Alicia Jay ’03, ’04
She’s got TallSWAG

Alicia Jay ’03, ’04 COP (Alicia J. Smith) is a style blogger, part-time model, emerging business owner, and key player on the Game Experience team for the 2015 NBA Champion Golden State Warriors. She proudly stands six foot six, exuding the confidence that inspires others to embrace their own uniqueness (and maybe rock those six-inch heels they’ve been dreaming about).

But it wasn’t always easy for her to be tall. As a teen, Jay’s height brought on bullying, low self-esteem and bouts of depression. Focusing on her love of basketball, she poured her heart into practice to build superior athletic skills (which she learned are not guaranteed by her slam-dunk stature). Things started to change when she earned a full-ride basketball scholarship to Pacific, where she found a community that supported her.

“I grew out of my awkward stage, found my voice and embraced my uniqueness,” she writes on her blog, TallSWAG.com. “I picked up all of the pieces and built an amazing me.”

Using her newfound confidence and basketball passion, she landed a role as Senior Manager of Game Experience for the Golden State Warriors, directing the Warriors TV pregame show and managing home game entertainment activities. Jay loves her job, but her number one passion is helping others express their true selves through style.

She started TallSWAG in 2012 as a space for vertically gifted women to vent their fashion frustrations and find pieces to fit their own tall style—be it edgy, classic, sporty, girly or, like Jay, something in between. Today, the site serves as a resource for women of all heights. TallSWAG.com empowers women to rise head and shoulders above their personal insecurities and accept who they are through style. Jay challenges women to be confident. “Put on the ring you want to wear, put on the pants you want to wear, put that shirt on and be you—100 percent,” she said in a recent interview with Diablo magazine.

Recently she shot a pilot for Lifetime television called The Tallest Virgin in the World, also the title of her forthcoming book about the real life of a tall, single virgin (Jay says she is saving herself for marriage).

With Jay for inspiration, there’s plenty of reason for her followers to stand tall.

—Emily Olson ’16 COP
Greetings, Fellow Alumni and Friends

Summer is a wonderful time to reflect on the memory of recent, and not so recent, commencements. With the newly minted degree holders, the ranks of Pacific alumni have now topped 61,000 worldwide. The Tigers of 2015 have a bright future, and will rely upon our alumni network to assist them in locating employment opportunities. As alumni, we can significantly impact the process by listing available jobs with Pacific’s Career Resource Center at go.Pacific.edu/Employers and helping them secure positions.

The grains of the time of my alumni board presidency have slipped through to the end. What a fabulous year I’ve had! The opportunity to meet, engage, enjoy and learn from my fellow alumni was unrivaled. Being able to lead a great Board of Directors to further engage you, our alumni, was terrific. I would be remiss if I didn’t include the brilliant faculty, administration and dozens of dazzling students (no hyperbole) as additional benefits of my tenure.

It was an honor to speak on your behalf inside and outside the University. This proved to be the most rewarding. Thank you.

Jennifer Svihus ’87 has officially taken the gavel as president of the Pacific Alumni Association. She did an outstanding job as vice president, and previously as a director. Congratulations, Ms. President!

In closing, the alumni are the legacy of a university. You are Pacific’s greatest asset and foundation for its future. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to visit us on the web, Facebook and LinkedIn for information on alumni activities and events, no matter where you may be. Please continue to stay connected to alumni and friends.

My distinguished colleagues on the board and the alumni relations staff are enthusiastically committed to promoting exciting activities and events, no matter where you may be. Please continue to visit us on the web, Facebook and LinkedIn for information on future alumni activities.

I look forward to serving alongside each of you to enrich our ongoing Pacific experience. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your next alumni board president.

Jennifer Banks Svihus ’87 COP
2015–16 President, Pacific Alumni Association

Meet our new Director of Alumni Relations

Polly Crabtree joined the Pacific alumni team in April. She comes to Pacific with 15 years of higher education experience with her alma mater, Cal State Chico. Prior to working for Chico State, Crabtree worked for many years in retail management.

