George Druliner ’47 COP, Bonnie (Russell) Broxton ’63 COP, and Howie Broxton, Napa, CA, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 29 at Rutherford Grove Winery. Eight of the original 11 wedding party members attended the event. Howie is a retired California Highway Patrol sergeant and Bonnie, a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority, is a retired school principal. She recently attended her 50th reunion at Pacific. The Broxtons have three children and eight grandchildren.

Leo Middleton ’64 COP, Tustin, CA, was selected as Tustin Area Man of the Year and was honored at the awards dinner and celebration in June 2013 at the Tustin Ranch Golf Club.

Phil Reinheimer ’65 COP, Penn Valley, CA, and Christian Reinheimer ’94 COP, Sacramento, CA, visited Ethiopia for the first time in September 2013. Christian, who played baseball for the Tigers, is of Ethiopian heritage.

Mike ‘66 COP and Margaret (Peers) Frederickson ’66 PHS, Stockton, CA celebrated their 50th anniversary in May 2013 at the Alex and Jeri Vereschagin Alumni House. Dave, a recipient of the Pacific Alumni Association’s Distinguished Alumni Award for Public Service in 1991, is now a visiting professor of communication at Pacific and advisor for the Pacifican newspaper. Margaret is a pharmacist for CVS. Attending the event were many friends, alumni, students and members of the Pacific Alumni Association Board of Directors, on which Margaret currently serves.

Louise (Longley) McPeeters ’66 MUS, Tuolumne, CA, is a retired Curtis Creek Elementary School teacher, where she taught for 33 years, and is the arts education director for the Tuolumne County Arts Alliance. She connects artists with local schools through the Arts Reach to Schools and Artist in Residency programs. She also teaches music to Curtis Creek students, trains local teachers in the arts through the California Arts Project and gives private singing and piano lessons to local students. She has one daughter and two grandchildren.

Ron Alling ’70 LAW, Zephyr Cove, CA, was recently appointed to the Parasol Tahoe Community Foundation Board of Directors.

Carter Brown ’70 RAY, ’73 COP, Mill Valley, CA, has been hired as chief executive officer by Coblentz Patch Duffy & Bass LLP.

Marilyn A. (Horacek) Dyrud ’72 CAL, Klamath Falls, OR, was selected to receive the 2013 American Society of Engineering Education (ASEE) Fredrick J. Berger Award, which recognizes excellence in engineering technology.

Greg Alston ’77 PHS, Charlotte, NC, is a faculty member at the Wingate University School of Pharmacy in Wingate, NC, where he works alongside fellow alumnus Robert Supernaw ’72 PHS, who is the dean. A Tiger tapestry designed by his wife, June (Resing) Alston ’77 PHS, holds a prominent spot on his office wall at the Wingate campus. “I proudly display my Tiger roots every day,” says Alston. He also maintains a blog on leadership and becoming a great boss, called the Bosshole Effect, also the title of his latest book (see pg. 12). Alston says he “hasn’t changed a bit” from those frosh days at Pacific. Well, maybe just a little. See for yourself in this 1975 Phi Delta Chi pharmacy fraternity pledge class photo. “I am the long-haired hippie in the gorgeous maroon polyester leisure suit on the far right in the middle row,” says Alston.
education. She has served as a communication professor with the College of Health, Arts and Sciences at Oregon Institute of Technology for more than 30 years. The award recognized her years of service to ASEE’s Engineering Technology Division (ETD), including 17 years as her institution’s ASEE representative and 25 years as bibliographer of ETD publications and communication editor of the Journal of Engineering Technology. She also served on several ASEE committees examining issues of ethics and plagiarism.

Honor Jackson ’72 COP, Rohnert Park, CA, is fulfilling a lifelong goal of working with young people. Jackson, who was also a professional football player, spent nearly 20 years as a manager for Long’s Drug stores throughout the North Bay. He retired in 2006 and turned his focus to his Rohnert Park–based nonprofit Fence at the Top, which benefits local teens. Since its inception, Fence at the Top has worked with more than 500 youths, of which 60 to 70 percent are minorities. Jackson and his wife, Monique, have four grown children.

Bill Ringer ’75 BUS, Stockton, CA, was inducted into the Napa High School Athletic Hall of Fame at an October dinner. A three-sport athlete who made the All-North Bay League team in football and baseball, Ringer played first base for four years at Pacific where he was chosen as MVP in 1974 after batting .314 with five doubles, five triples, three home runs and 22 RBIs.

