For the past five years, the University has been preparing for and undergoing reaccreditation with the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). WASC is one of six regional accrediting commissions in the United States that are responsible for the evaluation of the quality and effectiveness of colleges and universities.

In July, President Eibeck announced that WASC had reaffirmed University of the Pacific’s accreditation through 2019, finding the University in compliance with Commission Standards. The commission expressed appreciation for Pacific’s extensive work in preparing for and supporting the accreditation process. Items identified for further development were strengthening systems of assessment and program review; enhancing initiatives geared toward student success and diversity; and establishing faculty workload guidelines. An interim progress report is due in spring 2015.

Special thanks go to Accreditation Liaison Officer Provost Maria Pallavicini and Professor Brian Klunk, who led the University’s WASC reaccreditation team for the past four years, as well as members of the Core Steering Committee and the many individuals in the University community for their efforts and shared commitment.

For more information on WASC, visit the Provost’s Institutional Effectiveness website at go.Pacific.edu/InstEffectiveness.

G. Burnham “Burnie” Atterbury took the helm as the new Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations in September.

Previously, Atterbury was associate vice president for development at the University of San Francisco, responsible for major and planned giving, research and stewardship. In 2011–12, he also served as interim vice president for Development, where he presided over dramatic improvements in major giving and annual giving.

A highly respected professional with deep experience and vision for higher education fundraising, Atterbury also has extensive experience in the corporate world. He held positions in business development, marketing and sales with SBC Telecom Inc.

Atterbury oversees all advancement functions at Pacific, including major gifts, planned giving, the Pacific Fund, corporation/foundation relations, the Pacific Alumni Association and advancement services.
Announcing Pacific 2020, the University’s New Strategic Plan

Pacific 2020, our blueprint for the future, is the result of more than a year of deep engagement by the entire Pacific family to plan the future of the University. It recognizes the changes happening in higher education and positions Pacific to take advantage of new opportunities that will enhance the superior education provided by the University.

Anticipating the changing needs and expectations of the next generation of students, building on the University’s strengths, and capitalizing on multiple locations in Northern California, Pacific 2020 prepares Pacific to be a leader in defining the future of superior, student-centered education.

To view the plan and an introductory video from President Eibeck, visit go.Pacific.edu/Pacific2020.

Alumni House Awarded LEED Gold

The Alex and Jeri Vereschagin Alumni House was awarded the U.S. Green Building Council’s LEED* Gold certification this summer, the second-highest green building standard in the nation. The honor is granted only to the most sustainable, cost-efficient and innovative architectural design projects. The Alumni House, which opened in August 2011, is the third new structure on the Stockton campus to receive LEED certification. The Don and Karen DeRosa University Center earned Silver certification and the John T. Chambers Technology Center received the University’s first Gold certification.

These certifications follow Pacific’s sustainability policy to build and renovate key buildings on campus to meet the highest sustainability standards and meet LEED certification for all building renovations over $1 million.

*The LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) rating system is a third-party certification program and the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction and operation of high-performance green buildings. The four rating levels are Certified, Silver, Gold and Platinum.
First University Day Celebrates a Legacy of Dedication and Generosity

Pacific’s growth, from its roots in the Methodist Church to the strong institution it is today, has been nurtured by a rich heritage.

Pacific’s past and bright future—and the leaders and donors who have been vitally important to its success—were celebrated at the first University Day on October 3.

Participants were treated to a range of presentations, including an address by President Eibeck and a discussion of the history of spirituality at Pacific. A panel of faculty and alumni, including Arthur Dugoni, dean emeritus of the Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry, also lent their expertise in a dialogue about Pacific’s future as a leader in health care delivery.

The event honored the inaugural members of Pacific’s new 1851 Society, consisting of benefactors who have given or pledged at least $1 million cumulatively to the University.

“The individuals and families we had the privilege to recognize at University Day have touched the lives of every student and faculty member at Pacific,” said Eibeck.

“Our donors have played a key role in so much of what makes this University remarkable,” she said.