Meet Jennifer Svihus ’87
2015–2016 Pacific Alumni Association Board President

I’m honored to introduce myself as the incoming 2015–2016 president of the Pacific Alumni Association Board of Directors, and am always happy to be a part of the College of the Pacific class of 1987. My Pacific education has afforded me a unique career in philanthropy, and I am thrilled to give back to the institution that started my journey. A Carmel native, I now work as the Vice President for Philanthropy at Sutter Health, and reside with my husband, Jeffery, in Ripon.

I would like to thank Franz Vaiarello ’74 for his amazing tenure as president. I have big shoes to fill, and I will do my best to emulate his passion for service to the University.

The Pacific Alumni Association Board of Directors continues to be the active voice of Pacific alumni, providing leadership input to the administration and ongoing engagement with current staff and students. We are proud to celebrate the achievements of our alumni, and look forward to welcoming you back to campus this fall for Homecoming, October 16–18.

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2015–16 President, Pacific Alumni Association
GET CONNECTED

Clubs Corner

“New” East Bay Alumni Pacific Club
More than 50 East Bay Area alumni gathered at the Castlewood Country Club in Pleasanton on May 20. Steering Committee Chair Brad LeDu ’77 COP, ’79 LAW welcomed guests at this inaugural event for the newly reorganized Pacific East Bay Alumni Club.

San Diego Alumni Pacific Club
Alumni mixed and mingled at a pregame reception on the beautiful La Gran Terraza Terrace overlooking University of San Diego and then cheered on the Pacific Men’s Baseball team vs. the USD Toreros in April.

“New” East Bay Alumni Pacific Club

Hawaii Alumni Pacific Club
Alumni met up at the Outrigger Canoe Club in May for an evening of professional networking hosted by Pacific alumnus Hans Chun ’03, ’05 COP, ’08 EDU. The evening was so successful it will become an annual event.

South Bay Alumni Pacific Club
Brubeck Institute Executive Director Simon Rowe discussed trends in the music industry with 25 alumni and friends at an April event at Vino Locale in Palo Alto. In honor of “Earth Day,” attendees enjoyed organic wine from Pacific alumnus and wine vintner Brad Loos ’86 COP.

Sacramento Alumni Pacific Club
(Below) Midtown Sacramento was the meetup spot for an after-work mixer in May at Hook and Ladder Manufacturing Co. Danyelle Norman ’09 COP welcomed guests to the event.

On Father’s Day weekend, alumni headed to Raley Field for a pregame mixer followed by an exciting evening of baseball under the stars. After the game, attendees watched a fireworks display in honor of first responders.
**Upcoming Club Events**

We hope to see you soon at an alumni club event!

- **August 8**
  - **Chardonnay Cruise (Monterey Bay)**
  
  Enjoy an exclusive “Pacific Tiger-themed” cruise on the Chardonnay II

- **August 22**
  - **Stockton Pride Festival (PRIDE Alumni)**

- **September 26**
  - **Knowland Park Picnic (East Bay)**
  - **Intergenerational Tea (All affinity clubs)** (Stockton—Grace Covell Hall)

More information and registration online: PacificAlumni.org/Events

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**Black Alumni Pacific Club**

Graduating seniors and graduate students enjoyed an afternoon reception and presentation in May at the Veschagin Alumni House hosted by the Black Alumni Pacific Club. Chinwe Ohanele ’10 COP was the keynote speaker, and Ashley Patterson ’06 SIS, ’10 EDU served as master of ceremonies. Graduates received a multicolored kente stole to wear at Commencement.

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**Latino Alumni Pacific Club**

Zachary Contreras ’88 PHS gave the keynote speech at this year’s Latino Graduation Ceremony in May. Dozens of graduates received stoles to wear at Commencement, and individual students were chosen by their peers to receive awards for their academic, cocurricular and community service activities. Debi Estrada ’80 MUS gave closing remarks.