L. Randall Wray ’76 CAL, Kansas City, MO, is a professor of economics at the University of Missouri—Kansas City, a senior research associate at the Center for Full Employment and Price Stability, and a visiting senior scholar at the Jerome Levy Economics Institute of Bard College. He is a past president of the Association for Institutionalist Thought and has served on the board of directors of the Association for Evolutionary Economics. He is currently writing on modern money, the monetary theory of production, social security and rising incarceration rates.

Alma Marie “Amari” (Alcala) Lozano ’77 COP, Manteca, CA, is a performing artist, poet and writer and a member of the Actors’ Equity Association. Lozano has written “Barangay USA: Tribute to the Elders—A Poetic Narrative of the History, Character & Courage of the First Wave of Filipinos to Come to America—The Manong Generation,” an unpublished work about the life of her late father, Atanasio. She was recently interviewed on her family’s history as a resource for the book, Little Manila is in the Heart: The Making of the Filipina/o American Community in Stockton.

Gene Wright ’78 PHS, Waltham, MA, is the vice president and head of global clinical development at Osmotica Pharmaceutical Corp., where he is a key member of the senior leadership team, leading global clinical development strategy and execution for the company’s development programs. Wright has more than 25 years of pharmaceutical industry experience in early- and late-stage global clinical development programs in CNS, pain, rheumatoid arthritis and infectious disease. Previously, he was senior vice president of clinical development at Zalicus Inc.

Larry Goupé ’79 MUS, Oceanside, CA, just produced and released a new CD called Dream Cinema, with all original pieces written, orchestrated and conducted by Goupé. It was published by Le Woof Music (BMI)/Yoyo Music (BMI) on the Imperativa Records label and recorded at Abbey Road with the London Philharmonic Orchestra and Choir. Goupé is a recipient of Pacific’s Distinguished Alumni Award and regularly returns to Pacific to teach master classes in the Conservatory of Music.

Paula C. Brown ’82 ENG, Washington, DC, a rear admiral in the U.S. Navy, received her second star during a ceremony in the Washington, DC, Navy Yard. Brown, who is in the Navy Reserve and was called to active duty, is the new deputy commander of the Naval Facilities Engineering Command and deputy chief of civil engineers at command headquarters located in the Navy Yard. When she received her first star two years ago, she was just the second female in the Civil Engineer Corps to be promoted to rear admiral (lower half). She also was the first female deputy commander of the Navy’s Little Creek facility. Her latest promotion to a second star makes her a rear admiral (upper half). She was the first female commander of a Seabee regiment in combat when she took over the helm of the 30th Naval Construction Regiment (Forward) in Iraq, a job she held from September 2005 to March 2006. Brown, who was public works director for 10 years in Ashland, OR, resigned her job in 2007 to spend more time with her family and continue her service in the active Naval Reserve. She was commissioned as a civil engineer corps officer in 1982, served on active duty through 1986 in Washington, DC, and joined the Navy Reserve in 1988. Brown has earned two Legion of Merit awards, the Bronze Star, two Meritorious Service Medals, three Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, two Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, the Battle ‘E’, the Navy Unit Commendation and the Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation.

Kathryn Lee ’80 RAY-CAL, Berkeley, CA, is leaving Prospect Sierra, where she has been the director of innovation, partnerships and service, to join the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence in New Haven, CT.

Mary Lynn Ferguson-McHugh ’81 BUS, Geneva, Switzerland, was listed as No. 28 on Fortune magazine’s 50 Most Powerful Women in Business: The International Power 50. She has worked for Procter & Gamble for 27 years. She has risen through the ranks to become the first woman to head P&G’s operations in Western Europe. She is married with one child. Helene Williams ’82 COP, Seattle, WA, is a faculty member and collections consultant at the University of Washington Information School. A former English bibliographer for Harvard University, she is the author of numerous articles, collection guides, and presentations. She recently was a presenter for a Library Journal webcast “Baking Discovery into the Pie: Driving Exploration within eResources.”
Matches

Vincent Wojtusik ’06 MUS and Danielle McCaw ’06 MUS, 1/21/2013, Anchorage, AK — 1

Stefanie Heminger ’08 COP and Chris Hall, 6/8/2013, Valley Springs, CA — 2

Aaron Candelaria ’10 COP and Tonja (Swank) Candelaria ’09, ’11 COP, 6/1/2013, Stockton, CA — 3

