Since the launch of the program in 2013, 50 Powell matched gifts and commitments have been received, representing an $8 million addition to Pacific’s endowment.

These new resources, bolstered by the Powell Match, will provide an additional $640,000 each year in perpetuity for vital scholarships and enhancing academic programs.

With more than $70 million available to match new endowment gifts 1:1, the Powell Match program has the potential to truly transform Pacific for our students through the partnership of passionate donors.

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Year 1 at 155 Fifth Street

In the year since Pacific dedicated its new state-of-the-art San Francisco campus, home to the Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry and future new academic programs, it’s been a time of transitions and new connections.

*By Dan Soine and Taryn Nakamura*

The Pacific Experience: Professors Who Know Your Name

Many factors go into the Pacific student experience, but one that resonates across the University and from every generation of alumni is this: Pacific professors know your name. Four students and alumni share their Pacific experience.

*Stories by Katie E. Ismael and Stephen Robitaille*

Pacific Students Care for Their Communities

Pacific students provide important health care and education to those most in need, from the youngest children to senior citizens. We tally up the large impact Pacific health care students have made in their communities.

*By Jennifer Langham*
This winter, we have made great strides in our vision to become known as a true three-city university. I’d like to share some of them here.

Our new San Francisco campus has had a stellar first year. The Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry is thriving in its new home, with state-of-the-art classrooms, lab spaces and clinics. We’ve opened our audiology clinic and are poised for the fall launch of our new academic programs in audiology, food studies, analytics and music therapy. This is just the beginning of a robust graduate campus that will serve the educational needs of the Bay Area for generations to come.

We’ve also accelerated our plans for a graduate campus in Sacramento. We have plans to offer a physician assistant program as well as master’s degrees in public planning and public administration. At press time, we were also talking with Drexel University about taking over some of its most successful graduate degree programs offered at its Sacramento campus. Drexel announced in March that it would close its Sacramento campus, and we can adapt some of these programs to continue serving the needs of business and government in Sacramento.

Finally, Pacific recently made a splash in San Francisco with a stirring tribute to our beloved alumnus, George Moscone ‘53, in March. The Moscone family has donated the papers of the late San Francisco mayor and state senator to Pacific, where we will preserve this historic archive and make it available to students, scholars and the public. The celebration included California leaders such as Mayor Ed Lee, former Mayors Willie Brown and Frank Jordan, California Democratic Party Chair John Burton, retired television journalist Belva Davis and California State Librarian Greg Lucas. State Senator Mark Leno and retired U.S. Congressman George Miller also attended. Look for more on George Moscone in our next issue of Pacific Review.

It’s a privilege to lead such a dynamic and outstanding university. Pacific is Pacific only because of its people. I want to thank you for what you do to make this such a special place—whether you are an alumnus/a, a faculty member, staff member, parent or other member of the Pacific family.

Enjoy reading more Pacific stories in this issue of your Pacific Review.
Back in Time:  
Seesawing into the history books

The eyes of the nation were focused on University of the Pacific when two students—Steve Henry ’58 and Mike Resso ’59—teeter-tottered their way into the Guinness Book of World Records in the spring of 1957 by setting a new world record on the see-saw of 110 hours.

The two juniors bobbed up and down continuously from 10 p.m. on Wednesday, April 3, until noon on Monday, April 8, shattering the previous record of 100 hours set in 1951 by an earlier generation of enterprising Pacific students. The champions were allowed only five-minute breaks every two hours (alternately, of course) to handle important (ahem) necessities. It was estimated that by the finish, Resso and Henry had traveled some 157 vertical miles, logging approximately 80,000 teeters (or should we say toppers?).

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University News

2014 Rankings
Say Pacific is Diverse, Smart, Cool

Most Underrated
Pacific is No. 11 on Business Insider’s list of the 50 most underrated colleges in America, which is determined by comparing the U.S. News & World Report’s rankings of the best universities and national liberal arts colleges with PayScale’s 2013–2014 report of graduates’ mid-career salaries.

Diverse Students
Diverse Issues in Higher Education says Pacific grants more doctoral degrees to Asian Americans than any other university in the country. Pacific is among the top five universities nationally in granting doctoral degrees in dentistry and pharmacy to minorities. U.S. News & World Report magazine ranks Pacific among the top 25 national universities for ethnic diversity.

Top Graduate Pay
Pacific ranks No. 6 for highest-paid graduates from a university on the West Coast in a survey by PayScale.com. And the website ranks Pacific among the top 50 private universities nationally in graduate salaries.

Beautiful Campus
BestColleges.org ranks University of the Pacific’s Stockton campus the 31st most beautiful in the country.
President Pam Eibeck has been named the new chair of the executive committee of the Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities, an organization that represents the state’s 77 private nonprofit colleges and universities. Eibeck’s two-year term began Oct. 24.

“California’s partnership with its private nonprofit colleges and universities has played a pivotal role in making our state a symbol of innovation across the globe,” Eibeck said. “Over the course of nearly 60 years, AICCU has made tremendous strides for higher education, and I look forward to the challenges and rewards of continuing that effort during my tenure.”

Eibeck has also been appointed to serve on the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Committee on Academics. She will serve as vice chair of the new committee, which comprises academic and athletics leaders from 18 institutions of higher education across the country.

■ “Popular” Colleges
Pacific ranks No. 15 in a list by PolicyMic.com of the 25 colleges that have experienced the greatest growth in admissions applications since 2003.

■ Cool School
Pacific again ranks among Sierra Magazine’s “Cool Schools,” coming in at No. 83.

■ Innovative Law Curriculum, Excellent Law Programs
McGeorge School of Law has one of the 15 most innovative law clinic programs in the nation, according to PreLaw Magazine.
In its 2015 Best Colleges survey, U.S. News & World Report ranked McGeorge 29th in the country in International Law and 38th nationwide in the quality of its part-time law program.

■ Strong Business Program
Bloomberg Businessweek ranks the Eberhardt School of Business at Pacific as the 8th best business school in California overall and 5th best among private colleges in the state. Nationally, the school ranks No. 102.
Dig It: Biology Professor Helps Uncover New Species of Dinosaur

Desmond Maxwell, an associate professor of biological sciences, is among a team of researchers who documented the discovery of the oldest species of horned dinosaur named from North America—40 million years older than Triceratops. The new dinosaur, named Aquilops americanus, meaning “American eagle face,” lived around 108 million years ago in what is now southern Montana. Aquilops was about the size of a rabbit, weighing around 3 ½ pounds and measuring around 2 feet in total length. The animal is nearly 20 million years older than the previous oldest horned dinosaur named from North America, according to the Raymond M. Alf Museum of Paleontology at The Webb Schools in Claremont, California.

Maxwell is a coauthor of the article “A Ceratopsian Dinosaur from the Lower Cretaceous of Western North America, and the Biogeography of Neoceratopsia” published in the scientific journal PLOS One in December. Coauthors include colleagues from the Alf Museum, the Sam Noble Museum of Natural History in Norman, Oklahoma, and the Western University of Health Sciences.

Tech Savvy: Pacific’s Team Tech Takes Second at International Competition

Pacific’s Society of Women Engineers (SWE) team took second place in the Boeing Team Tech Competition at the organization’s annual conference in Los Angeles.

The SWE Team Tech 2014 win came with a $2,500 prize, which went back to Pacific’s SWE chapter for future projects as well as provided awards for each team member.

Working with an industry sponsor, they designed a package integrity testing apparatus for the competition. This device will help the sponsor evaluate package quality throughout their supply chain.

Pacific’s Team Tech comprises students majoring in mechanical, bioengineering and civil engineering, which helped the team provide a collaborative and comprehensive solution.

“Being part of Team Tech and coming up with a project was a real engineering experience where we worked with industry and had to meet deadlines, practice communication skills and break down components of a system in order to design a project. The beauty of this particular project was that the final design met the industry’s extensive requirements yet was so simple in design and got the job done!” said Kristena Moules ’15, captain of the team.
Dead Battery on a Bridge Sensor? Quadcopter to the Rescue

Disasters such as bridge collapses do happen, but Elizabeth Basha ’03, an assistant professor of electrical and computer engineering, wants to keep them from happening because of a dead battery.

Basha is completing research funded by a $100,000 National Science Foundation grant that examines how unmanned aerial vehicles could be used to recharge batteries on wireless sensor networks such as those that track potentially devastating structural changes on bridges.

The sensors have limited battery life, and bridges don’t always have power sources available to facilitate recharging. Basha and a colleague at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, are developing a charger using wireless inductive power transfer, similar to technology used in cell phone charging mats. This would allow a quadcopter to hover near a sensor and charge it in about a minute.

The National Science Foundation grant has enabled Basha to purchase robotic equipment for her research—and to support student work. “It’s a win-win for the students,” Basha said. “They get this great research opportunity, and the grant helps pay for their education.”

It was the opportunity to work with students that brought Basha back to Pacific, rather than to a career in industry or a teaching position at a large research institution. “I decided I wanted to teach, and at a place where teaching was really valued,” Basha said.

In classes such as Sensor Networks for Engineering Systems, she uses examples from her research to discuss application of these sensors. “It’s fun to teach students how to think about problems and focus on the bigger picture,” she said.

Professor Will Conduct Research in Mexico With Fulbright Grant

Analiese Richard, an associate professor of anthropology in the School of International Studies, has been awarded a prestigious Fulbright U.S. Scholar grant to conduct ethnographic field research in Mexico during the 2015–16 academic year.

Richard, who is fluent in Spanish, will examine how Mexican scientists participate in public life. Her goal is to gain new insight into the role of experts in democratic society.

“Natural scientists are increasingly called upon both to explain the natural world and to guide societies in adapting to environmental crises such as climate change and loss of biodiversity,” she said. “However, moral authority poses a challenge to scientists in convincing both politicians and the public to take a particular course of action. These questions are also relevant to the U.S., where scientists continue to face challenges to their credibility in the public sphere.”

The Fulbright Scholar Program awards some 800 teaching and research grants to faculty and experienced professionals in a wide variety of academic and professional fields abroad each year.
Symphonic Wind Ensemble Headlines Prestigious Convention

Pacific’s 55-member Symphonic Wind Ensemble traveled to Seattle in November for a headline performance before the prestigious and long-standing Western International Band Clinic.

The Symphonic Wind Ensemble, led by Eric Hammer ’73, ’74, was one of just two college groups asked to perform at the annual convention for music directors and students of high school honor bands. The 50-minute concert program featured faculty soloist Nicolasa Kuster, a chamber trio and a piece commissioned from Conservatory composition graduate Tyler Combs ’11.

In addition to the headline performance, the group performed at two area high schools the previous day. Hammer also gave a presentation on teaching strategies in large ensemble to 150 educators attending the conference.

Powell Scholars Project in Dimen, China, to be Published in Academic Journal

Three summers ago, the Powell Scholars embarked on a project that took them to the remote Chinese village of Dimen, where they taught English using materials and a curriculum the scholars crafted specifically for the villagers.

The Powell Scholars, undergraduate recipients of Pacific’s premier academic merit scholarship, used the one-of-a-kind English curriculum they developed that incorporates the villagers’ language and photographs of the people, places and things they see every day.

Now, an article detailing the project and the educational journey of both the Pacific students and the Dimen villagers has been accepted for publication this spring in the refereed journal Honors in Practice, a publication of the National Collegiate Honors Council.

