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Our Shared Future

By Pacific President Pamela A. Eibeck and Stockton City Mayor Ann Johnston

This joint letter exemplifies University of the Pacific’s new level of community engagement. From the Beyond Our Gates kickoff event in December 2009, to the forums in spring 2010, to the announcement event last November, we are working together to strengthen ties between the University and the City of Stockton.

Pacific was chartered in 1851 in Santa Clara, but since 1924 the University has thrived here in Stockton. We feel an obligation to this remarkable community, which is going through some challenging times. Helping is the right thing to do, especially when the University has the needed expertise. And, after all, this is our home too — 80 percent of the Stockton campus employees live either in the City of Stockton or in San Joaquin County. Working for the public good is also working for Pacific’s good.

Pacific has been committed to regional stewardship for a long time. The University educates our region’s young people and returning professionals and prepares its workforce. One-fourth of all undergraduates are from right here in San Joaquin County, and one-third of undergraduates are from San Joaquin and the surrounding counties of Sacramento, Stanislaus and Calaveras.

Seven of the top 10 feeder high schools are in Stockton; two of the other three are in Lodi. The University also has a major economic impact: in 2008 Pacific’s Stockton campus alone produced a total of $257 million in expenditures in the San Joaquin County economy and supported nearly 2,000 San Joaquin County jobs.

Pacific has always been a good neighbor, but it wants to be great! Beyond Our Gates first gave the University a chance to listen to the community’s triumphs and challenges in its six community forums. Now the initiative is in its action phase. Together with committed community partners, Pacific is ready to implement new programs, such as the Tomorrow Project and the Beyond Our Gates Community Council. We are ready to get creative about other ways to work together to ensure a bright future for this region. We are ready to strengthen our relationship for the good of the community and the University.

Here we go: beyond our gates… toward our shared future!

Visit my website at www.Pacific.edu/President or find me on Facebook. Send your ideas to president@pacific.edu.
From Our Readers …

Keep Up the Good Work

Fifty years ago I was a student in College of the Pacific, and rather a good student: my name is on a plaque outside the chemistry room and I received a merit scholarship for my junior year. In the meantime, I was in Italy and later married a Sicilian Protestant minister.

It is always interesting to receive Pacific Review, and I hand it on to my grandsons so they can get an idea of how your students have school spirit and mutual cooperation at heart. The whole idea of working together for the good of your studies and especially for the good of the wider community is totally absent from Italian universities. Here it is each for himself. There is not even a graduating class or ceremony. All this shows up in the political atmosphere, where it seems that the idea of serving the country and not your own interests is not even contemplated. So keep up the good work in forming not only intelligent, well-prepared graduates, but in forming them for the good of the nation.

— Margaret (Gould) Bertolino ’58

Remembering Louis Leiter

I was saddened to hear in the recent Pacific Review of the passing of professor Louis Leiter. I was one of his admiring students in the English Department in the 1980s, and in fact I wrote about his lasting influence on me — along with that of his late colleague and my dear friend, professor Arlen Hansen — in my last book, “Cakewalk, A Memoir,” which was published last May. There are a couple of chapters in the book about my time at Pacific, and specifically time spent with professors Hansen and Leiter.

— Kate Moses ’84

Kudos for Dr. Beauchamp

I was happy to see that Dr. Ken Beauchamp was recognized with the alumni award. He is well-deserving of the reward. Dr. Beauchamp was one of the main factors in my decision to change my major to psychology as a sophomore at Pacific. He encouraged me to study what I was interested in. He was also my academic advisor throughout college and helped me stay motivated, graduate and successfully go on to graduate school.

— Christina Bluck ’05

Happy Memories of the A Cappella Choir

My mother, Harriet (Tidmarsh) Caton, was a student at College of the Pacific on the old San Jose campus when the A Cappella Choir was first formed in 1916. Forty-four years later on the Stockton campus, I heard the choir and decided I wanted to sing with it. I was especially motivated because I had just met a lovely young music major named LaVerne Krull ’52, who was singing in the choir.

The choir tours were among my happiest experiences at college, because I loved music AND because I was falling in love with LaVerne. Our three spring Choir tours together were the story of our romance. The first year we became very good friends. The second year we were engaged. The third year we were married!

My final trip with the choir was due to “Mr. B’s” big heart. The annual Easter Sunrise Service at Yosemite was coming up, and I was not chosen for the smaller, select group, although LaVerne was. Still newlyweds, we couldn’t bear the thought of being apart. LaVerne described our plight to “Mr. B” and he immediately arranged for me to go along. We were given a small cabin in Yosemite and continued our “honeymoon” there (actually conceiving our first child, who naturally turned out to be very musical).

So, the A Cappella Choir tours (and our wonderful conductor) brought beautiful musical experiences to the lives of many, and also special, unexpected (and previously undisclosed) new beginnings to at least one very lucky couple!

— Harold (Hal) Caton ’51, ’53

Look for more A Cappella memories in the fall Pacific Review.

— Ed.

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