in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Robert Halliwell, Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, was Chair and speaker in the Stem Cells symposium at the British Neuroscience Association 20th National meeting, held in Liverpool, England.


Katrina Alison Jaggears, School of International Studies, has been elected President of the Stanford Alumni Network of San Joaquin Valley for 2009–2010. Jaggears received her master’s degree from Stanford in 2000. Her term begins in June.


Morgan McSweeney ’09, Sport Sciences, presented “Where Do We Begin: Recommendations for a New Intercollegiate Athletics Department” at the Scholarly Conference on College Sport hosted by the College Sports Research Institute at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.


Sabine Schlemmer-Schulte, Pacific McGeorge School of Law, was a panelist and Jarrod Wong, Pacific McGeorge School of Law, was a moderator in a discussion of host state and foreign investor disputes at the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes at a conference on “International Conflict Resolution” at the UC Davis School of Law.

Pete Schroeder, Sport Sciences, presented the paper, “Changing Team Culture: The Perspectives of Ten Successful Head Coaches” at the Scholarly Conference on College Sport hosted by the College Sports Research Institute at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Barbara Shaw, associate provost for Professional and Continuing Education, participated on the panel “Leading in a Time of Change” with continuing and professional education leaders at the annual member meeting of Eduventures’ Continuing and Professional Education Learning Collaborative in Boston.

Faye Snowden, Office of Information Technology, presented “ROI for VOIP? Yep We Struggled” at the annual meeting of the Association for Information Communications Technology Professionals in Higher Education.

Michael Vitiello, Pacific McGeorge School of Law, had his essay, “Herring v. United States: Mapp’s Artless Overruling,” been accepted for publication in the Nevada Law Journal.

Jarrod Wong, Pacific McGeorge School of Law, was a panelist at the 15th annual Conference of Asian Pacific American Law Faculty held at the UC Davis School of Law, discussing Pacific McGeorge’s USAID Rule of Law in China Initiative in a panel titled “Crossing Borders: Asian/American Faculty Engagement.”

Faculty and students of the Sociology Department made the following scholarly contributions to the 80th Annual Meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association in San Diego, CA.

Marcia Hernandez presented “Engaging the Sociological Imagination Through Political Engagement.”

Ethel Nicdao, Chanda Chinn ’09 and Kelsie Longway-Vince ’09 presented “Writing in the Discipline: Assessing the Effectiveness of a Writing-Intensive Component in a Foundations of Sociology Course.”


Moises Vargas, Ill ’09 presented “Gender Inequality in the Comic Book Culture.”

Faculty and students of the Benerd School of Education School Psychology program presented the following papers at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development in Denver, Colo.

Hong Nguyen ’11 presented “Examining Self-Concept and Academic Achievement among Children who Experience Negative Life Events.”

Emily E. French ’11 presented “Examining the Relationships between Body Mass Index, Self-Concept, and Academic Achievement among Sixth Graders.”

Christina Siller ’11, Hong Nguyen ’11 and Sarah Hendricks ’11 presented “Examining Mothers’ Interactions with Preschoolers and Later Academic Skills Development.”

Christina Siller ’11 presented “Parenting Practices and Attribution Development: Examining the Early Roots of Aggression.”

Amy N. Scott, Melissa Riley ’11 and Deidre Rubcich ’12 presented “Family Emotional Expressiveness as a Predictor for Future Relationships with Teachers.”

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HONORING STAFF YEARS OF SERVICE

At a luncheon at 11:30 am on Thursday, May 21 on Knoles Lawn, Pacific will recognize the following Stockton staff for their years of service to the University, along with announcing the recipients of the Cavanaugh Distinguished Service Award. If your five-year incremental anniversary falls between July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009, your name should be listed below. Should you have any questions contact Human Resources at 209.946.2124.

Honorees for this year are:

40 YEARS
Judy Chambers – University Advancement

35 YEARS
Jane Lewis – Human Resources

30 YEARS
Joy Hart – The College – Psychology/Mailroom
Susan McCann – The College – Chemistry
Patricia Ragocas – Office of the Registrar

25 YEARS
Mike Lawrie – Support Services
Beverly Miller – Support Services
Debra Miller – Office of the Provost
Mary Nevis – Eberhardt School of Business
Bonnie O’Hearn – Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy & Health Sciences
Robert Ramirez – Support Services
Michael Stevens – Athletics

20 YEARS
Howard Binder – Support Services
Wendy Cornwall – Athletics
Kitty Gilbert – School of International Studies
Alicia Mordhorst – Advancement Services & Research
Mark Plovnick – University Advancement
Jimmy Shipes – Support Services
Julie Wendland – Athletics
Joseph Wortmann – Athletics
Craig Zenor – Support Services

15 YEARS
Kimberly Beck – Financial Aid
Keith Coleman – Athletics
Catherine Dodson – Planned Giving
Todd Fabian – The College – Psychology (CRP)
Peggy Hawbaker – Admission
Gail Stovall – Library
Ronald Verlin – Athletics
Myrna Vick – Eberhardt School of Business