The article was co-authored by 11 Powell Scholars who contributed to the project and Professor Cynthia Wagner Weick, the director of the Powell Scholars program, which was established in 2008 by the late Regents Robert and Jeannette Powell.

“The article demonstrates the academic focus and depth of the project and explains how it embodies the emphases of the Powell Scholars Program—leadership, scholarship and creativity—and, in this case, cultural understanding. It is also one more indication of how powerful Bob and Jeannette Powell’s contribution has been in educating Pacific students,” said Weick.

On their third trip back to Dimen, the Powell Scholars were joined by Regent Dianne Philibosian ’68, a childhood education expert who serves as the director of the Institute for Community Health and Wellbeing at CSU Northridge.
When Gov. Jerry Brown signed Assembly Bill No. 1174 into law last fall, it permanently expanded Medi-Cal coverage to pay for dental services provided by hygienists and dentists connected over the Internet.

The bill was designed to support the Virtual Dental Home (VDH) system developed by the Pacific Center for Special Care at the Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry. The VDH system provides preventive and simple services to underserved populations in community settings, such as children in Head Start centers or older or disabled adults in residential care settings or nursing homes who otherwise might go without care.

The teledentistry law, which took effect Jan. 1, 2015, also permanently expands the list of procedures that hygienists and certain kinds of assistants can perform without a dentist being present on-site, such as determining what X-rays are needed or providing a special type of temporary fillings designed to stop the progression of tooth decay.

Grant Expands Special Care for Seniors

The Pacific Center for Special Care has received a $275,000 grant from the California Wellness Foundation to expand its Virtual Dental Home system of care to low-income seniors in Los Angeles. The Center will work with the Front Porch organization, which provides low-income housing for a diverse population of seniors. The main focus of this project will be Korean-speaking seniors, some of whom also have hearing disabilities.

Did You Know?

Dentistry Ranked “Best Job”

Dentistry has come out on top, with dental hygiene just a few slots behind, in The 25 Best Jobs of 2015 rankings by U.S. News & World Report. Dentistry offers the opportunity to care for patients, the stability of low unemployment rates and good job prospects, a solid salary, and work-life flexibility.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts employment for dentists to grow nearly 16 percent by 2022, opening up 23,300 jobs. Dental hygiene is also expected to experience a booming job market; the occupation will grow by 33.3 percent by 2022.
Verdict Is In:

McGeorge’s Legislative Clinic One of the Most Innovative in Nation

McGeorge School of Law’s new Legislative and Public Policy Clinic has more to boast about than a track record of successes in the California legislature. It’s also considered among the top 15 most innovative clinics in the country in PreLaw magazine.

The magazine sought nominations from law schools nationwide for clinics that were innovative in subject matter or structure or in the community served by the clinic. PreLaw reviewed nominations from more than 76 law schools and narrowed the list to 25. It recognized 15 clinics as the most innovative and 10 as runners-up.

In its inaugural year, students in the Pacific clinic helped develop five bills that made it all the way through the legislative process to Gov. Jerry Brown’s desk. He signed four of them into law—an impressive record that’s better than that of some professional lobbyists.

Read about the McGeorge law students who also became lawmakers in last issue’s Pacific Review: go.Pacific.edu/LawMakers
Sixth Annual Immigration Fair Serves 140

McGeorge School of Law provided free legal services to 140 people at its sixth annual Immigration Fair in November at the campus Student Center and Quad. More than 70 law students participated, including many first-year students, and 16 attorneys assisted in final review of the applications prepared by law students.

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McGeorge faculty, students and alumni served more than 200 local Guatemalan nationals with a variety of services at an on-campus event in January for the Guatemalan Consulate. They consulted individually in Spanish with attendees on topics related to immigrant rights, including family-based immigration, social security and health benefits, and choosing legal representation.

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**Alumni**

**Last Stop on Market Street**

*Matt de la Peña ’96 COP, Brooklyn, NY*

CJ’s grandmother gives him a new, positive perspective on his life in their weekly bus ride from church on Sunday.

*Putnam Juvenile, January 2015*

**Luminiarias Light the Way**

*Melissa Hahn ’13 SIS*

A Korean American sixth-grader is forced to deal with change and cultural difference when a new girl moves to his school from small-town Minnesota.

*Lulu.com, September 2014*

**Here Cometh the Son: The Gospel According to Jesus H. W. Christ**

*Courtney Jensen ’07 COP, Phoenix, AZ*

The Lamb of God spews forth His take on people, religion, sex, and the burdens of being everybody’s favorite divinity.

*Lakanaba Library, August 2014*

**All About China: Stories, Songs, Crafts and More for Kids**

*Allison Branscombe ’73, Sacramento, CA*

Whirlwind tour of Chinese history and culture packed with stories, activities and games.

*Tuttle Publishing, November 2014*

**Kacey and Humphrey: The Adventure of the Shrimp Bully Bowl**

*Charles Stevens ’82 COP, Rockledge, FL*

A Dr. Suess-style children’s book on bullying designed to teach problem solving skills in a novel and playful manner.

*Legacy Book Publishing, June 2014*

**The Dresdin Manuscripts: Unearthing an 18th Century Musical Genius**

*David Wilson ’60, ’62 MUS,*

The author searches for clues that will unravel the mystery of a musical genius forgotten through time.

*New Education Press, October 2014*

**We Want Your Books!**

The Omega Phi Alpha Library in the Alex and Jeri Vereschagin Alumni House has a designated section for alumni books.

*Send to: Pacific Alumni Association, University of the Pacific, 3601 Pacific Avenue, Stockton, CA 95211*

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**Faculty**

**Food in Time and Place: The American Historical Association Companion to Food History**

*Coedited by Ken Albala, History*

A review of the state of historical food research.

*University of California Press, October 2014*

**Periodoncia e implantología dental de Hall**

*Edited by Lisa Harpenau, William Lundergan, and Richard Kao, professors of Periodontics.*

This Spanish translation of the fifth edition of Hall’s Critical Decisions in Periodontology and Dental Implantology is the first of several translations to come, including Mandarin, Portuguese and Turkish.

*Editorial El Manual Moderno, June 2014*

**Hinterlands and Commodities: Place, Space, Time and the Political Economic Development of Asia over the Long Eighteenth Century**

*Coedited by Dennis Flynn, emeritus, Economics*

Cover art by Marie A. Lee, Visual Arts

*Brill, November 2014*

**Essentials of Pharmacology for Anesthesia, Pain Medicine, and Critical Care,**

*Coedited by Adam D. Kaye ’95, Stockton, CA*

An all-in-one drug guide and review.

*Springer, November 2014*

**California and Federal Evidence: Cases and Materials**

*John E.B. Myers, McGeorge School of Law*

Casebook and materials.

*Esquire Books Inc., 2014*

**Cities of Others: Reimagining Urban Spaces in Asian American Literature**

*Xiaojing Zhou, English and Ethnic Studies*

Zhou sheds new light on how Asian-American writers depict issues such as race, culture, class and gender in urban settings.

*University of Washington Press, November 2014*
Keith Hatschek came to Pacific in 2001 after a successful career spanning more than 30 years in the music industry, where he did everything from songwriting, performing and recording to producing and marketing. His book, *How to Get a Job in the Music Industry*, was just published in its third edition by Berklee Press. Previous editions have been used by thousands of readers to jumpstart successful music industry careers. The third edition, coauthored with Breanne Beseda ’00, ’01, includes a new career tool kit, social media and industry networking strategies, as well as interviews with young music industry professionals on how they got their start. Hatschek also writes a monthly column for the music industry blog *Echoes: Insight for Independent Artists*. In November, he received the Pacific Alumni Association Faculty Mentor Award for his many years mentoring students and alumni as they develop their careers in the music and entertainment industry (read more on pg. 35). He has recently developed the curriculum for the Conservatory’s new Music Industry Studies degree and will soon complete his next book about *The Real Ambassadors*, the civil rights-themed musical by Dave and Iola Brubeck with Louis Armstrong.
A Slam Dunk for Women’s Basketball

Four stand-out women’s basketball players nabbed All-WCC honors and their coach earned co-coach of the year.

Kendall Kenyon '15 received All-WCC First Team honors as she re-wrote the Tigers record books in her senior year. She broke the Tigers’ career rebounding record and double-doubles record, becoming the first player in program history to score over 1,000 points and grab 1,000 boards. With 1,111 career rebounds, she shattered the previous record held by Julie Szukalski ’99. With 1,407 career points, Kenyon ranks fourth on the Tigers all-time scoring list. She led the Tigers in scoring and rebounding this season with a conference-best 11.2 boards per contest.

Hailie Eackles '16 was named to the All-WCC Second Team as she ranked 19th in the WCC with 11.6 points per game, and tied for 13th in 3-point shooting. In conference play, Eackles amped up her game by hitting 45 out of 101(45%) of her three-pointers in WCC play, including a pair of game-winning threes in the final minute this year to beat Saint Mary’s and Portland. She also sparked Pacific’s 27–4 run to victory at Gonzaga with a trio of three-pointers.

Madison Parrish ’15 capped her senior season with Honorable Mention by ranking at the top of WCC assist leaders. She was second in the conference at 4.2 assists per game (one lone assist behind the top spot). GeAnna Luaulu-Summers ’18 averaged 5.8 points and 1.4 assists per contest to earn WCC All-Freshman Team honors.

Coach Lynne Roberts earned her second conference Coach of the Year award in three seasons, sharing WCC Coach of the Year honors with Gonzaga’s Lisa Fortier and Saint Mary’s Paul Thomas. The 2013 Big West Coach of the Year, Roberts has turned Pacific into a perennial post-season program over the last four seasons, as Pacific has gone 84–43 with three straight WNIT berths. For the second-straight season, Pacific has overachieved from its preseason projection, taking third in the WCC this year at 13–5 in conference and 22–8 overall.

Pacific Hoops
Pacific v Gonzaga

The Pacific men’s basketball team held No. 2 Gonzaga to a 12-point lead with a final score of 86–74 when they battled the Bulldogs in a back-and-forth televised game Feb. 19 on the Tiger’s home court. The game was one of three matches at the Alex G. Spanos Center that was preceded by special receptions for alumni sponsored by the Pacific Alumni Association.

KUDOS: Women’s Basketball Blitzes Gonzaga

Down 11 in the second half, the Pacific women’s basketball team unleashed a 27–4 run on Gonzaga to claim a 71–59 win in February. The Tigers handed the Bulldogs their first conference loss of the year and became the first WCC team to defeat the Zags on their home court in Spokane since 2012. Despite injuries and the Tigers’ height disadvantage, Pacific outscored Gonzaga in the paint and tied the Bulldogs on the glass.
Alumna Elaina Oden inducted into WCC Hall of Honor

Former Pacific stand-out volleyball player and Olympian, Elaina Oden ’90, ’92, was inducted into the West Coast Conference Hall of Honor in March. Oden and nine other inductees, one from each member institution, were selected for having brought significant honor to themselves, their institutions and to the Conference. They were inducted at the seventh annual WCC Hall of Honor Brunch and were honored during a halftime ceremony at the 2015 West Coast Conference Men’s and Women’s Basketball Championships.

