COMMUNITY TURNS OUT FOR LAUNCH PARTY

Pacific Hosted a Launch Party on Monday, August 24 to watch the launch of the Space Shuttle Discovery in which Pacific's own Jose Hernandez '85, alumnus and Regent, was to begin his first mission to outer space. The response from the Pacific and Stockton communities and media from the surrounding area was overwhelming. Attendance was estimated at approximately 1,000 people for the event held at the DeRosa University Center. Due to thunder storms, the launch was postponed.

POMP AND BARBEQUE

Pacific's administration, deans, faculty and staff members welcomed the approximately 900 incoming freshmen and transfer students and their families for the official start of the academic year 2009-10 at the annual Opening Convocation on Sunday, August 23. The event was followed by the traditional Tiger Roar and all-campus barbeque.

EVENTS:

31ST ANNUAL BANKER’S VOLLEYBALL CLASSIC

• WELCOME LUNCHEON
September 4 • 11:30 am
Stockton Hilton
Help welcome visiting teams from Stanford, Florida and San Jose. Tickets are $20. Contact Barb Paris 209.946.2389 by September 1.

• TOURNAMENT
September 4 • 5 pm
Alex G. Spanos Center
In the opening round match, No. 5 ranked Stanford Cardinals take on No. 8 Florida starting at 5 pm. The Pacific Tigers women’s volleyball team takes on San Jose State starting at 7 pm. The tournament continues Saturday, September 5 with the consolation match at 5 pm and the championship match at 7 pm. Tickets are $8 for adults and $6 for youths and seniors. Call the Pacific Box Office at 209.946.2474 or visit PacificTigers.com.

28TH ANNUAL LABOR DAY PowWow

September 4 • 6 pm
September 5-6 • noon
Stockton South Campus
Sponsored by the Stockton Powwow Committee and Pacific's Native American Student Association. Enjoy food, art, crafts and native dancers and drummers. The event is free and open to the public and is a drug- and alcohol-free event. For more information, contact Ashley Hale at 916.955.5303.

SAVE THE DATE!

PACIFIC FAMILY FUN DAY

September 26 • 11:00 am
DeRosa University Center Lawn
Pacific Family Fun Day is sponsored by the Staff Advisory Council for all Pacific staff, faculty and their families. A great day of fun, games, raffles and good food. To volunteer to help, contact Danny Nuss at dnuss@pacific.edu.

FIND OUT MORE AT EVENTS.PACIFIC.EDU
NOTEWORTHY

Raquel Aldana, Pacific McGeorge School of Law, is the co-author of a report on immigration reform developed by the Society of American Law Teachers Human Rights Committee and submitted to President Obama, Attorney General Eric Holder and Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano.

Michelle Amaral and Bill Herrin, Economics, presented “Housing Attributes and Occupant Health in a Less Developed Country: Evidence from Uganda” at the 7th World Congress of the International Health Economics Association in Beijing, China.

Linda Carter, Pacific McGeorge School of Law, served as co-director of the sixth Brandeis Institute for International Judges, which was held in Port of Spain, Trinidad.


Mario Enriquez, Latino/a Outreach Student Coordinator, was selected for the National Council de La Raza as a Lidere (Leader) for their Latino Leadership program that works with high school and college students across the United States. Enriquez served as a Lidere at their conference in Chicago.

Fred Galves, Pacific McGeorge School of Law, made a presentation and led a small group discussion on June 16 at the AALS New Law Professor Conference in Washington, D.C. He also conducted a workshop for pre-tenured minority law professors the previous day at the annual event.

Frank Gevurtz, Pacific McGeorge School of Law, taught a course on administrative law to Chinese law professors in Beijing, China. He was a panelist in two sessions of the AALS Conference on Business Associations at its mid-year meeting in Long Beach, Calif. He spoke on “Business Associations Pedagogy: Innovative Approaches to Teaching Basic and Advanced Courses,” and “Teaching Business Associations Through Other Lenses.” He also participated in a workshop on transactional law.

James Hetrick, Physics, presented “Moving the topological charge over the Great Wall in the hybrid monte carlo algorithm” at the XXVII International Symposium on Lattice Field Theory, in Beijing, China.

Robin Imhof, University Library, had her article on Mary Kay Letourneau published in the Salem Press reference series “Great Events from History: Modern Scandals.”