Varaxy Yi ’08 COP and Ryan Borromeo, Denver, CO — 4

Kate (Foss) Uva ’96 COP and Bill Uva, 9/28/13, San Mateo, CA — 5

Scott Peeler ’86 COP and Bruce Crowell, 7/1/13, San Jose, CA — 6

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Send us your baby’s name and birthdate and get your “Future Tiger” baby bib.
Tiger Cubs

Lauren (Parsons) Silver ’99, ’01 EDU and David Silver, a daughter, Camille Jane, 4/7/13, Mill Valley, CA — 7
She was welcomed by sister Abby and proud grandparents Kendall ’63 COP and Betty Parsons.

Alyssa Wray ’13 BUS, a son, Maximus, 7/22/12, Stockton, CA — 8

Katie (Wark) Caine ’08 EDU and Jon Caine, a daughter, Willa Easley, 6/7/13, Gold Run, CA — 9

Michael Erreca ’02 COP and Sarah, a daughter, Charlotte Elizabeth, 1/28/2013, Bessemer, AL. Photo submitted by proud grandmother Joan Erreca ’75 EDU. — 10

Justin Murphy ’08 ENG and LeAnne, a daughter, Juliet, 4/26/13, Stockton, CA — 11
She was welcomed by big sister Alexis (2).

Adam McKinney ’04 BUS and Rachel (Leith) McKinney, ’04, ’05 EDU, a son, Connor
Patrick, Culver City, CA — 12

Jennifer (Lewis) Cano ’09 COP, ’11 PHS and Tomas Cano, a daughter, Chelsea Brooke, 6/18/13, Stockton, CA — 13

Melanie (Badinski) Arvonio ’03 SIS and David Arvonio, a son, Maximilian Theodore, 8/5/2012, Gardena, CA — 14

Wray Plummer ’00 LAW and Lisa (Wright) Plummer ’00 LAW, a son, Brady Dean, 3/13/13, El Dorado Hills, CA — 15

Maria (Kerr) Sears ’04 BUS and John, a son, Jack Dennis, 3/8/2013, Urbandale, IA — 16

Brian Tibbens ’99 BUS and Kori Tibbens, a son, Carson McCann, 5/18/13, San Jose, CA — 17

Adrienne (Boyko) Skiles ’08 BUS, a daughter, Kensley, was born July 26, 2013, Salida, CA. Her grandparents are alumni of Pacific too!

Barbara Silver ’83 ECC, ’88 EDU, ’11 EDU, Stockton, CA, is the new assistant principal at West High in Tracy. Silver was chosen for her nearly 30 years of educational experience and her work as assistant principal at Willow Community Day School, Tracy Adult School and Kimball High.

Marcie Spencer ’83 COP, New York, NY, is a producer for CBS. She recently coproduced a special program about the devastating reality of dating violence in the U.S.

John Gezelius ’89, ’10 LAW, Tustin, CA, appeared on the NPR program Unfictional in a segment called “The Missileers” where he was interviewed about his time as a launch officer for the Intercontinental Ballistic Missile Force.

Jeff Brehaut ’86 COP, Los Altos, CA, and Jeff Wilson ’85 COP, Green Valley, CA, met in 1982 as freshmen on the Pacific golf team and have been fast friends ever since. Last summer, the two Archania brothers met on the greens together again, qualifying to play in the U.S. Senior Open, both shooting three-under 69s to secure their spots. During his eight years on the PGA Tour, Brehaut posted 12 top-10 finishes, including a third at The International in 2005 and a tie for fourth at the Deutsche Bank the same year. He also has two Web.com Tour victories: the 1995 Inland Empire Open and the 1997 Mississippi Gulf Coast Classic.
Wilson played eight years as a professional, qualifying for four U.S. Open Championships since 1985, but gave it up in the middle of the 1994 Web.com Tour season to join his family’s automobile business. In 2000, he earned low-amateur honors at the U.S. Open at Pebble Beach. He has also been once in the line-up, qualifying for two U.S. Mid-Amateur medals.

Frank Garcia ’87 BUS, Danville, CA, was named a managing director and portfolio manager for Prudential Real Estate Investors. Garcia is based in PREI’s San Francisco office. He begins a newly created role to meet the management needs of the company’s U.S. core strategy as it expands to reach clients around the world.