Oden is remembered as one of the most decorated women’s volleyball players in Pacific history. She was the key player on Pacific’s back-to-back NCAA national championship teams in 1985 and 1986. She is Pacific’s all-time single season hitting percentage leader (.380 in 1985) and was named PCAA Most Valuable Player in 1985. Until recently, she held the Pacific single season kill record of 547 and the all-time career kills mark of 1,485.

She garnered All-America honors as a middle blocker in 1985 and 1986 and was named 1986 National Player of the year by Volleyball Monthly. Oden added a third All-America honor in 1989. She was a member of the U.S. Junior National Team in 1985 and was nominated for the NCAA’s Broderick Award in 1985 and 1986.

A seven-year member of the United States National Team, Oden currently ranks second in career hitting percentage (.341). She helped the U.S. to the bronze medal in the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona, Spain, and also competed with the U.S. Team in the 1986 Goodwill Games, the 1986 World Championships and the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta, Georgia.

In the outstanding program history of Pacific women’s volleyball, Oden is one of three Tiger volleyball players and Olympians whose jersey numbers were retired by the Pacific Athletic Department.

She was inducted into the Pacific Athletic Hall of Fame in 1999.
Tradition In July, as the first dental class to start in the new building began its first year, the students were treated to a Dugoni tradition carried over from years past—the Alumni Association’s cioppino welcome dinner.

Clinics The dental clinics also opened to patients in mid-July, with Dugoni ambassadors stationed throughout the building to familiarize patients with the new check-in process and guide them to the correct clinic.

Since moving to 155 Fifth Street, the dental clinics have received increased interest from the public. The number of patients, screenings and emergency visits has increased, allowing students to complete more procedures as part of their education.

In October, Pacific’s San Francisco audiology clinic also opened, serving an estimated 3,500 audiology patients of all ages annually.

Connections The building’s close proximity to the Moscone Center and public transportation make it a convenient and modern space to host conferences and receptions, especially for dental organizations in town for major events.

Building relationships in the community is taking new forms with the new campus, and Dugoni is invested in its SoMa neighborhood (also known as Yerba Buena). In September, the school hosted its second annual civic leaders reception to make connections with civic and business leaders.

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Outreach During the first year, numerous community health outreach events have been held for local seniors and children from throughout the area.

Dugoni is welcoming the community to the campus in other ways, too. Middle and high school students had a chance to tour the campus and work in the high-tech simulation laboratory during a “dental camp” hosted by the admissions department in February.

Learning Dental school is an ambitious undertaking, and students have been spending plenty of time in the new learning environments and study spaces throughout the building. A state-of-the-art simulation laboratory offers real-life dental manikins that were custom-designed for the school, giving first-year students the opportunity to practice their hand skills and learn about materials and techniques used in dentistry. The building also offers seminar rooms that can be reset for small groups or larger gatherings, research labs, and the large Dorfman Hall on the first floor that can be converted into two smaller learning spaces.

Sustainability A milestone in the sustainability of the new campus was reached in November, when the building received LEED Gold Certification after an extensive review process. Sustainable and energy-efficient design choices will help conserve energy, reduce water consumption and deliver high indoor air quality, among other benefits.
Exciting New Academic Programs on the Horizon

Beginning in fall 2015, new programs that capitalize on the unique character of the San Francisco Bay Area will launch at 155 Fifth Street, focusing on fields in high demand.

Audiology
University of the Pacific will offer Northern California’s first Doctor of Audiology program and the only three-year accelerated program in California.

Food Studies
The Master of Arts in Food Studies is an interdisciplinary program for working professionals who want to expand their knowledge about food and develop exceptional proficiency in evaluating the social, economic and political impact of food choices made by individuals and groups.

Music Therapy
The University will extend its reach to the Bay Area with a new Music Therapy equivalency program, which prepares students in as few as four semesters with the knowledge and skills to sit for the Certification Board for Music Therapists exam.

Analytics
Responding to the need for qualified professionals in this rapidly growing field, Pacific will offer a Master of Science in Analytics geared toward working professionals.

Support
The walls have also been enhanced with naming plaques and signs throughout the building that recognize the generous donors who have supported the school’s fund-raising campaign, “Building Our Future, Embracing Our Legacy.”

Throughout the first year of transition and excitement, the Dugoni family spirit of humanism and respect for one another—along with its programs—has remained strong. And now it has a world-class new campus to carry on its rich legacy of dental education.

—By Dan Soine and Taryn Nakamura

Artwork
In December, new artwork installed throughout the building brightened the walls. The art, created by notable American artists Jake Berthot, Jasper Johns, Frank Lobdell and Stephen De Staebler, was donated to the University from the estate of the late Regents Robert and Jeannette Powell, who were generous supporters of Pacific.
In the following pages, we talk to students and alumni who share their Pacific Experience and the profound impact made on them by professors who know their name.

Who is University of Pacific?

It’s a vibrant community with a supportive and engaging culture. It’s faculty who are dedicated to teaching and mentoring. It’s students who are prepared not only for successful careers but for meaningful lives.

In the ivy-framed brick buildings on the Stockton campus, at Pacific’s high-tech spaces in San Francisco, and on its Sacramento campus in the influential state capital, you’ll see all of this happening.

What’s the Pacific Experience?

So many factors go into the student experience—classes and professors, internships and studying abroad, athletics and community service, helping clients and patients.

But there’s one thing that continues to surface when you talk with Pacific students and alumni—one thing that connects them. On all three of Pacific’s campuses, from every generation of graduates, you’ll hear this: professors know your name.

It’s more than just knowing your name, of course. The professors know who you are and know your story. They help you find your passion and reach your potential. And they continue to follow your career and cheer you on long after you’ve graduated.
“I entered Pacific as a basketball player, but I left as a scholar and a writer. And this transformation was the direct result of the professors I worked with.”

Matt de la Peña ’96
Matt de la Peña, the author of critically acclaimed young adult novels and picture books, didn’t grow up liking to read. In fact—and he’s not proud of this—he didn’t read a novel all the way through until after high school.

Yet it would be a book—one given to him by a Pacific professor—that would change his life.

In an essay for National Public Radio’s Code Switch, de la Peña talked about the day when former Pacific English professor Heather Mayne stopped him near the old bookstore his sophomore year—him, a basketball player who had been more interested in playing ball and hanging out than having anything to do with books and words.

Excerpts from the essay “Sometimes the ‘Tough Teen’ Is Quietly Writing Stories”:

“I was rereading this last night,” she said, holding out a book for me, “and I thought of you.”

“Me?” I took the book and studied the cover.

“You.” She made me promise to read it before I graduated. “And when you finish,” she said, “come talk to me. That’s all I ask. Deal?”

That gave me 2 1/2 years. “Deal,” I told her.

I took the book with me on our next basketball road trip, to New Mexico State. The night before the game I cracked it open and read the first 10 or 15 pages. Why’d she give me this book? I wondered. It wasn’t any good…This was usually when I’d toss a book aside, telling myself it just wasn’t my thing. But that wasn’t an option in this case. I needed to find out why my professor had connected me to this one specific book.

By Page 50 or so, I started caring about the character. She had a really tough life, far tougher than anything I’d experienced, and I tried to put myself in her shoes. The broken English which seemed awkward at first, became poetic. I read a third of the novel that night and went to sleep.

After our game the next day, which we won on a buzzer-beater, I hustled back to my hotel room to continue reading my book. I finished at four in the morning.

The book I read that night was Alice Walker’s The Color Purple.

My professor said something I will never forget when I went and talked to her the following week. Even in the harshest and ugliest of circumstances, she explained, there’s still hope. That’s what she loved most about The Color Purple.

It’s what I loved most, too, I decided.

That hope.

De la Peña, who was born in National City in a rough Mexican neighborhood near San Diego, never thought he could be an actual writer. Though he had notebooks full of spoken-word-style poetry, he never showed anyone.

But once he got to Pacific, he said he started to believe.

There was Religious Studies Professor Larry Meredith, whose class amazed him. He hung on the now-retired professor’s every word. Poetry professor Gil Schedler, also now retired, was the first person who ever said his poetry was good. Because of the professor’s reinforcement, de la Peña submitted his work in his junior year for the Hansen Award, Pacific’s creative writing award.

“And I won. [English professor] Camille Norton introduced me at the banquet, and she said such incredibly nice things about my work that I was speechless,” he remembers now.

English professor Heather Mayne’s takeaway from The Color Purple also remains with him today.

“I always go back to my professor’s line about The Color Purple. Even in the harshest and ugliest of circumstances, there’s still hope,” he said in his NPR essay.

De la Peña is the author of six young adult novels, including Mexican White Boy, The Living and The Hunted, and the award-winning picture books A Nation’s Hope and Last Stop on Market Street. Last Stop on Market Street was recently featured on NPR’s Morning Edition and was ranked No. 7 on The New York Times Best Sellers—Children’s Picture Books list for the week of March 1.
As he was preparing to enter Pacific’s Conservatory of Music four years ago, Fred Ra had a million questions. The Southern California native had no friends or connections in Northern California. He was worried about his parents and what this new world away from home would bring.

During the interview process required for acceptance into the Conservatory as a music therapy and cello major, Ra connected with music therapy professor Feilin Hsiao. Like Ra, Hsiao was also from Southern California. She introduced him to upper-class music therapy students and became his advisor, helping him find his comfort zone and academic path at Pacific.

And for his 19th birthday—his first away from home—she even brought him a cake. She knew that particular birthday, without his family around, was a big deal for Ra.

“IT was the best thing ever,” he recalls with a grin.

Throughout Ra’s college experience, Hsiao has supported him not just in academics but also in his personal growth. They would spend hours talking about his classes, his future studies and music therapy career path—and his overall well-being.

One time the two were debriefing following a therapy session Ra gave at a nursing home for patients with early onset dementia and Alzheimer’s. It was just before Valentine’s Day, and during the session Ra and the patients sang the Elvis Presley song “Can’t Help Falling in Love” to promote discussion and remembrance. One of the patients had recently lost his wife and began crying. As Ra was reflecting with Hsiao afterward, he couldn’t help but think about his own parents. He, too, broke down and cried.

Hsiao reassured him, telling him it’s OK to have emotions about his patients.

Ra has a dual-support system with Hsiao and his cello professor, Nina Flyer, who will check on him and reach out if they hear he’s stressed. That level of concern and mentorship is typical of the close-knit and supportive community in the Conservatory.

A recent visit to Southern California gave Hsiao the opportunity to visit Ra’s hometown in Northridge and meet his father. She wanted to meet him, as she likes to do with the parents of all her student musicians, and Ra’s parents hadn’t been able to visit campus very often due to their work schedules. So she came to him.

That personal attention from his professors has paid off. This spring Ra will decide among several internship opportunities to fulfill the clinical portion of his degree. He will also assume a leadership role with the student board of the Western Region of the American Music Therapy Association when he becomes its president in March.

He then intends to go straight to graduate school, with a solid career direction and with the background and experience he’s sure will get him there. Ultimately he wants to work with children in a hospital or school setting, a goal Hsiao has helped him to identify and sharpen.

“The whole interaction and relationship with Dr. Hsiao led me to be the therapist I’m turning out to be,” he said.

“Pacific professors,” Ra said, “know you by more than your name—they know you by your life story.”
Mark Booth ’01

Group Practice Leader at the Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry

with Dr. Russ Woodson (right), a former professor and current colleague who is credited with playing a crucial role in Booth’s success.