Ruth Jones, Pacific McGeorge School of Law, presented a workshop on “Techniques to Improve the Analytical Skills of Students in Large Required Classes” at the Gonzaga Institute for Law Teaching and Learning Summer 2009 Conference in Spokane, Wash. She presented a work-in-progress and served as a commentator at the Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Faculty Writing Workshop at the Seattle University School of Law.

Daniel Kasser, Visual Arts, is exhibiting two photographs from his Western Technosite Series in the 24th Annual Tallahassee International Art Exhibition, sponsored by the Museum of Fine Arts, Florida State University.

Bruce LaBrack, School of International Studies, Emeritus, taught a one-day Sample of SIIC class on “Why Reentry Matters: Critical Lessons and Practical Advice” and offered an evening program on “After Shocks! The Good, the Bad and the Unintended Consequences of Coming Home” at the Summer Institute for Intercultural Communication, Portland, Ore.

Brian Landsberg, Pacific McGeorge School of Law, spoke at the Global Legal Skills Conference at Georgetown University Law Center.


Steve McCaffrey, Pacific McGeorge School of Law, attended a meeting of the One Drop Foundation scientific committee in Montreal, Quebec, as one of four advisors to the foundation on technical and policy matters regarding water.

John Myers, Pacific McGeorge School of Law, filmed a segment on June 10 for a judicial training film, “The Child in Court,” which is being produced by the Judicial Council of California for Superior Court judges.

Bob Oprandy, Benerd School of Education, taught a 3-day workshop, “Classroom Observation and Reflection,” for supervisors of English teachers at the Instituto Cultural Peruano-Norte-americano in Lima, Peru. This was the third time in five years Oprandy was invited to work at ICPNA.

Paul Paton, Pacific McGeorge School of Law, had his article, “Between a Rock and a Hard Place: The Future of Self-Regulation — Canada Between the United States and the English/Australian Experience,” published in the Journal of the Professional Lawyer.

Ines Ruiz-Huston, Latino/a Outreach Coordinator, received the Amiga Award for 2009 from El Concilio for her outstanding work and commitment in serving the Latino community in San Joaquin County.


Michael Vitiello, Pacific McGeorge School of Law, had his article, “Lies, Damn Lies and Claims of Judicial Activism” published in the Chapman University School of Law’s NeXus Journal

Stephen Wheeler, Eberhardt School of Business, presented “Beta Alpha Psi Faculty Profiles and the Incentives to Serve” at the American Accounting Association National Meeting in New York City. He also served as a visiting Professor at the Copenhagen Business School in their 2009 International Summer University Program.

Matt Lundy ’09, Pacific men’s swimming, was on the spring 2009 list of Scholar-Athletes as an honorable mention All-American of the Collegiate Swim Coaches Association of America (CSCAA). In order to be an honorable mention selection, a swimmer must achieve a NCAA consideration time and 3.50 or higher GPA. Lundy earned the CSCAA honor after being named a Big West Scholar Athlete in May. He represents the Tigers as the only CSCAA Scholar All-American.
PUBLICATIONS RECOGNIZE PACIFIC AS TOP UNIVERSITY

In the past three months, Pacific’s strengths have been recognized by three different college ranking publications. The Fiske College Guide; Princeton Review’s annual book, “The Best 371 Colleges;” and U.S News & World Report’s “America’s Best Colleges 2010” all listed Pacific among the top national universities. The Fiske Guide and U.S. News also listed Pacific as a “best buy” or “best value” college where students can get the most for their dollar.

The Princeton Review listed Pacific as a University with “More to Do on Campus” along with Stanford, Duke and Notre Dame Universities. That ranking was based on responses from students in a Princeton Review survey. Quotes from Pacific students in this year’s edition praised the faculty, said the academics were “great” and “If you ever have any questions, there’s always someone there to answer them and help you out academically and socially.” Others said Pacific is “a school that you can be proud of going to.” Students also said that Pacific’s many social clubs and Greek organizations, the endless opportunities to volunteer in the community, and the general friendly nature of the campus made it a fun place to study.

- U.S. News placed Pacific on the following lists:
- Highest Proportion of Classes Under 20 Students
- Average Amount of Need-Based Aid Awarded
- Best Undergraduate Engineering Programs
- Highest Economic Diversity
- Campus Ethnic Diversity

“We are always looking for ways to improve ourselves academically, fiscally and socially and we know there’s always room for improvement,” said Provost Phil Gilbertson. “But optimism is high at Pacific right now and we are pleased to see our careful planning and hard work get great results.”