Irman Alvian Zahiruddin ’87 BUS, Jakarta, Indonesia, moved back to his hometown shortly after graduation, but he has fond memories of his five years in Stockton and would enjoy reconnecting with former classmates.

Brian Peavey ’81 ENG, Vancouver, WA, has joined Sigma Design of Vancouver as a firmware engineer. He will be responsible for providing firmware engineering services for diverse products and systems.

Dr. Doug Yarris ’83 DEN, Crockett, CA, was inducted into the Napa Valley College Hall of Fame. He played golf during the 1976 and 1977 seasons, and the team MVP and the Golden Valley Conference player of the year in both seasons. While at NVC, he qualified for the Kaiser International Open, a PGA tour event. He was then recruited to play at Stanford University. He has served as a member of the Pacific Dental Foundation Board and has assisted as a coach for the Vintage High School golf team.

Linda (Pavan) Schafer ’86 COP, Auburn, CA, is co-owner, with her husband Greg, of Intermotive Inc., an automotive technology company that designs and manufactures electronic vehicle control systems for commercial/school transit vehicles, emergency response vehicles and recreational transporters. The company has grown from a garage operation 17 years ago to its current 15,000-square-foot facility with 30 employees. In cooperation with Ford Motor Company, they launched Surveillance Mode, a new system that will be implemented in thousands of police cars to protect officers in the field.
Venilde A. Jeronimo, PhD, ‘90 SIS, (photo on page 33) San Jose, CA, was appointed to the Pacific Alumni Association Board of Directors in 2013 for a three-year term, and looks forward to continuing to give back to Pacific. Through JINTIS, Jeronimo consultancy, she recently became vice president of global partnerships and strategic alliances for The Wealthing Institute, a for-profit organization that facilitates education for socioeconomic development. Jeronimo returned to the Bay Area two years ago after spending eight years in Washington, DC. She is assisting Pacific with alumni activities in Silicon Valley/South Bay and is engaged in other volunteer work, including with the Portuguese-American community. She can be reached at linkedin.com/in/venilde.

Andrew Walter ’93 COP, Stockton, CA, is among five California finalists for a 2013 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. The California Department of Education partnered with the California Science Teachers Association and the California Mathematics Council to recruit and select nominees for the Presidential Award, the highest recognition in the nation for a math and science teachers. The awards will be presented in 2014. Walter is a pre-calculus teacher at Stagg High School in the Stockton Unified School District, where he has worked for 20 years. He chairs the school’s math department and is the advisor for the Mathematics, Engineering, Science, Achievement (MESA) program. He was honored by the Southern California–based Carlson Family Foundation as one of the Outstanding Teachers of America.

Tara (Boothby) McConnell ’95 MUS, Auburn, CA, is the owner/clinical director of McConnell Music Therapy Services based in Auburn. In July 2013, services expanded to include a new Music Therapy program at Sutter Children’s Center in Sacramento. She and her staff provide hospital, home and school-based music therapy throughout the greater Sacramento region.

Monica Streeter ’97 BUS, Stockton, CA, is a recipient of the 2013 Young Professional ATHENA Award. She is an attorney for Neumiller and Beardslee and specializes in land use, environmental, real property and public agency law. She is the deputy city attorney for the City of Hughson and counsel for the San Joaquin County Multi-Species and Open Space Habitat and Conservation Plan. She served for several years as an active board member for Friends of the Fox/Bob Hope Theater and is on the board of Goodwill Industries and the Haggin Museum.

Nicky Jatana ’98 LAW, Los Angeles, CA, a partner at the office of Jackson Lewis LLP, won the Sharing the Power award at the Transformative Leadership Awards. The award is presented jointly to a woman general counsel or senior leader in a law department and a female partner at a law firm who have collaborated to increase the economic empowerment of one or more female partners in that firm. Jatana also spoke at the Women, Influence & Power in Law Conference Oct. 2–4 in Washington, DC.

Reinhard von Hennigs ’98 LAW, Charlotte, NC, is managing partner of BridgehouseLaw in Charlotte and was awarded the 2013 Mayor’s International Community Award in the small business category by the mayor of Charlotte.

Kevin Werner ’99 ENG, Ripon, CA, was appointed the new city administrator of Ripon.