Indeed, that’s been the case for Brianna Juhrend ‘13, a recipient of the Powell Scholarship, the University’s premier academic merit award established through an estate gift by Regent Jeannette Powell and her late husband, former Regent Robert Powell.

At the 1851 Society ceremony, Juhrend shared her long list of accomplishments, including a Boren Scholarship to study in St. Petersburg, Russia, and participating in the highly competitive Tahoe-Baikal Institute Summer Environmental Exchange.

“I can still remember lying on the kitchen floor of my parents’ home, hugging my invitation into the Powell Scholars program, and there was no question about which university offered me the best opportunities,” Juhrend, a civil engineering major, recalled.

Since that day, her successes at Pacific have led her to strive for the extremely competitive Rhodes, Mitchell and Marshall Scholarships.

“Being a Powell Scholar has meant there’s no turning back; there are no more limits. My deepest thanks go to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Powell for making it possible for me and all the Powell Scholars to find and follow our passions,” she told the 1851 Society inductees.

On January 1, the minimum amount to create a named endowment at Pacific will increase from $25,000 to $50,000.

Pacific will now join its peer institutions, many of whom already have endowment levels at $50,000 or $100,000.

As the cost of educating students rises, and as their financial needs increase, the need for your generous support of Pacific has never been greater.

For students like Brianna Juhrend and others, now is the time!

For information about creating a named endowment, please contact Burnie Atterbury, vice president for Development and Alumni Relations, at 209.932.2967.

go.Pacific.edu/Endow
Brubeck and Muir Collections Enhanced by Grants and Acquisitions

The University Library’s Special Collections was awarded a grant of nearly $9,000 from the GRAMMY Foundation to stabilize and digitize 49 highly endangered reel-to-reel tapes in the Brubeck Collection that offer unique, unreleased documentation of Dave Brubeck’s monumental contributions to jazz.

Dating from the 1950s to 1980s, they contain unreleased recordings of concert performances, rehearsals and jam sessions, such as a concert and after-hours jam session from Brubeck’s celebrated 1958 tour of Poland; a 1967 jam session with Burmese percussionist Palghat Raghu; and a 1970 concert in Central Park featuring Paul Desmond and Gerry Mulligan.

To honor John Muir’s 174th birthday, Special Collections announced the acquisition of a new collection of John Muir’s private correspondence containing 10 letters Muir penned to Mary Frances Kellogg from 1912 to 1914. Muir died on December 24, 1914, soon after the last of the letters was written. Kellogg was a family friend whose parents were early members of the Sierra Club with Muir. Several letters from Kellogg to Muir are among Pacific’s Muir Papers. Muir’s letters discuss his return from a trip to South America and Africa, his work on a book about his travels in Alaska, and the fight over the Hetch Hetchy dam, among other topics.

Previously in private hands, the letters were unknown to researchers until they came up for auction. The University’s Muir Collection contains approximately 70 percent of the world’s known materials written by the famed environmentalist. It is heavily used by scholars and authors and was featured in the Ken Burns film, The National Parks: America’s Best Idea.
Shine That LED Light

Pacific is looking a lot brighter these days, thanks to a team of students and Pacific employees. During the past two years, physical plant electricians have been methodically converting fixtures on the Stockton campus to modern, light-emitting diodes, or LEDs, which use a fraction of the energy that conventional light bulbs use.

Almost all the outside lights in the Quad area of campus and other lighting across the Stockton campus use the power-saving fixtures. The most recent change has been to the lights on the Wood Bridge, a vital pedestrian link between the north and central campus. The University plans to convert all exterior lights on campus to LEDs over the next five years.

In addition to using less power than conventional bulbs, LEDs last up to 12 years. School of Engineering and Computer Science professor Cherian Mathews and Class of ’13 electrical engineering students Jay Brink, Steve Brown and Michael Roberts, who studied the cost-effectiveness of the transformation, estimated the project will pay for itself in fewer than five years and will save the University more than $50,000 during the life of the LED fixtures.