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**PRIDE Alumni Club**

The annual Lavender Graduation in May featured keynote speaker McGeorge School of Law Professor Larry Levine. A large crowd of guests celebrated with the graduates as they received purple roses, certificates and rainbow tassels in honor of their achievements. Eric Dingler ’87 ESB is an underwriter and supporter of this annual tradition.

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**Call for Pacific Club Volunteers**

For San Joaquin and San Francisco

The Pacific Alumni Association is looking for alumni volunteers to help reinvigorate our San Joaquin and San Francisco area clubs. Volunteers provide vital planning services for programs and activities that engage our extended Tiger family.

We have active regional clubs in the South Bay, East Bay and Sacramento, and our affinity groups have completed a very busy spring. However, we would like to see more opportunities for our San Francisco and San Joaquin area alumni to reconnect. If you live or work in one of these areas, then we are talking to you!

Volunteers make all of these activities possible, and right now, we need your help. Live outside the San Francisco and San Joaquin area, but still want to help? We always need volunteers for all of our regional and affinity clubs.

Please fill out our Volunteer Interest Form: PacificAlumni.org/Club_Volunteer.
GET CONNECTED

**Discovery Project**

**Students Want to Hear from You!**

Fourteen Pacific students have spent the summer calling alumni for informational interviews about their Pacific experience as part of "The Alumni Discovery Project." More than 200 alumni have already been interviewed for the project. These students want to talk to you about your time on campus and how it has impacted your life in the years after. If there are ways you’d like to reconnect with Pacific, they want to hear about that, too.

Our students look forward to chatting with you and helping tell your Pacific story. You can find out more about each of our Student Engagement Representatives at PacificAlumni.org/Discovery

“I’m looking forward to speaking with you and sharing our Pacific Pride!”

Natalie Marr ’18 COP, English, member of Alpha Phi

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**Save the Date**

**FACULTY MENTOR AWARDS BRUNCH**

Recognizing Pacific faculty members for their exceptional achievements and lifelong mentoring of students and alumni

10:30 am
Sunday, November 8, 2015
Alex & Jeri Vereschagin
Alumni House

This year’s award recipients are

**James Hetrick**
Professor and Chair of Physics
College of the Pacific
Co-director of Engineering Physics
School of Engineering and Computer Science

**Antonio Serna ‘90 EDU**
Assistant Professor of Educational Administration and Leadership
Gladys L. Benerd School of Education

**Connor Sutton ’61 COP**
Professor Emeritus of Health, Exercise and Sport Sciences
College of the Pacific

To receive an invitation, please call 866.575.7229.
**Upcoming**

### 2015 Trips

**Peru**
**Nov. 9–17, 2015**
This 12-day adventure takes you to the sites of Lima, Cusco, Puerto Maldanado, the Tambopata National Reserve and Machu Picchu.

**Dubrovnik to Rome**
**Sept. 24–Oct. 1, 2016**
Tradition and rich history greet you as you take in stunning seascapes and quaint medieval towns from Dubrovnik to Rome.

**Australia**
**Jan. 18–30, 2016**
Discover the land down under from a riverboat cruise through Daintree, snorkel the Great Barrier Reef, and take in the spectacular views of Melbourne, Sydney and Canberra.

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For more information:
Contact Kelli (Williams) Page ’87
866.575.7229 (toll-free)
kpage@pacific.edu

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**Roaming Tigers**
**Showing Pacific Pride around the World**
Have a Roaming Tiger photo to share? Send to pacificalumni@pacific.edu.

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Tiger Archites spent three days in Mendocino last May at the Little River Inn.
(l. to r.): Front Row: Don Osborn ’59, Jon Colton ’59 and and wife Charlene. 2nd Row: Doug Keller ’60, Stan Emerson ’58, Ed Christenson ’59, Robert Webster ’59. 3rd Row: Jerold Gritz ’59, Dottie (Busher) Carpenter ’60, Janet Webster. 4th Row: Dick ’59 and Sue (Talbot) ’61 Easterbrook, Mel McKinney ’60, Kit Carpenter ’58, Dick Crane ’59 and Ron Heigreson.