Katie Carlson, ’06 MUS, San Francisco, CA, just completed her first season with the San Francisco Opera and plans to return to Graz, Austria this summer. In addition to her successful opera career, she also teaches music to K-8 students at Holy Rosary school in Woodland, CA. Carlson can also be seen singing the National Anthem at events throughout the Bay Area, including the SAP Tennis Tournament, San Jose Earthquakes, San Jose Sharks, Sacramento Kings and the San Francisco Giants.

Nikki Evans ’06 PHS, Ocean View, DE, is a physical therapist at Aquacare Physical Therapy of Millville. Evans’ specialties include vestibular and sport rehabilitation. She previously was on staff at Aquacare’s Lewes/Long Neck, Delaware location.

James Lynch ’06 LAW, Sacramento, CA, has been appointed communications deputy in the Office of the Governor.

Dr. Farshad Rouhani ’06 DEN, Portage, WI, has joined Midwest Dental’s Portage clinic, which provides family dentistry for all ages.

Brandon Takahashi ’06 LAW, Los Angeles, CA, was recently named to the Lawyers of Color’s Inaugural Hot List, which recognizes early- to-mid-career attorneys under 40 who are excelling in the legal profession. Takahashi is an associate in the Los Angeles office of Jackson Lewis LLP. His practice focuses primarily on employment litigation in state and federal court on behalf of private sector and public entity employers.

Joe Brennan ’07 BUS, East Amherst, NY, is the new vice president for strategic communication at the University of Iowa. Formerly the executive director of marketing and university communications at Pacific, Brennan most recently served as the associate vice president for university communications at the State University of New York at Buffalo.

Darren DeFrance ’07 LAW, Seattle, WA, has joined the family law firm of Goldberg Jones. A former prosecutor, DeFrance will provide advocacy for men facing divorce, custody and other family law cases.

Tonja (Swank) Candelaria ’09, ’11 COP Sacramento, CA, is a public relations coordinator for the Sacramento Zoo and was married in June to Aaron Candelaria ’10 COP, who works for E.O.S., an Ireland-based company contracted by Cisco to work on teleconference machines.
Joseph Oliveira ’09 COP, ’11 EDU, Coronado, CA, is a physical education teacher at Coronado Village Elementary School. He played baseball at Pacific and was a three time all-conference selection player and team captain. Drafted by the Baltimore Orioles in the 2010 draft, he played three seasons of professional baseball. He assists the University of San Diego baseball team and gives private lessons.


Alexis Klein ’10 LAW, Sacramento, CA, is a deputy district attorney in Plumas County, the first female prosecutor in that county in more than a decade.

Marilee Breternitz ’11 LAW, Reno, NV, has joined Laxalt & Nomura Ltd. as an associate attorney.

Mostafa Ghaus ’11 EDU, Fairfield, CA, will serve as director of student activities and campus life at Berkeley City College. Ghaus previously was at Solano College. He served as director of student development, the student health center and the Mathematics, Engineering and Science Achievements Program (MESA). Ghaus mentored participants in Solano’s Puente Program and brought mental health services to the campus.

Ty-licia Hooker ’12 COP, Stockton, CA, was honored at the BET Black Girls Rock! Awards for her work in the Stockton community. The award was presented by actress Tatyana Ali at an awards ceremony broadcasted on BET on Nov. 3. Hooker works for Teach for America and is an active volunteer in Stockton. She is the president and founder of STORM, a community outreach program, and Pacific’s Summer Success Leadership Academy, a free summer residential mentorship program for at-risk youth. She has inspired hundreds of youth to follow their dreams despite challenging circumstances. She was recognized by Pacific’s Enough Is Enough campaign for her efforts in reducing violence in her community and by the NAACP as a Great Debate Champion.

Music Alumni are on a Singingly Successful Path

There are careers and there are passions, and some students are lucky enough to combine the two when they discover Pacific’s vocal program, which boasts a strong tradition and a string of recent stars and successes.

That has held true for Conservatory of Music graduate Marco Stefani ’09, who went on from Pacific to earn a master’s degree from Indiana University, make his debut with the San Francisco Opera and sing at the Rossini Opera Festival in Italy, where he studied at the Academia Chigiana.

Irene Roberts ’06 also made her SFO debut recently—her performance winning rave reviews in the San Francisco Chronicle and the San Jose Mercury News—and debuted with the MET in the same season. And her classmate, Katie Carlson ’06, recently performed in the San Francisco Opera performance of Verdi’s “Requiem.” She is scheduled to perform as a soloist at Carnegie Hall in March 2014.