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The DeltaFusion Festival, conceived and launched by Pacific theatre arts professor Cathie McClellan and visual arts professor Brett DeBoer last year, received a two-year, $70,000 grant from the James Irvine Foundation’s Exploring Engagement Fund. The grant is one of 20 awarded this year from an initial field of 150 proposals. McClellan and Joanna Albala, College of the Pacific director of research initiatives, who coproduced the 2012 festival, wrote the grant proposal.

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Pacific Students Receive Prestigious Fellowships

Pacific students are increasingly being selected for prestigious awards and fellowships. The 2011–12 school year was no exception.

Khatijah Corey ’13, a double major in international studies and Spanish, was one of only 20 students chosen as a Pickering Undergraduate Foreign Affairs Fellow by the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation. The fellowship includes grants of up to $40,000 during her senior year and first year of graduate school and two internships with the U.S. Department of State.

Nicolas Freeman ’12 and Julia Sasha Custer ’12 were selected for Fulbright grants to teach English in Russia this fall. Freeman double-majored in international affairs and commerce and Russian studies, and Custer majored in Russian studies with a minor in speech-language pathology.

Brianna Juhrend ’13 and Shannon Chapman ’13 received prestigious Department of Defense Boren Scholarships, which provide up to $20,000 for study in areas of the world deemed critical to U.S. security interests. Engineering major Brianna Juhrend studied in St. Petersburg, Russia, this summer. International studies major Shannon Chapman studied Twi, a native language of Ghana, in an intensive summer program in Florida and continues her studies in Ghana during this academic year.

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The Courage to Remember

The Reynolds’s Gallery exhibit, Courage to Remember, showcased historic photos based on the Holocaust exhibit of the Museum of Tolerance.
“Take 5” Revives Jazz in Stockton

Last spring, the Brubeck Institute partnered with Valley Brewing Company on the Miracle Mile to create a world-class jazz venue in Stockton, showcasing regional- and national-level artists along with the best University of the Pacific faculty and student musicians.

Called “Take 5,” the Thursday night jazz club hosted a 17-concert spring season that featured jazz icons Lewis Nash, Willie Akins and Debbie Duncan along with Pacific’s own Brubeck Institute Jazz Quintet, among others. The series also showcased the talents of the Simon Rowe Quartet and the Patrick Langham Group. The kickoff concert was held on February 14 and concerts continued through mid-May, including special jam sessions and concerts during the Brubeck Jazz Festival featuring festival guest artists.

Due to the popularity of “Take 5,” a summer series was introduced, including special sessions during the Brubeck Institute Summer Jazz Colony, featuring Christian Tamburr, Stefon Harris and others. This fall, Jazz at the Brew continues, with the addition of Tuesday night jam sessions with the Brubeck Institute Jazz Quintet.

“Take 5,” Revives Jazz in Stockton

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September 2

31st Annual Labor Day Pow-Wow
Pacific’s Native American Students Association cohosted the 31st annual Labor Day weekend event on the Stockton campus.

September 17

California Supreme Court Chief Justice
The Pacific Legal Scholars Program and the Jacoby Center for Public Service and Civic Leadership hosted a talk with Tani Cantil-Sakauye, chief justice of the California Supreme Court.
McGeorge Mediation Clinic Settling Things Peacefully

Pacific McGeorge’s new Housing Mediation Clinic is off to a fast start, providing much-needed services for low-income people and giving law students another path to practical legal experience.

The program is a partnership with the Sacramento Superior Court and Legal Services of Northern California. It is one of seven in California receiving funding under the Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Act. The clinic provides free housing mediation services for landlord/tenant disputes involving eviction notices where at least one party qualifies for pro bono representation. With the opportunity to gain hands-on mediation experience, students develop the skills necessary to successfully facilitate dispute resolutions.

Dan McElhinney ’13 and Matt Fisher ’13 took the Housing Mediation Clinic in its spring 2012 debut, and both experienced summer success mediating dispute resolutions. McElhinney worked out of the clinic’s office housed in the Dreyer Babich Buccola Wood and Campora law firm, and Fisher landed an internship with the Santa Clara Superior Court and the Santa Clara County Office of Human Relations in San Jose.