Mark Booth knows the Pacific Experience from both sides—as a Dugoni student and now as a teacher.

From his student days, his best memories are the relationships he formed with both his classmates and the faculty—some of whom are his colleagues today. One in particular, his group practice administrator, Dr. Russ Woodson, he credits with having played a crucial role in his success as a dental student.

“During the trials and tribulations of my third year of dental school, Dr. Woodson did an amazing job of keeping me grounded and focused. There were many times that I would become frustrated and struggle. Dr. Woodson was able to help me see the best in any situation, which allowed me to regain my focus.”

During school he said he caught the teaching bug when he oversaw the student dentists at the school’s Advanced Education in General Dentistry program in Union City. After graduating, he went into private practice in Concord—but he felt isolated and had no one to talk to about his cases. Three years later he rejoined Dugoni, eager to return to a family atmosphere.

“I was a little hesitant because most people don’t go into dental school to be educators, but the moment I got in the building I realized quickly that I was meant to do this.”

Woodson would again play a significant role for Booth.

“When I returned to teach, I was lucky enough to have Dr. Woodson as a mentor and colleague. Later, when I became a group practice leader, Dr. Woodson was always very generous with his time as he mentored me. To this day, I pass on many of the valuable lessons that I learned from Dr. Woodson.”

Now in his fifth year of teaching, Booth says he loves the diversity of his position as group practice leader. In addition to being a teacher, he’s also a counselor and parent to his students and helps them with the inevitable growing pains that occur with life.

“It’s the relationships that I enjoy, and I think that’s the special part of dentistry,” he said. “It’s also the special part of what we have here at Pacific Dugoni—the family.”

Last year, for example, one of the students in his group lost her father. His death was unexpected, and it was a very challenging time for her and her family, Booth recalled. He did his best to support and encourage her, he said, and he was inspired by how much courage and character she displayed throughout the year.

“Though I know that her heart was burdened with grief and sadness, she never lost her professional demeanor and strong work ethic,” he said. “It was truly rewarding and inspiring to watch her cross the stage at graduation. Witnessing the growth and development of all my students is a gift that I truly treasure.”

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Professors who know your name:

“Part of the reason I’ve been able to be successful is because McGeorge is so willing to entertain student ideas.”

Stephen McCaffrey, a distinguished professor and titan of international water law

Kristian Corby ’13

who credits McGeorge Professor Stephen C. McCaffrey with helping him get his “dream job” in environmental law

More Stories of the Pacific Experience

Professors who know your name:

It’s a simple phrase that sums up what we hear time and time again from students and alumni about their Pacific experience. You’ll see it expressed in University brochures, in our stories and on the web.

A catalog of videos and stories, which keeps on growing, tells the shared experience of our Pacific community.

Find them at: go.Pacific.edu/ProfessorsWhoKnowYourName
When then-prospective law student Kristian Corby was researching schools to match his interest in water law, he noticed that one name—Stephen C. McCaffrey—kept cropping up.

McCaffrey, a Distinguished Professor at McGeorge School of Law, is a titan of international water law. He has drafted conventions on the use of international waterways for the United Nations; he regularly represents countries in water disputes before the International Court of Justice in The Hague, Netherlands; he has served as a former counselor on international law for the U.S. State Department; and he also advises Palestine on the permanent status talks with Israel.

What Corby didn’t know was how McCaffrey would become so much more than just a celebrity professor—that he would serve as his trusted advisor, mentor and, eventually, colleague—and that he represented the kind of personalized education McGeorge offers.

“It was unreal that I was going to be able to study with him. He was like a rock star. When I first met him I was intimidated, but then as I took his classes and met with him in his office hours, I got to know this humble, down-to-earth, easygoing guy,” says Corby. “And he is absolutely the sharp point of the spear when it comes to international water law.”

Corby wanted to go to law school on the West Coast, and he came to realize that Sacramento’s first-tier position in Western water law issues, coupled with the access to McCaffrey, made McGeorge a natural choice.

It was a choice that’s proved to be a good one for Corby. He co-founded McGeorge’s Water Law Society, which taps the region’s expertise to deliver important educational opportunities for students. He also pitched McCaffrey on a possible water law fellowship, for which he provided enthusiastic support.

“We were sitting in class and he said that when he goes to The Hague, he’s the only one who doesn’t have any assistants. Well, my ears perked up. After class, I said I’d be interested in doing that and that I’d be glad to look at grant programs to fund it. He was absolutely, ‘Yeah, do that. That’d be great.’ That spawned the water law fellowship.”

Corby would become the first-ever McGeorge Water Fellow, where he assisted McCaffrey in case preparations for disputes before the International Court of Justice and authored articles in prominent law publications.

Not that McCaffrey would ever take any of the credit.

“Every time the fellowship idea comes up, he says the same thing: ‘You know, Kristian, that was your idea. You’re the one who got that off the ground.’”

Corby says that McCaffrey provided him with the foundation for his success both at McGeorge and in the workplace. He is now an associate attorney at King Williams & Gleason LLP, a Sacramento-based environmental law firm, where he specializes in hazardous waste remediation.

“Part of the reason I’ve been able to be successful is because McGeorge is so willing to entertain student ideas,” he said.

“This is a dream job. I never would have expected that as a first-year attorney I would be gaining experience in the highly competitive field of environmental law,” he said. “I’m working directly with partners, writing motions, helping determine strategy. I’m not just looking under the hood—I’m helping build the engine. It’s fantastic.”

—Stephen Robitaille

Examples of stories and content found on the web
Pacific Students Care for their Communities

By Jennifer Langham
It’s more than just practical experience Pacific students gain through participation in numerous health care outreach programs throughout Northern California. They help thousands of seniors save millions of dollars on their medications. They provide critical dental care for the working poor, the homeless and for children. They educate underserved communities about how to be healthier.

Through their award-winning efforts to bring health care to those most in need, Pacific students are also supporting an important foundation of their University: serving its communities.

An education in giving

Pacific health sciences students tallied up some large numbers last year when providing community service: $10 million in uncompensated dental care; 8,000 free screenings and medication reviews for seniors and other Medicare recipients; and 1,900 children taught about healthy eating and activities.

Beyond the impressive numbers, there are the stories from the Pacific students themselves.

With the help of Jenny Balabanian ’16, a pharmacy student in the Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, one woman was able to change her Medicare prescription drug plan to save $2,000 in annual out-of-pocket costs.

“She started crying,” said Balabanian, “because she couldn’t believe she could get the same drug at the same pharmacy for so much less by changing her plan. It made me realize how valuable our knowledge is.”

Vanisha Gandhi ’14, a graduate of the Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry, remembers doing a dental screening for a homeless man whose mouth full of loose teeth were a source of embarrassment, pain, and very real inconvenience.

“He wanted to be able to bite down into a sandwich, something he hadn’t been able to do in a very long time,” said Gandhi. “Helping him with both his dental screening and his subsequent extractions reminded me that many of us don’t think of dental care as a big deal, but for people who don’t have access, getting that care can be life-changing.”

A blueprint for saving money and improving health: Mobile Medicare Clinics

Pacific pharmacy professors Rajul Patel, Joseph Woelfel and Mark Walberg started the Mobile Medicare Clinics eight years ago to help seniors navigate the newly added Medicare Part D drug benefit. For the past several years, Professors Sian Carr-Lopez and Suzanne Galal have also been involved in the clinics.

In the program’s first year, the clinics drew 72 patients. Last fall, 13 clinics were held in seven Northern California cities, drawing almost 1,400 attendees.

With over 50 drug plans to choose from, the out-of-pocket costs for Medicare beneficiaries can vary widely depending upon what prescriptions a patient needs. The plans change every year, and about 80 percent of those who are helped at the clinics find that they can save money by making changes to their plans—even if they attended the clinic the previous year.

By reviewing the available plans along with the medications taken by the patients, volunteer licensed pharmacist preceptors have helped save Medicare beneficiaries almost $3.3 million in out-of-pocket costs, or an average of $896 per person, per year, since the clinics began.

And people can now have more than just their Medicare benefits checked, as the clinics have evolved to provide more services. First, the student pharmacists added comprehensive medication reviews, where they check for possible drug interactions or potentially dangerous medications. Now the events are full-scale health clinics, with multiple vaccinations, cholesterol and bone density testing, and more.

Although the majority of Medicare beneficiaries who attend the clinics are seniors, a clinic location specifically aiming to help those with permanent disabilities was added a few years ago.

Professor Patel says that the clinics have grown so much that he’s tempted to add a new title to his business cards: Event Planner.

“We partner with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, and we coordinate with a number of governmental agencies and nonprofits to put on these events,” said Patel. He has received several grants to fund the clinics. He has also turned down numerous offers of corporate sponsorship. “We want to continue to be seen as an objective advocate for patient health,” he said.

Students who work at the clinics take two semesters of training in advance and are all required to do 40 hours of community outreach.

Mobile Medicare Clinics
Student pharmacist Kristine Markham ’16 has worked at 10 of the Medicare clinics and says that when people discover they can save money by changing their Medicare plans, they often have the same reaction: “They look shocked and relieved, then they joke about taking vacations with the money we just helped them save.”

These personal interactions with patients have confirmed Markham’s decision to be a pharmacist. “I’ve experienced firsthand the impact we have on each patient’s life,” she said. “I have wanted to be a pharmacist for as long as I can remember for this exact reason.”

The populations at the clinics are, by design, often underserved and underrepresented. One in three people who attends the clinics is low-income, and one in four speaks a language other than English. “We really leverage the language skills of our students,” said Patel.

Patel has big dreams for the future of the Mobile Medicare Clinics. He would like to use Pacific’s success to create a blueprint for every pharmacy school in the country to use in producing clinics of their own.

“We help over a thousand people a year, which is great, but there are 55 million people on Medicare,” Patel said. “If pharmacy schools nationwide did this in all of their communities, then we’d really be making a difference.”

Connecting dental care to communities

Students from Pacific’s Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry led the way in making dental care an integral part of Project Homeless Connect, and they continue to make it possible for some of the most vulnerable populations in San Francisco to receive vital dental services.

Project Homeless Connect (PHC) was started in 2004 under then-San Francisco mayor Gavin Newsom and connects the homeless and working poor of the city to health care, legal advice, employment and housing assistance, and other services through daylong events held at large venues several times a year.

In 2007, three dental students approached the school’s director of Community Programs and the dean, Patrick J. Ferrillo, about getting the school involved in the project’s events; now the dental screenings are one of the most popular sections among the dozens of services offered at the PHC events.

Years later, Pacific’s continuing involvement in the events is due to student leadership and peer mentoring through the school’s Student Community Outreach for Public Education (SCOPE) program.

Student volunteers provide free dental screenings at the PHC events, and about 25 percent of the patients require urgent care for such problems as abscesses or extractions. This care is provided at the Dugoni dental clinic, also by student volunteers, either the same day or next day. Students refer another one-third of the people seen at PHC to public health dental clinics for more routine care such as cleanings and fillings.

Christine Miller, an associate professor and the director of Community Programs, has seen firsthand what a difference dental care can make for people at PHC. She remembers one patient in particular whose care several years ago changed him—and the PHC.

“There’s always a long line for the dental services, and we wouldn’t have time to see everyone that day,” she says. “I saw a man, probably about 45 years old, who was waiting patiently, but his jaw was visibly swollen.” Miller pulled the man aside for screening, and the dental students helped him get the urgent dental care he needed that same day.

