PACIFIC CELEBRATES WITH
“FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS”

Pacific’s 13th annual “Festival of Lights” will be held Sunday, December 6. The Pacific Community comes together to celebrate the holiday traditions of many cultures and faiths. Students will again participate in the tree decorating contest, begun last year. Come out and enjoy the evening’s festivities and enter into the holiday spirit.

EVENTS:

21ST CENTURY JANE AUSTEN
December 2 • 6 pm
The Presidents Room
Jane Austen performances and projects by Professor Amy Smith’s English class. Benefit raffle will support the Stockton public library. Free and open to the public.

“BETWEEN THE FOLDS”
December 3 • 7 pm
Wendell Phillips Center, Room 140
Documentary on the relationship between mathematics and origami. Sponsored by the Math Club. Free and open to the public.

CONSERVATORY EVENTS

• RESIDENT ARTIST SERIES
  December 3 • 7:30 pm
  Recital Hall
  Features Nicolasa Kuster on bassoon

• PACIFIC JAZZ ENSEMBLE
  December 4 • 7:30 pm
  Faye Spanos Concert Hall

• MASTER CLASS
  December 9 • 5 pm
  Recital Hall
  Features Michael Gilbert, violinist with the New York Philharmonic for 25 years.

• CHRISTMAS AT THE CATHEDRAL
  December 11 • 7:30 pm
  Cathedral of the Annunciation
  Pacific Choral Ensembles and the University Symphony Orchestra present Vivaldi’s “Gloria.”

Unless otherwise indicated, tickets are $7 for general admission, $5 for seniors and children under 12 and students with ID are free.

THEATRE ARTS PRESENTS

• “PEOPLE: THE PULSE OF AMERICA”
  December 4–5 • 8 pm
  December 6 • 2 pm
  Long Theater
  Upbeat musical about a live reality show where contestants compete to represent America on a TV special. Tickets: $12 general admission; Pacific faculty, staff and students with ID $10; senior citizens $8.

“BETWEEN”
Exhibition through December 14
Reynolds Gallery
Multi-media installation that uses sounds and video to investigate ideas about art, technology, and the body. Public wine and cheese reception from 6 – 8 pm on December 8. Hours M–F 8:30 am – 4:30 pm. Free.

FIND OUT MORE AT EVENTS.PACIFIC.EDU

SCHEDULE

• PRESIDENT’S HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE, 4:30 PM
  The evening begins with a gathering at the home of President Pam Eibeck and Bill Jeffrey. It is open to faculty, staff and their families and includes heavy hors d’oeuvres and entertainment for children, including a visit from St. Nicholas. RSVP to presidentrsvp@pacific.edu by December 3.

(Please include your name, department, number of guests attending and ages of children in your party.)

• INTERFAITH SERVICE IN MORRIS CHAPEL, 6:30 PM
  Morris Chapel welcomes everyone for an interfaith service led by Chaplain Donna McNiel. The service will be a time of sharing in the diversity of many religious holiday traditions through music and spoken word.

• HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING AT THE DEROSA UNIVERSITY CENTER, 7:15 PM.
  Gather in the DeRosa University Center for the celebration of the lighting of the University Holiday Tree.

• HOLIDAY RECEPTION AT THE DEROSA UNIVERSITY CENTER, 7:30 PM
  The evening concludes with a pancake buffet with cookies, hot cocoa, holiday music and the announcement of the results of the tree decorating contest.

For more information, contact Steve Whyte at 209.946.2753 or swhyte@pacific.edu.

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Teresa Bergman, Communication, presented her research “How to Remember Rosie: The Politics of Representation and Memory at the Rosie the Riveter Memorial” at the National Communication Association Conference in Chicago, Ill.

Bruce La Brack, Emeritus, School of International Studies, spoke for International Education Week activities at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Mich., sponsored by the MSU Center for International Programs. He delivered a keynote speech on “Understanding the Culture of Science and Culture in Science” for science and technology faculty and students; delivered a Capstone Training Workshop on “Interculturalism at Home and Abroad” for study abroad, diversity and residence hall staff; spoke on “Cultural Competency” as part of the Office of the Provost’s Executive Leadership Academy Seminar Series; and gave an all-University address on “Internationalizing the Student Experience Through Appropriate Training.”

At the American Association for Dental Research San Francisco Section’s second annual meeting held at the Dugoni School of Dentistry, Research Assistant Michael Yee and professors Krystyna Konopa and Nejat Düzgünes, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry, received first place in clinical sciences for their presentation “HIV-1 Env-Mediated Cell-Cell Fusion is Inhibited by Lectins and Peptides, but not by Antibodies that Inhibit Infection.” This project also involved the collaboration of Jan Balzarini from the Catholic University of Leuven, Marie Tolarova and Jeffrey Tinloy, Loren Cadelinia ’10 and Kelcie Barnst ’10, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry, received second place in clinical sciences for their research presentation “A Study of Mothers’ Nutrition and Nonsyndromic Cleft Lip and Palate in San Salvador.”