Professional success at a young age is unusual in the opera world, according to Associate Professor of Music Daniel Ebbers. “Opera singers generally don’t fully develop their talents until their late 20s and early 30s. What we can do at the college level is to provide great vocal instruction and performing opportunities,” he says.

Stefani credits his success to classroom fundamentals and his performance experiences at Pacific—including singing for Dave Brubeck’s 85th birthday. “There is no question in my mind that without my education at Pacific, I could not pursue this career,” he says.

Pacific offers rigorous language training and individual instruction, says Ebbers, but the biggest advantage student singers at Pacific have is opportunities for performing.

“Larger music schools have big productions every year, but they have graduate students who get the leading roles,” Ebbers explains. “Our draw is that we have only undergrads, so they get roles and the experience on stage.”

Roberts says this experience continues to help her career. “I still experience challenges in rehearsal, performance or role preparation, and I often look back to the fundamentals I learned at Pacific,” she says.

These alumni are recent opera successes from Pacific, but they follow in the footsteps of former Pacific students like Susanne Mentzer ’76, who has sung leading roles at the MET for 20 years as well as on recordings and PBS broadcasts; Elizabeth Vrenios ’62, who toured the world as a soloist and who was the president of the National Opera Association; and GRAMMY-nominated Linda Watson ’78, one of the most sought-after sopranos for Wagnerian roles in the world and record-holder for number of Ring Cycle recordings.

Opera is not a career path for everyone, acknowledges Marco Stefani, “but there is nothing quite like the feeling of performing for an audience.”
In Memoriam

Dorothy Ruth (Deininger) Heydenberk ’33 COP, 6/28/2013, Hastings, NE
Anita (Deering) Steiner ’37 COP, 8/2013, Hedgesville, WV
Attha Jane Haywood ’50 EDU, 9/14/13, Stockton, CA
Joseph “Joe” H. Rihn ’50 COP, 7/3/13, Bear Valley, CA
Donald Rodewald ’50 COP, 5/22/13, Bakersfield, CA
Rev. James H. Corson ’52 COP, 2/25/2013, West Sacramento, CA
Prior to his death, he and his wife, Jane, donated his share of a family cabin to the Corson Family Endowed Scholarship Fund. The Corson Family is a previous recipient of the Pacific Alumni Association’s Outstanding Family Award.

Carolyn Marie (Stevens) Sweet ’52 COP, 10/31/13, Dos Palos, CA
Carolyn met her husband of more than 61 years, Van T. Sweet ’52, at Pacific. Last May, she attended the graduation of her granddaughter Krista Lovelace ’13 ESB, who was the 36th member of the Sweet-Schaffer family to attend Pacific. Among her many talents, she was a gourmet cook and cake decorator, consultant, musician and world traveler. She was very active in Rotary International and served five terms as president and twice as assistant governor for Dist. 5220.

Patsy Lee (Moxness) Graziani, ’56 COP, 1/21/13, Carpinteria, CA
Thomas Colin McKenzie ’56 COP, ’64 EDU, 8/16/13, Galt, CA
Margaret Sipes Abbott ’57 COP, Oakdale, CA
William Hathorn ’59 COP, 1/18/13, Stockton, CA
Janet Leigh (Stone) Roselle ’62 COP, 6/4/2013, Chico, CA
Sara “Sally” (Underwood) Schippers ’66 EDU, 10/11/2013, Stockton, CA
Evelyn M. Neubaum ’71 EDU, 10/28/2011
Roy Guity-Nunez ’73 ECC, 10/22/13, Glendale, AZ
Billy Bliss ’95 COP, 9/4/13, Glenbrook, NV
Jack Sheehan ’97 COP, 11/22/12, Santa Barbara, CA

After graduating from Pacific, Jack did his internship at CBS in New York City with Dan Rather. He went on to produce the news for Channel 7, San Francisco, and Channel 4, Los Angeles, and enjoyed writing articles and reviews for local newspapers. He will be remembered for his love of life, his love of people and his great smile. Jack wanted to personally thank all the members of the Archana family for taking the time to help him become an Archite. He wanted to tell each of them he “had the time of his life! John 14:3”
Jeffrey Joseph Russell '94 COP
December 31, 1971 – August 18, 2013