A few months later, the man was back at PHC. But this time he was a volunteer, and he has continued volunteering at the events for the past three years.

“He told us that getting dental work really was a turning point in his life,” she said. “And he wanted to show his appreciation by giving his time to this cause.”

“I’ve experienced firsthand the impact we have on each patient’s life. I have wanted to be a pharmacist for as long as I can remember for this exact reason.” —Kristine Markham ’16
Through numerous outreach programs and health fairs, Pacific students provide vital health services and education to our communities’ most vulnerable populations. Pictured above: (from l. to r.) Kaiser Health Fair in Stockton; Project Homeless Connect in San Francisco; and Medicare Part D outreach in Lodi.

Award-Winning Service

- The achievements of Pacific’s Mobile Medicare Clinics have been honored on a national scale. In November, the program received the Award for Excellence in Program Innovation from the Archstone Foundation and The American Public Health Association. The program was also one of only four to receive the 2013–14 American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) Student Community Engaged Service Award.

- Dugoni was one of three honorees presented with Project Homeless Connect’s Connector Awards, recognizing the school’s essential service to the PHC program at the organization’s 10th anniversary gala held in December in San Francisco.

Results of Their Caring

Pacific’s Health Care Community Service Impact in 2014:

$10 million: value of uncompensated dental care to 14,000 underserved patients throughout Northern California

50: free health events where dental students and faculty provided dental screenings and oral health information

5,200: hours volunteered by Pacific dental students

80%: the (approximate) percentage of Medicare beneficiaries who are able to save money on their out-of-pocket prescription costs after having their medications and plans reviewed at Pacific’s Mobile Medicare Clinics

$2,500: money raised by dental school student groups for local nonprofits

$896 per person, per year: average amount saved by Medicare beneficiaries after having their plans and medications reviewed by Pacific student pharmacists

100: free health care events where pharmacy students and faculty helped 3,750 patients with medication therapy reviews, mental health assessments, asthma care and screenings for blood pressure, blood glucose, cholesterol and osteoporosis

992: free immunizations provided at health outreach events

1,900: children in the Stockton area reached by physical therapy students through the Healthy Children program and Pacific Family Health Fair, with information and activities that encourage healthful physical activity and good nutrition for K-12 students

$1.8 million: annual budget administered by College of the Pacific’s Community Reentry Program to provide mental health services to residents of San Joaquin County through six different programs
Patrick McDowell '81 COP entered Pacific as an English major, bent on becoming the next Hemingway. While honing his writing skills with English professors Charles Clerc, Arlen Hansen and Robert Knighton, however, McDowell soon realized novel writing was not his passion after all. It was the opportunity to write for and then become the editor of The Pacifican that opened the door to what eventually became a life-on-the-edge career in international journalism.

Today McDowell is the Southeast Asia Bureau Chief for the Wall Street Journal and Dow Jones Newswires, where he handles leading news coverage for 10 countries from his home base in Jakarta, Indonesia. Over the course of his 34-year career, he has been at the frontlines of some of the most pivotal events of our time.

McDowell was working for a local paper in Fairfield, California, when he received a Rotary fellowship to go abroad to London. That experience helped him secure his first position with the Associated Press in Paris, where he covered the post-Cold War restructuring of Europe, the rise of Islamic parties in North Africa and the U.S intervention in Haiti.

Another turning point came when he was sent in to cover the genocide in Rwanda with nothing but a backpack and $1,000 cash. After that, he knew he would never be satisfied at the average daily news desk. He snapped up an opportunity to go to the South Africa bureau, where he witnessed the changes there under newly elected President Nelson Mandela after the fall of apartheid.

Since 1996, except for a two-year stint in Chicago, he has spent most of his time working in Southeast Asia, covering news from Iraq to the Philippines. He was shaken awake December 26, 2004, by the magnitude 9.1 earthquake centered in the Indian Ocean that triggered a massive tsunami. He coordinated award-winning coverage from his base as AP’s chief Asia editor in Bangkok, Thailand, of one of the most devastating natural disasters in modern history, responsible for an estimated 230,000 deaths in 14 countries. Most recently, he’s covered the disappearance of Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 and the string of recent plane accidents across Southeast Asia.

It’s been a roller coaster ride through history from one of the best seats in the car.

— By Sheri Grimes
Greetings
Fellow Tigers,

In February I had the honor of presiding over the 2015 Pacific Alumni Association’s Distinguished Alumni Awards. The Association inducted a stellar crop of alumni, which included a decorated military officer, an Emmy award winning documentarian, a real estate titan and University supporter, and an outstanding young alumnus world changer. We also awarded two esteemed Pacificans the title of “Honorary Alumnus.” This event continues to showcase the best and brightest of Pacific and is a grand celebration we look forward to every year. (See Page 30 for more details about the Distinguished Alumni Awards).

For me, the highlight of the Awards weekend was an intimate opening dinner where the award recipients were invited to select someone to recognize with the “Pacifican Who Changed My Life” honor. Hearing the stories of these great Pacificans and how they mentored or influenced the lives of our award winners was inspirational and moving. The bonds that were established, in most cases many years ago, remain intact and flourish. People truly are what make Pacific such a special place.

As we move into spring there is a palpable excitement on campus as the seniors prepare for graduation. The Pacific Alumni Association will host a series of events for graduates this spring, including an introduction to wine tasting, a panel discussion about post-college fashion, and the annual Grad Party. We look forward to celebrating these new alumni at the Alex and Jeri Vereschagin Alumni House and inducting them into the Pacific Alumni Association.

It’s a great day to be a Tiger!

Ciao,
Franz Vaiarello ’74 COP
President, Pacific Alumni Association

Changes in the Office of Alumni Relations:

Congratulations to Kelli (Williams) Page ’87 who has been at the helm of the Office of Alumni Relations for the past year. With the retirement of Bill Coen in December 2014, Kelli officially assumed responsibility for all facets of Pacific’s alumni relations efforts.

In other alumni staffing news, Janice Wagner has been selected as the new Alumni Relations Director. She comes to Pacific with more than a decade of experience in alumni relations for her alma mater, Westmont College in Santa Barbara.

Becky (Curry) Perry ’01, ’09, COP, alumni communications coordinator, has left the Alumni Relations team after seven years to pursue a new entrepreneurial venture in the wine industry. The Office of Alumni Relations looks forward to expanding our team in the coming months.

Pacific Alumni Association Leadership at Its Best

Through alumni leadership, the members of the board provide support for the University, its students and alumni.

2014–15 Pacific Alumni Association Officers
President: Franz Vaiarello ’74 COP
Senior Vice President: Jennifer (Banks) Sylthus ’87 COP
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Matthew Hoffman ’03 ENG
Venise Jeronimo ’90 SIS
Elizabeth MacNab ’01, ’02 EDU

Dick McClure ’78 COP
Erin (Westfall) Mettler ’01 COP
Danna (Baldwin) Moreno ’74 ECC
Mary Pietanza ’86 BUS
Grant Reeder ’86 BUS
Mohammed Waqar Rizvi ’02 BUS
La Nor (Miller) Smith ’86 COP
Anne (Cover) Teutsch ’85 BUS
Robert Webster ’59 BUS
South Bay Alumni Pacific Club
Alumni Association Board Member Venilde Jeronimo ’90 SIS hosted 25 alumni and friends in her Mountain View home for a holiday reception featuring wine donated by alumni vintner Brad Loos ’86 COP of Loos Family Winery.

Regional Event Sacramento
More than 80 alumni and family members relived the magical journey of the Polar Express at this popular alumni holiday activity at the Sacramento Railroad Museum.

Khmer Student Coalition Conference
Several alumni, including Varaxy Yi Borromeo ’08 COP, ’08 BUS, Callyan Y ’07 COP and Sammie Bou ’07 BUS, presented workshops at the Khmer Student Coalition Conference in November organized by Pacific’s Cambodian Student Association and attended by more than 100 students from throughout the West Coast.

San Diego Alumni Pacific Club
Dozens of alumni gathered at the Jenny Craig Pavilion to cheer on the men’s basketball team against the University of San Diego on Feb. 12.

Monterey Bay Alumni Pacific Club
Alumni celebrated the holiday season in the tasting room at Dawn’s Dream Winery in Carmel with delicious appetizers paired with wines from Galante Vineyards, owned by Jack Galante ’82 BUS. Club members also donated batteries to Toys for Tots to power up donated toys.

San Joaquin Alumni Pacific Club
Alumni enjoyed a quick “chalk talk” from Women’s Basketball Assistant Coach Amy VanHollebeke at a pre-game reception for alumni on Jan. 24 at the Alex and Jeri Vereschagin Alumni House followed by an exciting game against the top-ranked Gonzaga Bulldogs.

Black Alumni Pacific Club
Alumni were very busy planning and promoting Pacific’s Black History Month celebration in February, themed “A Century of Black Life, History and Culture.” The annual GospelFest concert featuring gospel music legends the Clark Sisters and Anthony Brown and Group Therapy culminated the month-long celebration.

Latino Alumni Pacific Club
Nearly 100 alumni and friends gathered for a delicious dinner at the Alex and Jeri Vereschagin Alumni House on Jan. 10 before cheering on the Tigers men’s basketball team at the Alex G. Spanos Center against the St. Mary’s Gaels. The event was co-sponsored by the Latino Alumni Pacific Club and Pacific’s Latino Outreach program.

Half Century Club
Staff member Tyrone Wise II ’14 COP gave an overview of the services available through the Pacific Veteran Services Office for Pacific student military veterans during the Half Century Club’s December luncheon.
Alumni Return to the Classroom

Every semester Pacific alumni return to campus, enriching the lives and educational experience of current Pacific students. They bring inspiration as guest speakers, contribute real-world savvy and expertise to classrooms, help students practice their interview skills, and much more.

MacGregor Read ’93, co-CEO of Grocery Outlet, with his co-CEO Eric Lindberg, were the featured speakers for the Eberhardt School of Business Pacific Business Forum in November. As a business leader of the discount grocery chain with more than 210 independently owned stores, Read gave students an inside look at this growing business sector. Matt de la Peña ’96 also returned to Pacific as a guest speaker in November, sharing his journey from Pacific student-athlete to bestselling author. Earlier that day, he spoke to students in a creative writing class.

Distinguished Alumni Award winners Jim Mair ’68, Chris Schueler ’78, Paula Brown ’82, Outstanding Young Alumnus Grant Ennis ’07 and Pacifican who changed my life Dean Butler ’79 were among the alumni who added to students’ classroom experience in recent months by sharing their expertise and life experiences.

Several alumni, including Brad Le Du ’77, ’79 of Chevron, Phu Nguyen ’06 of New York Life, Dioscelda Doria ’04 of Randstad, Troy McKinley ’03, ’04 of Hathaway Dinwiddie Construction Company, Marquis White ’14 of Aerotek, and Lindsay Lovett ’04 of Ross Stores Inc. were on campus in February to participate in the Career Resource Center’s “Meet Your Future” mock interview event. They conducted mock interviews with students and provided feedback to help them improve their skills and confidence for future success.

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These honorees of the 2015 Distinguished Alumni Awards exemplify Pacific’s proud history of innovation and diversity. Through their professional endeavors, public service and dedication to the University, they personify the spirit of excellence that is Pacific.