10 YEARS
Rodney Blankenship – Office of Information Technology
Jowette Caldera – Support Services
Thomas Congrave – Support Services
Cynthia Dobbs – The College – Office of the Dean
Steve Edwards – Support Services
Margie Ensign – School of International Studies
Yanko Estay – Support Services
Stephanie Fong – Athletics
Kathleen Fritz – Planned Giving
Damon Fugett – Business and Finance
Wanda Marshall – School of Engineering & Computer Science
Karen Mendoza – Human Resources
Michael Nevarez – Support Services
Pam Nogare – Athletics
Maryann Pearson – Public Safety
Brad Reynolds – Support Services
Joanna Royce-Davis – Student Life
Pamala Sanocki – The College – Psychology
Elizabeth Santomier – Benerd School of Education
Raoul Villalpando – Office of Information Technology
Deborah Walker – The College – Biological Sciences
Lisa Wall – PacifiCard Office

5 YEARS
Maria Anguiano – Support Services
Angelita Balingit – Controller/Accounts Payable
Debra Bell – Eberhardt School of Business
Benjamin Buecher – Student Life
Kimberly Byrne – Support Services
Joe Camarena – Public Safety
Joanne Carvana – Human Resources
Crisostomo Caslib – Support Services
Robert Chiene – Athletics
Lawrence Cogo – Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy & Health Sciences
Patrice Coss – Human Resources
Edgar Escalante – Office of Information Technology
Wilfred Garcia – Office of Information Technology
Kathy Gioottonini – The College – Physics
Christine Haruta – Career Resource Center
Adam Jacobsen – Athletics
Georgia Kovich-Lee – Athletics
Timothy Lenderman – Public Safety
Jennifer Maroney – Benerd School of Education
Billy Matthews – Support Services
Elizabeth Mehl – Payroll
Martha Meza – Support Services
Cherilyn Moe – Library
Tonya Navarro – AEGD/Dental Residency
Esequiel Oropeza – Support Services
Michelle Preston – Business and Finance-Cashier
Elizabeth Rangel – Support Services
Eric Rausch – Career Resource Center
Lisa Reed – Admission
Consuelo Roberts – Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy & Health Sciences
Jose Rodriguez – Support Services
Ed Sprague – Athletics
Zachary Spurlin – Housing and Greek Life
Kong Thao – Athletics
Linda Thomas – Center for Professional and Continuing Education
Jason Velo – Student Leadership and Involvement
Jan Wammack – Morris Chapel
Arianna Yepez – The College – Jacoby Center
James Young – Public Safety

CONSERVATORY CONCERT HONORS THE DeROSAS

There will be a special concert honoring President Don DeRosa and first lady Karen DeRosa at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, May 12 in Long Theatre. There will be a reception following the concert. Admission is free.

The concert will celebrate through music a transformative presidency with performances by Pacific faculty, including: the New Pacific Trio, with Sonia Leong, Ann Miller and Nina Flyer; Franks Wiens; Daniel Ebbers and Jessica Siena; Margaret Perry, Mathew Krejci, and Nicolaus Kuster.
**FISCAL YEAR-END PLANNING**

The University's fiscal year-end of June 30, 2009 is fast approaching, and it is time to begin planning for the annual closing of the University's financial records in preparation for the external audit and annual budget closing. A link to the complete calendar of individual deadlines and instructions can be accessed from the Controller's website at [http://web.pacific.edu/x3148.xml](http://web.pacific.edu/x3148.xml). This calendar will ensure the Division is able to meet University business needs while enabling timely preparation for the audit, budget, and other year-end matters. These deadlines must be observed.

Remember, all items ordered this fiscal year must be received by June 30, 2009 in order to be charged to the fiscal 2009 (2008-09) budget. Items received after June 30 will be charged to the fiscal 2010 (2009–10) budget. Departments are encouraged to utilize University Procards where permitted by Procard policy in order to facilitate efficient purchasing.

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**NOTEWORTHY CONTINUED**

**Athletics Honors**

*Sean Daley ‘12*, middle blocker for Pacific men’s volleyball, earned All-Mountain Pacific Sports Federation (MPSF) Honorable Mention honors as the post-season all-conference teams were announced on April 23.

*Moritz Starke ‘09*, Pacific men’s tennis, was named the Big West’s Co-Player of the Year on Tuesday, April 21. Starke was named to the all-conference first team along with *Artem Gramma ‘11*, while *Renan Delsin ‘10* earned second team honors and *Vegerd Veskimagi ‘10* was named to the honorable mention team. In doubles, Starke and Delsin earned first team honors and the team of *Karl-Erik Paaro ‘12* and *Christian Kuehne ‘12* were named to the honorable mention team.

The *Pacific women’s tennis team* that finished 4–4 and in the Big West Conference and tied for fourth place had three athletes honored on the Big West All-Conference Teams. *Jenifer Widjaja ‘11* was awarded First Team All-Big West in singles play. *Jolanta Twarowska ‘09* received All-Big West Honorable Mention. Widjaja with fellow sophomore *Olga Gumenyuk ‘11* received second team honors for doubles play.

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**Big West Conference Academic All-Big West honors for winter sports went to:**

**Men’s basketball**

*Bryan LeDuc ‘09* and *Chad Troyer ‘09*

**Women’s basketball**

*Andrea Swanson ‘12*

**Men’s swimming**

*Justin Canty ‘09*, *Matt Lundy ‘09*, *Dave Platow ‘09*, *Stephen Quinn ‘09*, *Kyle Accornero ‘10*, *Aljaz Ojstersek ‘10* and *Danny Platow ‘10*

**Women’s swimming**

*Jenny Lewis ‘09* and *Melissa McGhee ‘10*

To be eligible for the All-Academic team, student-athletes have to maintain a 3.2 cumulative grade point average, have attained a sophomore standing academically and competed in at least 50 percent of their team’s contests.

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