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Tigers in Greece (l. to r.) Pamela Wong ’12, Emma Serianni ’10 and Megan Dias ’12,
HOMECOMING
REUNIONS 2015

Come back to campus on October 16–18, 2015

Reunite with friends and meet classmates you might not have known at the Champagne Brunch on Saturday and other special anniversary celebrations throughout the weekend.

Anniversaries
Alpha Kappa Lambda — 60th
Gamma Alpha Omega — 10th
Mechanical Engineering Program — 30th
Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences — 60th

Reunions
Class of 2005 — 10th
Class of 1990 — 25th
Class of 1985 — 30th
Class of 1975 — 40th
Delta Delta Delta

This is your year. Create a reunion experience that is right for you at pacificalumni.org/reunions
Commencement 2015

University of the Pacific conferred more than 2,000 degrees during four commencement ceremonies in three cities beginning with the all-University Commencement ceremony on May 9. The graduating class of 2015 includes 198 new attorneys, 201 new pharmacists, 200 new dentists and dental hygienists, more than 600 liberal arts and business majors, and more than 230 new engineers and computer scientists.

“I am extremely proud of this year’s class of outstanding Pacific graduates,” said President Pamela Eibeck. “These students have worked hard to prepare for leadership in their careers and in their lives. They’ve been mentored by some of the most brilliant and dedicated faculty anywhere, and I am excited for them to go make their impact on the world.”

Stockton

The honorable Morrison C. England Jr. ’77, ’83, Chief Judge of the United States District Court of the Eastern District of California, gave the keynote address for the all-University Commencement Ceremony on May 9 in the Alex G. Spanos Center.

San Francisco

Dr. Jennifer Tung, DDS

Class of 2015, congratulates her cohort of new dental professionals as valedictorian for the Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry Commencement ceremonies on June 14 at the Masonic Auditorium.

Rose Walk—Class of 1965

The Class of 1965 joined the memorial rose walk led by Tom ’56 and Patricia (White) ’50 Sprague. Congratulations to the Class of 1965, which is on its way to having the largest endowed class scholarship. Just shy of their 50th reunion fundraising goal, their endowment will soon be an impressive $280,000 thanks to the Powell Match.

Sacramento

Dr. Sandra R. Hernández, president and CEO of the California HealthCare Foundation, gave the commencement address to graduates of the Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences on May 16.

Stockton

The Honorable Daniel A. Flores ’01 of the San Francisco Superior Court delivered the Commencement address at the graduation ceremony for McGeorge School of Law on May 16 at Sacramento’s Memorial Auditorium.
ON SCHEDULE

Convocation and Tiger Roar
August 22
Beloved tradition welcoming new students to Pacific

16th Orange and Black Ball
August 22
Supporting scholarships for Pacific scholar-athletes

Brundibár – a children’s opera
October 10
Pacific Opera Theatre with holocaust survivor Ela Weissberger

Pacific Music Business Symposium
October 12
“Sweden’s Impact on the Global Music And Entertainment Industry”

Kids in the Klinic Golf Classic
October 26
Supporting children’s oral health

Guest artist Andreas Klein
November 1
Performance by this world renowned German concert pianist

Brubeck Festival
October 16–17
Featured performances by the Pacific Mambo Orchestra, Karrin Allyson and the SF Jazz Collective
BrubeckInstitute.org

Homecoming 2015!
October 16–18
Come home to Pacific for exciting reunions and events
Pacific.edu/Homecoming

Advancing Women’s Leadership Forum
October 23
With featured keynote speaker U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor
Along with Amy Purdy, 2014 Paralympic bronze medalist, and Connie Rishwain ’79, President, UGG and Fashion and Lifestyle Brands
go.Pacific.edu/AWL

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Calendar.Pacific.edu