Faculty members who have played an extraordinary role as lifelong mentors of Pacific students and alumni, who encourage alumni to mentor current students, are also honored each year by the Pacific Alumni Association. The 2014 Faculty Mentor Award winners are truly professors who know your name.

Distinguished Alumni

Paula C. Brown ’82 ENG
Distinguished Alumni Award Professional Service

Paula Brown grew up dreaming of being a captain in the U.S. Navy. After rising to command the U.S. Navy Seabees 30th Construction Regiment in Iraq during 2005–06, Commander Brown exceeded her dreams while blazing new trails for career Navy women when she was promoted to the rank of 2-star rear admiral.

Grant W. A. Ennis ’07 SIS
Outstanding Young Alumni Award

Grant Ennis graduated from Pacific as a fully engaged citizen of the world. Seven years later, Grant spearheads economic and humanitarian relief services for people struggling to survive in the world’s most dangerous places, including Syria, Iraq, Honduras and East Africa.

James D. Mair ’68 BUS
Distinguished Alumni Award University Service

For half a century Jim Mair, his children and grandchildren have shared the Pacific experience. In his role as Regent, Jim has devoted his energy, time and treasure to the goal of enhancing Pacific’s position as one of the leading private universities in the West, most recently through the transformational evolution of the Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry and the new San Francisco campus.

Jon Christopher Schueler ’78 COP
Distinguished Alumni Award Public Service

Building on his multi-faceted academic and performing career at Pacific, Chris Schueler produces award winning documentaries on today’s most challenging health and lifestyle issues with the goal of empowering today’s youth to live healthy, productive lives.
Gary Martin ’86
Since coming to Pacific in 1983, Gary Martin has been providing guidance to Pacific students in the School of Engineering and Computer Science, first as director of the Co-op Program for more than 25 years, and now as assistant dean and professor. He says his primary goal is to help each student recognize and reach their capacity as both a student and a person. He enjoys listening to students’ stories and challenges and finds joy and satisfaction in helping them reach solutions. In Martin, students have a mentor who continues to provide personal attention and support whenever needed.

“His motivation, constant communication, and long hours of checking on my progress helped me complete my degree,” said Luis Torres ’97. “He knows me as student, person, parent and professional. He becomes part of your family and you always know that he is just a phone call away.”

“Gary Martin has the ability to spend a little time with a student, see their potential, believe in what they can accomplish, and transmit that belief to the student. I saw this happen over and over and I experienced it myself,” said Keith Walker ’05, Pacific Alumni Association 2014 Outstanding Young Alumni Award recipient.

Keith Hatschek
Keith Hatschek came to Pacific in 2001 from a very successful career in the music industry. As director of the Music Management Program in the Conservatory of Music, he daily imparts his substantial industry knowledge and experience and leverages his wide network of music professionals, including Pacific alumni, to benefit his students.

“I enjoy helping students prepare for lives that they want to live, doing what they want to do,” said Hatschek.

“Professor Hatschek always goes above and beyond for his students,” said Shannon Moore ’11 in her nomination letter.

“Between my junior and senior years, we pitched starting a music business on campus and learning how to run live sound. With Professor Hatschek’s assistance and guidance, Pac Ave Records is releasing music annually, and a live sound workshop has become a regular class. He guided me through my time at Pacific and still guides me now that I have graduated. The respect I hold for him is unparalleled,” said Moore.

William E. Coen
honorary Alumni Award
Over the past 14 years, he has been a key leader in the expansion and ongoing success of the Pacific Alumni Association and the Alumni Relations Office at University of the Pacific. Bill Coen oversaw the reorganization of the Pacific Alumni Association Board of Directors, provided leadership in the development of new programming, and championed the construction of the Alex and Jeri Vereschagin Alumni House.

Peter Ottesen
Honorary Alumni Award
His devotion to the University is both extraordinary and inspiring. It is built upon his lifelong connection to Stockton as well as his love for his wife, Alexandra Ottesen ’81 COP. Pete’s unwavering commitment to the Tigers is all the more exceptional because he himself never attended Pacific as a student.

Alan Ray
Alan Ray, assistant professor of Communication, came to Pacific in 1987. He says his commitment to his students grew out of the compassion he had for them personally. Every student has a different story and he loves to listen to them and learn about the challenges each faces, not just in the classroom, but in their daily lives.

Arabella di Bagno Guidi ’05 nominated Ray because of his commitment and never-ending mentoring of his students and alumni.

“He listens to his students and adjusts his curriculum to meet our interests and needs,” said di Bagno Guidi.

He also helps his current students learn to network with Pacific alumni, whom he continues to mentor long after graduation. Ray’s former students—who are now in various entertainment, news and public relations positions—are providing some of the most powerful mentoring experiences to current students, and he does not hesitate to put his students in touch with them.
40s Marv Morganti ’49 COP, Pacifica, CA, went to Washington, D.C. last September along with four other Bay Area WWII Honor Flight veterans to lay a wreath on the tomb of the unknown soldier during the changing of the guard at Arlington National Cemetery. During WWII, Morganti served aboard the USS Ozark and watched through binoculars as six WWII servicemen raised the American flag on Iwo Jima. After the war, Morganti finished his degree at Pacific, met up with his high school sweetheart Claire, and began a life as an educator. On the side, he served as an extra on the television show "Nash Bridges," and in the movies "Sister Act" and "Mrs. Doubtfire." He is the father of five, grandfather of twelve and great grandfather of three.

50s Elverne Tonn ’52 COP, Manteca, CA, and his wife, Ann, will celebrate their 63rd wedding anniversary this year. After studying at Pacific, Tonn went on to USC School of Dentistry. In addition to his private dental practice, he taught at the Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry, and although retired, he spends time doing forensic dentistry for the San Joaquin County Coroner’s Office.

60s Bert L. Atwood ’65 EDU, Kelseyville, CA, contributed his book, My Father Was a Crop Duster: The Story of the Atwood Crop Dusters, to the Omega Phi Alpha Library in the Vereshagin Alumni House. Published in 2007, the book provides an insider’s perspective of the crop dusting industry and the evolution of technologies and equipment from the early 30s through the late 70s.

Bob Lee ’68 COP, San Francisco, CA, currently works in real estate in San Francisco. Prior to that, he spent 13 years in the NFL with the Minnesota Vikings, Atlanta Falcons and Los Angeles Rams. He then served as Pacific’s athletic director from 1991 to 1996.

70s John R. Brydon ’72 COP, ’78 LAW, San Francisco, CA, has established the firm of Brydon Law. He has more than 35 years of jury trial and litigation experience and has been a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates for nearly 25 years. He is a certified specialist in Civil Trial Law and has been a diplomat of the National Board of Trial Advocacy for more than two decades. He has earned the rank of advocate in the American Board of Trial Advocates and is a fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America.

Rosalinda (Maynes) Galaviz ’73, ’82 EDU, Stockton, CA, received a 2014 Adelita award, which honors local San Joaquin County Latinas who have shown great courage, strength and perseverance in their lives. Galaviz taught at various schools and levels for 33 years. She also translated for Latino parents at school site council meetings and taught English classes for adults in the summer and expanded education to migrant students. She is a volunteer at the Kennedy Center in south Stockton where she organizes Latino clients to seek service improvements and better treatment.

Richard Mazzoni ’73 PHS, Santa Fe, NM, has been reappointed to the New Mexico Board of Pharmacy by Gov. Susana Martinez. Mazzoni is the founder of R. Mazzoni & Associates, where he provides regulatory strategy and deficiency mitigation services for his clients. Mazzoni recently was elected to the executive committee of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy.

Danna Baldwin Moreno ’74 ECC, Santa Cruz, CA, is an instructor/supervisor of teacher education in the teacher/credentialing/master’s degree program at UC Santa Cruz. She is also a member of the Pacific Alumni Association Board of Directors and has one daughter and two grandchildren.
Gene O’Hara ’74 PHS, Greeley, CO, was named CEO of Colorado Plains Medical Center in Fort Morgan, CO. Since 2012, O’Hara has also served as an adjunct professor and director at the University of Northern Colorado’s Kenneth W. Monfort College of Business. He is actively involved in his local community and the health care industry and is a fellow of the American College of Health Care Executives.

Randy Snider ’74 COP, Lodi, CA, was recognized as the 2014 Citizen of the Year by the Lodi Chamber of Commerce. Snider served on the Lodi City Council from 1982 to 1994 and was elected mayor twice — the youngest Lodian to ever hold that position. Snider is a member of the Tokay Rotary Club, a past president of the Lodi Memorial Hospital Foundation Board and is the co-owner of Wentland-Snider Development. He and his wife Jodie (Cornwell) Snider ’74 COP have lived in Lodi since 1975.

Cindy (Bava) Spiro ’76, ’84 COP, Woodland, CA, has been inducted into the Stockton Athletic Hall of Fame. As a student, Spiro was a captain on the women’s basketball team. She spent much of her 30 years after graduation as an administrator at University of the Pacific, including a stint as the interim athletic director in 1996–97. She was instrumental in bringing the San Francisco 49ers training camp to Pacific in 1998. Spiro is currently the senior associate athletic director at UC Davis.

Randall R. Wilson ’78 BUS, ’81 LAW, Granite Bay, CA, has joined the Board of Directors of Folsom Lake Bank. Wilson is a partner in Sinclair Wilson Baldo & Chamberlain. He is a member of the State Bars of California and Nevada, is certified by the State Bar of California as a specialist in estate planning, trust and probate law, and is licensed as a certified public accountant by the State of California Department of Consumer Affairs.

Magdalena Del Valle ’79 ECC, Moraga, CA, has been appointed senior vice president and business center manager for the Bay Area region of California Bank & Trust. Del Valle will be responsible for managing high performance business banking teams and top commercial banking relationships for the Bay Area.

James Willett ’79 LAW, Stockton, CA, retired as San Joaquin County District Attorney, ending a 36-year career with the county, ten as District Attorney. A father of three and grandfather of four, Willett plans to travel with his wife and possibly write a book about his career.
**CLASS NOTES**

**Bruce Southard ’88 MUS, Lodi, CA,** returned to Stockton last year to become the director of choral studies at San Joaquin Delta College. For the previous six years, he was the director of choral studies at Dickinson State University in Dickinson, ND.

**Eugene Blackard ’89 LAW, Walnut Creek, CA,** has been named one of the 25 leading innovators in California law by leading legal publication *The Recorder.* He is a managing partner of Archer Norris PLC in Walnut Creek, CA. Blackard is one of 12 attorneys recognized with the award. Blackard joined Archer Norris as associate in 1989 and was named Managing Partner in 2008.

**Phil Horan ’89 BUS, Naperville, IL,** was appointed vice president of sales for the Midwest/Texas region of UHS America. His career spans more than 20 years in the financial service industry, where he has amassed extensive industry knowledge in the arenas of predictive analytics, risk management software, fraud and compliance.

**Tania (Zanotto) Walden ’89 BUS, ’97 BUS, Elk Grove, CA,** is the treasurer and chief financial officer of the UC Davis Foundation. She directs the management of Foundation assets, oversees investment of Foundation funds, and maintains the fiscal operations and financial integrity of the UC Davis Foundation.