Andrew Jang ’10, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry, was honored for excellence in clinical research at the 15th annual Hinman Student Research Symposium in Memphis, Tenn. His project was a collaborative effort with investigators at the dental school, the University of California San Francisco and University of Pennsylvania’s School of Dentistry.

David Sul, Mathematics, presented a skill-building workshop entitled “We See With More Than Our Eyes: Gathering Data in Migrant and Native American Communities” at the American Evaluation Association national conference held in Orlando, Fla.


Trent Burkett, Visual Arts, has three exhibitions this fall and winter: A National Juried exhibition at the Bedford Gallery/Lesher Center for the Arts in Walnut Creek, Calif., titled “Objects of Virtue” a group exhibition at Jayjay gallery in Sacramento; The “Yunomi Invitational” exhibit at AKAR design in Iowa City, Iowa. Burkett is currently exhibiting in a two-person exhibition at Trax gallery in Berkeley, Calif., titled “Bi Coastal” and at AKAR design in a national invitational exhibit titled “30 x 5.”

Dean Emeritus Arthur A. Dugoni, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry, presented “Dental Education — Our Legacy — Our Future” and “Balancing Mission and Money: Leading Dental Education During Challenging Economic Times” at the American Dental Education Association’s 51st Annual Deans’ Conference in Bonita Springs, Fla. He also spoke about “Challenges for Leadership” to the Northern California Academy of Dental Research in Palo Alto, Calif., and “Challenges for Leadership in the Decade Ahead” at the Classic Residence by Hyatt in Palo Alto, Calif.


Thomas Brierton, Eberhardt School of Business and Pacific McGeorge School of Law, and Joseph Thuesen, J.D. Candidate, Pacific McGeorge School of Law, presented their paper “Protecting the Child Performer’s Pocketbook from the Parents: Looking Forward to the next 70 Years under Coogan’s Law” at the Rocky Mountain Academy of Legal Studies in Business Annual Conference held in Vail, Colo.

Kieran Holland, Physics, gave the seminar “Technicolor on the lattice” at the Physics Department at the University of Washington, Seattle.

Kurtis C. Burmeister, Earth & Environmental Sciences, presented four papers at the 2009 annual meeting of the Geological Society of America in Portland, Ore.: “Establishing a residential learning community in the earth and environmental sciences,” co-authored by Laura Rademacher and Kaitlen Colafrancesco ’10, Earth & Environmental Sciences, Carol Brodie, Sponsored Programs, and Steve Jacobson, Residential Life and Dining Services; “Chemical evolution and hydrology of northern Sierra Nevada mineral springs” co-authored with Rademacher and Colafrancesco; and “New insights of deep-sea geologic architectures using submersibles: examples from the Nankai Trough” and “Along-strike variation of deformation intensity in the Hudson Valley fold-thrust belt between Leeds and Coxsackie, New York,” which he also co-authored. Burmeister also presented a lecture on “Fieldwork on the sea floor: Geology of the Nankai accretionary prism, Tenryu Submarine Canyon, Japan” to the Department of Geology at California State University, San Francisco.

Xin Guo, Chemistry, was one of three scientists awarded the inaugural Teva USA Scholars Grants by the American Chemical Society Office of Research Grants. The awards of $100,000 per year for three years, funded by Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, will support the researchers’ work in medicinal chemistry. The Teva awards recognize and support the work of recently tenured faculty members at PhD-granting institutions in the U.S.

Caroline Cox, History, had her book “The Fight to Survive: A Young Girl’s Struggle with Diabetes and the Discovery of Insulin” reviewed in Publisher’s Weekly.

Xin Guo and Nataliya Samoshina, Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, and Vyacheslav Samoshin and Andreas Franz, Chemistry presented “Conformational triggers based on trans-2-aminocyclohexanol” at the Russian Conference on Organic Chemistry in Moscow, and the poster “Triggering Stealth Liposomes by pH-Sensitive Conformational Switch of Lipid Tails” at the 2009 Annual Meeting of the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists in Los Angeles.

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Chinese officials visit Pacific

Twenty-five officials from top universities and central government agencies in China are on campus this week to see examples of teaching, research and economic development being practiced in higher education in the United States. A delegation from the Advanced Leadership Program for University Presidents of China are visiting Pacific through December 5. While at Pacific, the visitors will observe classes, talk to faculty, staff and students, visit labs and participate in group discussions with faculty and administrators. They are interested in faculty recruitment and development, university fundraising, quality assurance in the classroom and how the university works with local and regional businesses.

“We were honored to be selected to represent private universities in the United States,” said Provost Phil Gilbertson. “We hope that during their visit, we will be able to learn from each other and find ways to improve higher education practices in both countries.”

Several dozen universities asked to be considered for the visit. Pacific was chosen, according to correspondence from the Chinese group, because it is “recognized as one of the most distinctive, student-centered national universities in the United States.” Provost Gilbertson has recently made three visits to China to confer with universities in several cities. The Advanced Leadership Program sends a delegation to the United States annually, but this is their first visit to Pacific.