NEW BUILDINGS RECEIVE “AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE”

University of the Pacific received two “Awards of Excellence” from the city of Stockton for the recently built DeRosa University Center and Biological Sciences Center on the Stockton campus.

Stockton’s City Planning Commission and the Cultural Heritage Board granted the awards for “significant contributions to urban beautification” in Stockton. The awards are granted to encourage improvement and beautification of the local community, create awareness toward building preservation and maintenance, and to promote imagination and sensitivity when designing new buildings.

FORMER PACIFICAN APPOINTED PRESIDENT OF PACIFIC UNION COLLEGE

On July 17, the Pacific Union College Board of Trustees announced that Dr. Heather J. Knight has been named president of Pacific Union College in the Napa Valley community of Angwin, Calif. She begins her role as president in mid-September.

Knight has been the provost at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich. since 2006. Prior to Andrews University, Knight was at University of the Pacific for 18 years. She began on the English faculty in 1988, then served as assistant provost and last served as associate provost for Faculty Development, Diversity and Special Programs. Knight led the first University-wide Diversity Committee and spearheaded a major diversity initiative at Pacific that increased minority faculty representation from 10 percent to 19 percent (at the time the U.S. national average was 13 percent).

PACIFIC MCGEORGE EDUCATION PIPELINE PROGRAM HONORED

The State Bar of California honored the Pacific McGeorge Education Pipeline Initiative at its 2nd Annual Diversity Stakeholder Forum on June 5 in San Francisco. Dean Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker accepted the 2009 State Bar Education Pipeline Award at a luncheon hosted by the State Bar Council on Access & Fairness.

The Pacific McGeorge Education Pipeline Initiative is an effort to increase the educational achievement of underrepresented youth as well as their interest in college graduate and professional school programs. The program provides mentorship, academic assistance and enrichment, and career guidance for K-12 students at six Sacramento area schools. Kiyana Davis is the director of the program, which brings together law students, law faculty and teaching professionals in a collaborative effort.
Two Pacific chemistry professors and a graduate student have developed a quick and easy way to determine if homes contain contaminated drywall made in China. Up to 100,000 homes nationwide are estimated to be built with toxic Chinese drywall.

Pacific chemistry Professors O. David Sparkman and Patrick Jones, along with second-year graduate student Matthew Curtis, developed the method by using mass spectrometry in conjunction with DART (Direct Analysis in Real Time) ionization. They were able to determine within minutes whether a sample of drywall possessed harmful sulfur materials.

Chinese drywall with these sulfur materials reportedly causes respiratory illnesses, produces a strong odor, and corrodes metal, including copper wiring and air conditioning units in homes. The drywall — which was used during the recent housing boom — has sparked lawsuits from homeowners throughout the country. This new method provides analytical proof for homeowners who question whether their drywall is toxic.

“It is always great to be able to use cutting edge technology in the pursuit of environmental safety for people who put their trust in analytical chemistry,” Sparkman said. “There is no race to be the first to solve a problem, just the assurance that the correct problem is identified and solved in a timely manner, and that’s what we’ve been able to do with DART mass spectrometry.” The Journal of the American Society for Mass Spectrometry published their research in July.

Two groups of students and faculty from Pharos University in Alexandria, Egypt, recently visited the Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry as part of a cross-cultural, dental education exchange.

Earlier this year, the dental school signed a collaborative agreement with the Faculty of Dentistry at Pharos University. The goal is to help Pharos achieve an international standard of excellence in undergraduate dental education, and to share knowledge and resources to raise standards in dental education globally.

The visitors participated in classes with faculty and students at the School of Dentistry, reviewed procedures and practices used in the school’s clinics, and were involved in seminars with various department leaders. The visiting students also presented a patient case to an audience of Pacific students and faculty in the Third-Year Integrated Clinical Sciences seminar.

“This exchange provided a valuable opportunity to share knowledge and discuss some of the differences and similarities in the practice of dentistry in our respective countries,” said Dean Patrick J. Ferrillo Jr. “We look forward to continued involvement with our colleagues at Pharos University and elsewhere around the world to improve global dental education.”

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