**90s**

**Jenny (Cale) Van De Pol ’90 COP, Stockton, CA,** has been appointed to the Area 1 seat of the Lincoln Unified School District Board of Trustees. Van De Pol has spent nearly a decade volunteering in the district. She also does volunteer work for the Sunset Little League, Quail Lakes Baptist Church, Blessings in a Backpack and the Point Break anti-bullying seminars at Lincoln High.

**Kelly Cliff ’91 BUS, Cleveland, OH,** was appointed president of Investment Franchises for Victory Capital Management headquartered in Cleveland, OH. Cliff was most recently chief investment officer of Public Markets and co-lead of the Global Manager Research Group for Callan Associates.

**Vinod Mohan ’92 BUS, Simi Valley, CA,** was appointed chief financial officer of SCAN Health Plan, one of the nation’s largest not-for-profit Medicare Advantage plans. Most recently Mohan served as regional chief financial officer for Medicare and Medicare Advantage plans for UnitedHealth Group Inc./United Healthcare, the largest single health carrier in the country.

**Matches**

Lauren Brooke Sandelin’09 BUS and Randy David Lewis, 10/12/13, Truckee, CA — 1
Marc Friedman ’91 BUS and Mana Pirooz, 8/2/14, San Francisco, CA — 2
Anthony Quintin Bernalli II ’02 EDU and Amy Lynn Gunderson, 3/1/14, San Diego, CA — 3
David ’00 COP and Maxine Milam, 5/17/14, Sacramento, CA — 4
Laura Bussard ’08 COP, ’11 PHS and Robert Passamano ’06 COP, ’09 DDS, 8/2/14, Malibu, CA — 5
Bridgette Mason ’07 COP, ’10 PHS and Michael Paravati, 8/31/14, Half Moon Bay, CA — 6
Kimberli Adams ’06 PHS and Andrew Woodard, 5/3/14, Chico, CA

**Tiger Cubs**

Leah (Shelton) ’07 BUS and Matthew Paul ’06 BUS, a son, Matthew David, 8/23/14, San Jose, CA — 7
Fabiola (Cornejo) ’04 ENG and Kevin Rogers, a son, Alexander Rogers, 10/18/14, Salida, CA — 8
He is welcomed by big sister, Julia (3).
Melanie (Badinski) ’03 SIS and David Arvonio, a daughter, Vivian Louise, 3/23/14, Gardena, CA — 9
Kathryn Kohut ’97 SIS and Rafael Rivera, a daughter, Karina Zoelle, 3/19/14, Pacific, CA — 10
Breanne (Macbeth) ’00 BUS, ’01 BUS and Aaron Beseda, a son, Everett Graham, 9/17/14, Lodi, CA — 11
He is welcomed by big brother Lucas (3).

Lissa (Jones) ’98 EDU and James Morgan, a daughter, Emerly Kate, 6/17/14, Lincoln, CA — 12
Julie Anne (Almeria) ’03 COP ’06 PHS and Chris Grantham, a son, Avery James, 3/31/14, San Jose, CA — 13
Erica (Reynolds) ’01 and Aaron Woliczko ’97 COP, a son, Patrick Gunnar, 10/27/14, Watsonville, CA — 14
Kimberlee (Craig) ’08 COP and Cameron Heberle, a son, Luke Ronald, 10/30/14, Lodi, CA — 15
Rosa and Marco Montes ’13 COP, a daughter, Mia Garibay, 5/22/14, Stockton, CA — 16
Laura (Nieman) ’08 PHS and Wesley Miles Holland ’06 EDU, a son, Kellen Levi, 8/15/14, San Diego, CA — 17
She is welcomed by big brothers, Abram (4) and Maximilian (2), and big sister, Gianna (4).
Jacqueline Preciado ’13, a son, Martin De La Paz III, 7/17/14, Stockton, CA — 18
Paul ’05 COP and Linda (Phin) Sloup ’05 EDU, ’07 EDU, a son, Grant Piseth, 3/21/14, Moreno Valley, CA — 19
He is welcomed by big brother Nathaniel (4).
Bassel Mardini ’99 COP, a son, Malek Dean, 10/8/14, San Jose, CA
Nisha (Saini) ’09 PHS and Jitesh Zala ’08 PHS, a daughter, Alina Zala, 7/19/14, Huntington Beach, CA

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Steven D. Strauss ‘92 LAW, Portland, OR, gave the keynote address at the Delaware State Chamber of Commerce’s 2014 Marvin S. Gilman Superstars in Business awards luncheon in November 2014. Strauss is a small business expert, syndicated columnist for the “Ask an Expert” column in USA Today and author of The Small Business Bible.

Matt Castle ‘93 MUS, Astoria, NY, is the music director in the off-Broadway production of the Tony Award-winning musical Into the Woods by Stephen Sondheim and James Lapin. The Roundabout Theatre Company presentation opened officially at the Laura Pels Theatre in New York City in January.

Leigh Korn ‘95 MUS, Oakland, CA, released a new CD called Shabbat at Isaiah. The 14 tracks on the album include a mix of traditional and contemporary Jewish liturgical songs. Korn is the cantor for Lafayette’s Temple Isaiah.

Jorge Ayala ‘96 EDU, Woodland, CA, retired as superintendent of schools for Yolo County Office of Education where he has served for the past 16 years. He was recently honored by the Yolo County Board of Supervisors and the Yolo County Board of Education for his achievements. Ayala was the first elected Latino superintendent of schools in the state of California. His career in education spanned more than 41 years, including serving as an elementary, middle and high school teacher in both private and public schools and as an education administrator.

Aaron Wolickzo ‘97 COP, Watsonville, CA, was named associate commissioner for men’s basketball and sports administration for the West Coast Conference. Wolickzo will manage the day-to-day operations for men’s basketball and will also serve as a sport administrator for other WCC sports. In addition, Wolickzo has been tasked with developing the national profile of WCC men’s basketball and other sports.

Timothy H. Irons ‘97 LAW, Honolulu, HI, joined the firm of Alston Hunt Floyd & Ing in Honolulu, HI, as an attorney of counsel. Irons is a commercial litigator with a focus on land use and environmental litigation.

Robert Humphreys, Jr. ‘97 BUS, Stockton, CA, was selected unanimously by the Board of Trustees as the fourth president of Humphreys College in Stockton and will assume the presidency in July 2015. He has been with the college since 2003. Prior to joining the college, he was a senior financial analyst at several technology companies in the San Francisco and San Diego areas. At Humphreys, he has developed new education programs, overseen the implementation of a new financial system, and taught multiple classes.

Kendra Wilds York ‘98 LAW, Indianapolis, IN, was named one of the 2015 Women of Influence by the Indiana Business Journal. York has been the finance director for the state of Indiana since 2009. Her challenges have included keeping the Interstate 69 extension project going and helping fund the Ohio River Bridges Project, a $2.3 billion effort that will add two bridges connecting Kentucky and Indiana.

James Michael Davis ‘98 LAW, Pasadena, CA, retired with the rank of Commander from the U.S. Navy in December 2014. He completed 28 years of combined active and reserve time. He spent all of 2013 recalled to active duty at U.S. Naval Forces Central Command in Manama, Bahrain. At retirement he was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal in recognition of his service.

Diana (Rose) Brennan ‘01 COP, Benicia, CA was promoted to vice president of media & community relations at Sonoma Raceway. In her new position, Brennan will oversee all media events and communications, as well as the facility’s community initiatives and the Sonoma chapter of Speedway Children’s Charities. Brennan has worked full-time in the media relations department at Sonoma Raceway since 2001, most recently as senior director of media and community relations.

Daniel Flores ‘01 LAW, San Francisco, CA, was elected as a judge in the San Francisco Superior Court and began his term on January 15. Flores is the first in his family to graduate college. Since starting his own practice in 2005, he has received numerous accolades including, Super Lawyer 2013 and Rising Star 2009-2011, among others. He is in his fourth term as a board member of the San Francisco La Raza Lawyers Association — the largest Latino Bar in the Greater San Francisco Bay.

Pance Zaev ‘01 MUS, Strumica, Macedonia, performed a clarinet recital in Thorley Recital Hall at Southern Utah University in October 2014. He also had a solo performance at the Midwest Clarifest at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where he is a doctoral candidate. He is a member of the Huntington Trio and performs with the Lincoln Symphony Orchestra and the Lincoln Municipal Band.

Ryan Jurva-kainen ‘02 BUS, Longview, WA, was elected Cowlitz County prosecutor. He has been an attorney in the county public defender’s office for the past six years.

Monica Hans ‘03 LAW, Sacramento, CA, was just promoted to partner at Delfino Madden.

Moses Zapien ‘03 COP, Stockton, CA, was sworn in as 75th President of the San Joaquin County Bar Association in November. Zapien will be the first Latino to serve as president of the San Joaquin County Bar Association. He is an associate with the Sacramento law firm of Oh and Choi, where he practices immigration and business law. He also serves on the Stockton City Council.

Nate Schofield ‘05 MUS, ‘09 EDU, Los Altos, CA, has been hired as pastor of music and worship at Bridges Community Church in Los Altos. He will oversee the church’s music and worship ministries and lead worship for one of the Sunday morning services. Schofield previously served at West Valley Presbyterian Church in Cupertino, SouthWinds Church in Tracy and Delta Community Presbyterian Church in Discovery Bay.
Bradley Schultz ’06 BUS, Los Angeles, CA, appeared on Shark Tank with his Beatbox Beverages partners, who received a $1 million offer from Mark Cuban.

Joe Brennan ’06 BUS, Iowa City, IA, is now vice president of strategic communication at the University of Iowa.

Tiffany Lynn Andrews ’06 LAW, Fairfield, CA, was selected to Super Lawyers 2014 California Rising Stars list. She practices in family law and specializes in child welfare law in several counties in the region. In her spare time, she enjoys the beach, camping and spending time with her family.

Sheryl (Itamura) Shimokawa ’06 PHS, Kailua, HI, was promoted to director of pharmacy for Kaiser Permanente Hawaii. In her new role, Shimokawa will manage inpatient pharmacy, IV sterile compounding services, home infusion and oncology pharmacy services. She is a board-certified pharmacotherapy specialist.

Harrison Inefuku ’07, Ames, Iowa, was hired as the digital repository coordinator at Iowa State University, which maintains the free online library containing all of ISU’s research. Under his leadership, more than 33,000 pieces of scholarship have been digitized and made available to the public through online access. He was recognized as one of the Des Moines Register’s 15 People to Watch in 2015 for these accomplishments.

Dino Vincente Zanini ’08 COP, Charleston, SC, is a Navy Petty Officer 1st Class stationed in Charleston for the Nuclear Prototype Program. He was sworn in on July 8, 2008, after graduation from Pacific. He was stationed on the USS Nimitz February 2010 to July 2014, where he was deployed to Syria from March to December 2013.

Mallori Gibson ’09 COP, Stockton, CA, was hired as head coach of the women’s volleyball program at California State University, Stanislaus, in Turlock, CA. She spent the previous four seasons as assistant coach at Fresno State University. She married Joey Rossi, assistant director of athletic performance at Pacific, this past summer.

Adam Beckman ’09 BUS, Lodi, CA, was promoted to commercial loan officer at the Oakdale office of Oak Valley Community Bank. In his new role, he will be driving business development, managing loan portfolios, as well as being involved in SBA lending and underwriting.

Kaitlyn Saberin ’10 LAW and Elizabeth Jackson ’10 LAW were hired as associates at Delfino Madden.