Staff and Faculty Holiday Reception

Join fellow staff and faculty as we come together to celebrate the holiday season at our annual Staff and Faculty Holiday Reception from 11:30 am to 1 pm on Wednesday, December 9 in the DeRosa University Center Ballroom. Enjoy networking, food, prizes and entertainment. Those participating in Angel Tree should bring their gifts to the reception.

SAC sponsors Angel Tree giving opportunity

The Staff Advisory Council is sponsoring the Stockton/San Joaquin Volunteer Angel Tree Organization this year for its holiday giving drive. Angel Tree is an organization that benefits children in a single parent, caregiver or foster care situation.

To sponsor one or more children, e-mail sac@pacific.edu and include your department name, department contact and the number of children you would like to sponsor. You can also choose a tag from the holiday tree in the DeRosa University Center. Bring your tagged, unwrapped gifts to the Staff and Faculty Holiday Luncheon on December 9, or call Barbara Stanton at 209.946.2153 to arrange pickup or delivery.

The gifts will be given out to the children at a holiday party with games, food, singing and fun, from 1 – 4 pm on Saturday, December 19 in Grace Covell Hall. Staff and faculty members are invited to share in the holiday party and to help prepare. Come to the “wrap-it-up party” from 11 am – 8 pm on December 14, and 2 – 8 pm on December 15 and 16 and help wrap all the gifts. Then get in the holiday mood as we transform Grace Covell Dining Hall into a party wonderland from 2 – 8 pm on December 17 – 18. We welcome extra decorations.

Don’t miss this opportunity to brighten the holidays for these children.

Santa Claus is coming to town

For the second year, the members of Invisible Children Club will bring Santa to the University of the Pacific. The Club was founded last year and raises awareness about children in Uganda that are being abducted from their homes and forced to fight with a rebel group. Pacific’s club, a chapter of the national Invisible Children Organization, has been paired with Anaka Secondary School in Northern Uganda.

From 7 to 9 pm on December 2, Santa will be in Grace Covell Tiger Lounge. Photos are $7 for the public and $5 for Pacific students with ID. For questions, contact Marissa Ito at mito@pacific.edu.

PACIFIC PARTNERS WITH MARYSVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Benerd School of Education and the College Physics Department, in partnership with the Marysville Joint Unified School District, have won funding for a professional development project to help improve elementary school teaching in science and language arts. The partnership has been awarded a four-year Improving Teacher Quality grant of $999,820 by the California Postsecondary Education Commission.

“This grant will help us assist teachers in the Marysville School District in teaching language arts through science,” says Dean Lynn Beck. “We’ll provide rich and sustained professional development for teachers in science content, and we’ll provide them with tools to ensure that they can help children develop as proficient readers and writers. I’m grateful to Dr. Potter and Dr. Hetrick for their leadership in this effort.”

The 2009 Achievement Gap Initiative grant is funded through the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 to provide high quality professional development to K-12 educators under the collaborative guidance of a regional university.

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The 13 social fraternities and sororities at Pacific strive to uphold the value of scholarship each semester. In the spring 2009 semester, the All Greek and the All Sorority averages were above the All Campus and All Women’s averages respectively, with 46% of the social Greek members achieving a GPA of 3.14 or above. To recognize individual members for their scholastic achievements, the Greek Governing Councils in conjunction with the Greek Residence Directors will be hosting the annual ‘Pi Night’ pie feast for members of social Greek organizations who achieved a 3.14 (Π) grade point average or above.

On October 31, 2009, the Pacific Speech and Debate team traveled to Berkeley to compete in the Golden Gate Invitational. Over 20 schools were in attendance. This tournament was a “swing” tournament and combined two tournaments in one weekend. Over three days of competition, Pacific finished first overall in school sweepstakes. Also, National Parliamentary Tournament of Excellence rankings just came out, and Pacific debate team Will Chamberlain ’10 and Sarah Hamid ’12 are currently listed in 1st place out of 552 teams.

With the announcement of the All-Big West volleyball teams on November 24, the Pacific women’s volleyball team placed three Tigers on the all-conference team. Mallori Gibson ’10 and junior Svenja Engelhardt ’11 each earned first team honors while senior Natalia Tomaszewska ’10 was named to the honorable mention team.

Melissa Piffero ’07, Communication, presented her paper “Blogging in Public Relations: An Exploratory Analysis of Corporate Blogging” at the National Communication Association in Chicago, Ill.

This will be an event you won’t want to miss as NCAA Division I Men’s Basketball comes to the Stockton Arena for the first time. Support the Pacific Tigers and help make this game a sell out! Ticket prices start at just $5 in the upper endcourt while lower courtside seats are only $18, upper courtside seats are $13 ($10 for groups of 10 or more) and Comcast Club seats are available for $25 each. The Stockton Showcase is presented by Dameron Hospital.

NOTABLE CHANGES

Jonallie Parra has been promoted to University Budget Manager in Budget and Risk Management.

Margaret Caldwell has been promoted to Lead Budget Analyst in Budget and Risk Management.

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