The program includes a three-credit classroom component taught by supervising professors Michael Colatrella and Dorothy Landsberg and supervising attorney Pauline Nguyen. Seven students are taking the clinic this fall, and others have volunteered to handle client intake.

McGeorge Community Garden Gains Momentum

What started as a grassy patch behind the pool has grown into a community garden for faculty, staff and students at Pacific McGeorge School of Law. The idea was proposed by the Environmental Law Society to give students a chance to grow their own gardens. Many live on campus or in area apartments and were unable to garden due to space or lease restrictions.

The garden has individual or small-group plots along with a large communal area. This year, Bon Appétit put in a drip irrigation system in exchange for a plot where they are growing fresh herbs for use in the Student Center dining area.

New students joined recent graduates and Dean Jay Mootz to help clean up the summer harvest during “Night in the Garden,” hosted during orientation week. Find out more on the McGeorge Community Garden Facebook page.

Surprise Lecturer at Constitutional Law Class

Second-year students in two constitutional law classes knew something was up when they were asked to meet as one unit in a bigger classroom in early September. It was an even bigger surprise when U.S. Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy walked in to teach the class.

Dean Jay Mootz introduced Justice Kennedy, a longtime member of Pacific McGeorge’s faculty, and Kennedy engaged the students in an hour-long discussion of the Constitution’s origins, structure and rights.

September 17

An Evening with Ryan Leslie

Creativity, self-marketing and following your dreams were the themes of R&B producer and award-winning artist Ryan Leslie’s lecture and performance at Pacific.

October 3

Reading on the Wrong Side of the Tracks

Matt de la Peña ’96, the keynote speaker for Pacific’s Latino Heritage Month celebration, is the author of young adult novels, including Mexican Whiteboy, which gained national attention when Tucson schools removed it from their curricula.
Renovations Begin on San Francisco Campus

Construction is under way on the future home of the Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry in San Francisco’s South of Market district. The renovation of the 155 Fifth Street structure started this fall as construction crews began the process to remove and replace the exterior façade. Renovations will continue throughout 2013, with the school expected to move operations to the new campus in the summer of 2014.

The seven-story structure will house flexible learning environments, research spaces, a state-of-the-art dental simulation lab, dental clinics, and communal and study areas. The building will also be home to new University academic programs in addition to dentistry.

In a significant gesture of support for the project, Dr. Ron Redmond ’66 and wife Margaret recently signed a $5 million gift to support the purchase and renovation of the structure. The gift was commemorated at a signing ceremony hosted by President Pamela A. Eibeck, Dean Patrick J. Ferrillo Jr. and other school leaders.

Visit Dental.Pacific.edu/Plans to view the latest architectural renderings and videos of the project.

Dental Students Volunteer at CDA Cares Outreach at Cal Expo

Californians in dire need of oral healthcare gathered at Cal Expo in Sacramento on August 24–25 during the California Dental Association’s CDA Cares event. Nearly 65 Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry student volunteers were on hand to support the event. The students were organized through the school’s Student Community Outreach for Public Education Program and were led by Keon Ahghar ’14, Erin Meidinger ’14 and Laura Stewart ’14. Numerous faculty members and alumni from the dental school also attended to provide care.

More than 2,000 patients lined up to receive dental care over the two days, many waiting in line for hours due to the overwhelming response.

Patients received free cleanings, fillings, extractions and oral health education. Dental and health professionals from throughout the state of California came out in full force to support the effort.

CDA Cares is a collaborative effort among the California Dental Association, the CDA Foundation and America’s Dentists Care Foundation, which provides free oral health services and education to those who lack access.

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Buddhist Advice for Flourishing with Religious Diversity

Buddhist scholar Rita Gross, internationally known for her innovative thinking about Buddhism and Buddhist approaches to contemporary issues, gave this year’s Colliver Lecture.

October 10

TEDxSanJoaquin: Just the Right Amount of Wrong

Pacific’s second foray into the world of TED, the widely popular lecture series, brought a daylong symposium challenging participants to go for genuine social change and innovation by being willing to think “outside the box.”