Candelaria (Cuestas) Vargas ’10 COP, Stockton, CA, was a recipient of the 2014 Adelita award, which honors local San Joaquin County Latinas who have shown great courage, strength and perseverance in their lives. She is a regional field director for Representative Jerry McNerney and is working on her master’s degree in public administration at California State University, Stanislaus.

Mallory (Groppe) Mertz ’11 PHS, Lodi, CA, was recognized with an Outstanding Publication Award for her article “Passive Stretching and its Effect on Spasticity and Range of Motion in Children with Cerebral Palsy: A Systematic Review,” which appeared in the May 2012 edition of the Journal of Physical Therapy Student Research.

Megan Ventura ’11 COP, Gustine, CA, has purchased The Body Shop gym in her hometown of Gustine. She plans to add rehabilitation/physical therapy services as well. Ventura has worked as a trainer with people from all walks of life, including professional athletes.

Jasmine Jordan ’12 BUS, Los Angeles, CA, released her debut EP, Time Travel, in January 2015. While at Pacific, Jordan fronted the campus band Sugar Water Purple. The Lacey, WA, native is a rising songwriter and has been named by urban tastemakers including DJ Booth.net, Singersroom.com, and others as an emerging artist to watch. Visit her website JasmineJordanMusic.com.

Dave Creel ’12 MUS, Los Angeles, CA is the founder of Chieftain Artists, a boutique artist management company. He advises and promotes a select roster of artists, many of whom he met or began working with during his time at Pacific.

Jennifer K. Phan ’13 PHD, Sunnyvale, CA, was a recipient of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) Foundation Student Research Award for her research “Effect of Caffeinated Versus Noncaffeinated Energy Drinks on Central Blood Pressures,” which was published in Pharmacotherapy: The Journal of Human Pharmacology and Drug Therapy. She was recognized at the ASHP mid-year meeting in December.

Jonathan Benefield ’13 DEN, Grand Junction, CO, has joined the practice of Grand Dental PC, a comprehensive dental clinic in Grand Junction. Benefield is in practice with his brother, Eric Benefield ’03 DEN.

Chan Saechao ’13 COP, Stockton, CA, was sworn in as a deputy in the San Joaquin County Sheriff’s Department in February. Saechao graduated from the San Joaquin County Sheriff’s Academy in 2006 and previously worked for the Office of Public Safety at University of the Pacific.

Charlane Starks ’14 EDU, Elk Grove, CA, was the recipient of the Outstanding Dissertation Award from the California Council on Teaching Education (CCTE) for her dissertation, “Perceptions and understandings of teachers working in MLK Street Neighborhood Schools.”

Sarah Wong ’14 COP, Modesto, CA, is featured on the poster for the national Phi Kappa Phi honor society. The poster is sent to all 300 chapters of Phi Kappa Phi in the United States and the Philippines. At Pacific, Wong was a Powell Scholar and the winner of the Goldwater and Phi Kappa Phi awards. She is pursing dual DDS and PhD degrees at UC San Francisco.

Jake Weaver ’14 LAW, Sacramento, CA, has joined the Downey Brand litigation law practice.

Daniel Fenn ’14 DEN, Vandalia, MO, has joined the Gentle Healthy Smiles dentist office in Vandalia, MO.

Elise M. Sisson ’14 LAW, Linden, CA, has joined the Stockton law firm of Neumiller & Beardslee as an associate attorney.

Joshua P. Hunsucker ’14 LAW, Stockton, CA, has joined the Stockton law firm of Neumiller & Beardslee as an associate attorney.
Al Irwin ‘42 COP
1918–2014

Distinguished alumnus Al Irwin ‘42 died on Dec. 22 at the age of 96.

Born in Fresno, Irwin grew up in Newport Beach. He began a 70-year career of volunteer service when he participated in a beach rescue near the Newport Pier at age 15. A recognized influential leader in water safety, he trained thousands of lifeguards, firefighters and police officers in water rescue, including being invited by Jacques Cousteau to train police officers at the renowned oceanographer’s dive center in Southern France.

The first in his family to go to college, he received a football scholarship to Pacific, where he played under legendary coach Amos Alonzo Stagg. He met his late wife, Lois Bugbee ‘42, at Pacific. Their daughter, Marcia (Irwin) Maze ‘69, graduated from the Gladys L. Benerd School of Education.

In the Navy during World War I, he supervised swim programs for the Great Lakes Naval Training Center in Illinois and did a tour in the South Pacific. Irwin would go on to coach swimming and water polo at UC Irvine, eventually becoming assistant athletic director at UCI. In 2013 UCI dedicated the Al Irwin Academic Center in his honor, and he was inducted into the inaugural class of the Newport Harbor High School Hall of Fame in May 2014.

The Irwins gave back to Pacific through two endowed scholarships in education and athletics. He was awarded Pacific Athletics’ Amos Alonzo Stagg Award for 2003-04 and received the Pacific Alumni Association Distinguished Alumni Award for Volunteer Service in 2010.

Paul Williams ’74
Professor emeritus, Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
1949–2014

Paul Williams ’74, PharmD, passed away on Dec. 16 at the age of 65. He retired from Pacific last year, having served as a faculty member since 1982.

During his 31-year tenure, Williams achieved a stature of excellence in his field and demonstrated teaching excellence, which resulted in him being chosen Runner-Up Teacher of the Year by the Class of 1991, selected as Teacher of the Year by the following class, and the recipient of the University Faculty Research Lecture Award in 2006.

Williams’s work has been extensively cited—including a paper cited by the Food and Drug Administration—and forms the foundation for much of the current knowledge, education and research in the area of population pharmacokinetics.

He was also a noted reviewer and editorial board member for journals such as The Annals of Pharmacotherapy, Pharmacotherapy and Clinical Pharmacokinetics and was very active in professional organizations. He was a Fellow of the American College of Clinical Pharmacology and the American College of Clinical Pharmacy.

Jerry Post
Professor,
Eberhardt School of Business
1955–2014

Gerald V. Post, professor of management information systems, died suddenly on Oct. 20 in his Weber Hall office.

Born in Chippewa Falls, Iowa, he graduated from Iowa State University, Ames, with his PhD in Economics. He taught at Oakland University in Michigan and Western Kentucky University prior to coming to Pacific in 1999.

He was an expert in database management systems and evaluation of systems and development. His research focused on evaluation of information systems, computer purchasing strategies and systems development and has been published widely in scholarly journals.


Post was well respected by his students and dedicated many hours to working with and mentoring them on their class projects. Known as a challenging professor, he was committed to preparing students for success in their careers. He was a pioneer in utilizing multi-touch systems in the classroom to improve student learning.
Donald H. Wollett
Emeritus,
McGeorge School of Law
1919–2014

Donald Howard Wollett died on Sept. 23, at his residence in Freeland, Wash., at age 95. He was born in 1919, in Muscatine, Iowa, and grew up in Peoria, Ill.

Wollett’s rich professional history included practicing and teaching law and arbitrating labor disputes between unions and employers. He taught at McGeorge School of Law from 1978 until he retired in 1990. In the 1980s, Wollett served as a salary arbitrator, resolving salary disputes between baseball clubs and players.

He co-started the Arthur Garfield Hays Civil Liberties Program to identify and report on constitutional violations throughout the country and was a leader in bringing bargaining rights to public school teachers in the 1960s and 70s as an attorney for the National Education Association. His book, *The Law and Practice of Teacher Negotiations* (1970), is still referenced today. He also served as State Director of Employee Relations in New York before joining the faculty at McGeorge School of Law.

Wollett arbitrated more than 3,000 cases and was known for fair and friendly hearings and well-reasoned decisions.

In retirement, he wrote *Getting on Base: Unionism in Baseball* (2008), based on his love of baseball and his time as a salary arbitrator and advocate, and completed his autobiography, *Dog Law* (2013), with co-author Susan Crowell.

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Paul Davies Jr.
Regent Emeritus
1930–2014

Regent Emeritus Paul Lewis Davies Jr., who served on the board for 31 years, died Nov. 19 at age 84.

Davies was born in San Jose in 1930, and was educated at Stanford and Harvard universities. He became a partner in the firm of Pillsbury, Madison and Sutro in San Francisco and later served as general counsel for Chevron Corporation and as a director of the family business, FMC Corporation. He was also deeply engaged in the community, serving on the boards of numerous organizations, including the Hoover Institution and the California Academy of Sciences.

A generous donor and supporter of the University, he was inducted into Pacific’s Gallery of Benefactors, and in 1964 was awarded an honorary doctorate. His late wife, Barbara Bechtel Davies ’79, received her master’s degree in medicinal chemistry from the College of the Pacific. The Davies’ gift helped establish Pacific’s Bechtel International Center.

Davies was the son of Faith Crummey Davies ’26, a College of the Pacific alumna who served as a Regent from 1941 to 1980. Pacific’s Faith Davies All-University Leadership Awards honor her. Faith and Paul Davies Sr. are also recognized in the University’s Gallery of Benefactors for their generosity to Pacific.

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Charles Bloom ’43
Former Regent
1922–2014

Charles Bloom ’43, a former Pacific Regent and staunch University supporter, died Tuesday, Dec. 2, at the age of 92. Born in San Francisco in 1922, Bloom was raised in Stockton and attended College of the Pacific where he met his late wife Carolyn (Williams) Bloom ’49.

A prominent Stockton businessman, Bloom retired from CHB Investment Company; previously he had been chairman of Bloom Construction Company.

The Blooms were generous supporters of Pacific over the years and were inducted into the Gallery of Benefactors in 2004. Bloom was an inaugural member of the 1851 Society, which recognizes the University’s most generous donors. The Blooms’ contributions supported the Charles and Carolyn Bloom Student Services Center in the Eberhardt School of Business, the John T. Chambers Technology Center and the Charles and Carolyn Bloom Endowed Engineering and Business Scholarships.

The Blooms’ three sons—Gary ’75, Bruce and Ronald—all preceded them in death. Three of the Blooms’ grandchildren, Scott ’10, ’11, Kristen ’11, ’13, and Bruce ’14, also graduated from Pacific.

Bloom led the Half-Century Club processional at the 2013 Commencement ceremonies accompanied by his granddaughter Kristen, who graduated that year with her master’s degree from the Gladys L. Benerd School of Education.

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Pat Atchley
Former Pacific First Lady
1934–2014

Patsy Limbaugh Atchley, wife of former University of the Pacific President Bill Atchley, passed away on Oct. 8 at the age of 80.

The Greenville, SC, resident was born in 1934, in Bloomfield, Mo., and attended Miss Hicky’s secretarial school in St. Louis. Upon graduation, she went to work for the FBI in St. Louis.

She married Bill Atchley in 1954 and moved to Rolfa, Mo., where her husband worked at the University of Missouri. Most of her adult life was spent as the First Lady of Clemson University (1979–1985); University of the Pacific (1987–1995); and South East Missouri State University, Cape Girardeau, Mo. (1998–1999).

Throughout her life, she was an active community volunteer in various nonprofits, and more recently was an active participant with the local hospice of Murrells Inlet, SC. She was known to her many friends and family as a woman of strong character with a big personality.

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Editor’s Note:
Edward “Eddie” Le Baron Jr. ’50

At press time, we learned of the passing of Edward “Eddie” Le Baron Jr.. Read more about this football legend in the next Pacific Review.
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