Stockton native and former Pacific football quarterback Jeff Russell passed away in August at the young age of 41 after a two-year battle with cancer. Russell was a standout player at Lincoln High, earning all-league honors in football, basketball and baseball before coming to Pacific. He was a four-year starter at defensive back, earning All-Big West first team honors in his senior year. He was inducted into the Stockton Athletic Hall of Fame in 2011. Russell lived in New Orleans with his wife, Jena, and their 15-month-old son, Stryker. He played professionally after graduation with the Amsterdam Admirals of NFL Europe, Los Angeles Extreme of XFL and several teams in the AFL. He also coached for the AFL’s Detroit Fury and New Orleans VooDoo and was a coach and general manager of the Utah Blaze. Off the field, his charisma and graciousness were as impressive as his athletic prowess.

Elkin “Ike” Isaac
September 14, 1922 – August 13, 2013

The former Pacific athletic director passed away in Fort Meyers, Fla., within a month of his 91st birthday. Born of Ukrainian immigrant parents, Isaac was a talented athlete whose love of play and physical activity resulted in a lifetime passion and vocation as a physical educator.

Isaac was a professor of kinesiology and trainer at Pacific for four years before becoming interim and then full-time athletic director until his retirement in 1984. He served in a similar post previously at Albion College in Michigan for 15 years (1959–74), where he also earned his bachelor’s and master’s degrees. Volunteering for military service in World War II, he was a pilot in the U.S. Army Air Force 314th squadron transporting wounded soldiers from battlefields in France and Germany to field hospitals in England. It was at a field hospital where he met his wife of 64 years, U.S. Army nurse 2nd Lt. Edith Amos.

Isaac took over as University of the Pacific athletic director in July 1979. During his tenure, he upgraded the football program, oversaw the opening of the 6,000-seat Alex G. Spanos Center, improved the women’s athletics program and helped establish the Amos Alonzo Stagg Award of Honor. Under his leadership, Pacific hosted its first national athletic event, the 1982 NCAA Volleyball Championship.

Shannon Wong, DDS
August 11, 1937 – October 17, 2013

Dr. Shannon Wong, associate professor of Endodontics at Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry, passed away at the age of 75, succumbing to an aggressive cancer. He had taught at the School for decades.

After completing his DDS, he joined the U.S. Air Force, serving at posts in the U.S. and overseas, including a tour in Vietnam, where he was awarded the Bronze Star. He retired in 1975 with the rank of colonel. He also completed an M.S. and an endodontics degree at the University of Texas at Houston.

In addition to his long teaching career, he served in a number of professional organizations and was a consultant for the Coalition of Concerned Medical Professionals. He won a number of teaching awards, including the Distinguished Faculty Award from the Northern California Section of the American College of Dentists, and received the Lucien Szymd Memorial Award for teaching excellence in 1998 and 2012.

Those interested in making a gift to support the school or the Department of Endodontics in memory of Dr. Wong may contact Kevin Wessler at 415.929.6406 or kwessler@pacific.edu.

Hugh Perry Barton
April 6, 1932 – November 20, 2013

Retired investment banker and former University of the Pacific Regent Hugh Barton passed away in November at the age of 81. A longtime friend of Pacific, Barton served on the Pacific Board of Regents from 1985 to 1998, taking a leadership role in the 1995 presidential search and transition and serving on campaign committees during both the Fulfilling the Promise and Investing in Excellence comprehensive campaigns. Barton was known as a warm and caring man who was deeply committed to Pacific. His expertise in investment and management was a tremendous asset to the University.

Barton was the great grandson of early Stockton pioneer A.D. Leonard. Raised on the family walnut ranch in Escalon, he worked on the land and in the agricultural equipment business from a young age. He met his future wife, Sheila, while attending UC Berkeley and the two settled in Modesto near the family business in 1954.

Upon his retirement from the agricultural equipment business, he helped form what would become Modesto Banking Company, launching his second career in investment banking. He founded his investment company, Hugh P. Barton Inc., in 1979 and served on the board of directors in a number of banks. Active in many community organizations, he served as trustee for the UC Berkeley Foundation, and served on the board of Modesto Memorial Hospital Foundation and the advisory boards of the Salvation Army in Modesto and Monterey.

The Bartons have a long and continuing family legacy at Pacific, including their daughter Elizabeth Barton Ferrell ’78, daughter-in-law Paula (Langhoff) Barton ’00, granddaughter Ellen Barton ’12 and grandson RJ Barton ’14.