

Voice of the Association



Hello fellow alumni,

As the time rolled around for me to write this next “welcome note,” I was stumped about how to be inspirational in this short space. It didn’t take long to realize that inspiration is all around me in the form of my fellow alumni.

At our recent Alumni Association board meeting, I was inspired by the selflessness of my classmates when I saw the fundraising progress that we have made toward the construction of our own Alex and Jeri Vereschagin Alumni House. Together, we have helped raise nearly \$4 million towards our \$4.5 million goal. You can find more information about the Vereschagin Alumni House, including up-to-date progress on fundraising, by visiting www.PacificAlumni.org/Brick.

We were also informed that after just a few short weeks, the recently launched Alumni Mentor Network now includes nearly 70 alumni volunteers. Interested in serving as a mentor? For more information, and inspiration of your own, read more on page 30, or visit www.PacificAlumni.org/AMN.

Finally, I am profoundly inspired by Pacific’s new president, Pamela A. Eibeck. Her non-stop work ethic, her motivating speeches and the fearlessness with which she is tackling her presidential agenda are inspiring to all of us. By the time this goes to press, she will have completed the last two stops on her alumni “Listening and Learning” campaign, both in Southern California. She will be formally installed as Pacific’s 24th president on March 19 in official ceremonies at the Alex G. Spanos Center.

John Quincy Adams said, “If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.” At Pacific, we are surrounded by such leaders. Individuals who have selflessly given to our Alumni House or have signed up to be alumni mentors are among the alumni who, along with President Eibeck herself, inspire me to dream more, learn more, do more and become more.

Inspirationally,

Denny Stilwell
President

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Pacific Alumni Association Leadership at Its Best

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

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Pacific Clubs Corner

Alumni Enjoy Hearing Pacific Wind Ensemble in SoCal

In early January, over 45 members of Pacific's Symphonic Wind Ensemble joined alumni and prospective students and their families for a dinner in Orange, Calif. The event also featured the Conservatory of Music's new dean, Giulio Ongaro, and live performances by the students.

Four current students performed a French horn ensemble piece for the crowd.



Ron Schmitt '56 and Richard Bolin '71 and wife Kay Bolin show off an original banner from the 1950s!

The Symphonic Wind Ensemble, directed by Professor Eric Hammer, stopped in Orange County as part of their weeklong bus tour of Southern California, performing at several area high schools. Conservatory alumnus Ron Schmitt '56 was thrilled to be able to meet current students and hear them perform. "What a great event," he said, "and a thrill to be able to bring my 90-year old mother along with us to learn about Pacific today!"



BLACK ALUMNI PACIFIC CLUB HOSTS LOCAL STUDENTS

This past November, 57 students from Bidwell Elementary, accompanied by their teachers, parents and the school's principal, spent a day at Pacific learning about the world of higher education. The event, cosponsored with Ethnic Studies, brought the campus together across disciplines and interests. Also helping to organize the event was Bidwell teacher and Pacific mom, Tara McDaniel, whose daughter, Gabby '13, pitches for Women's Softball.

The highlight of the day was the participation of Pacific students, including members of the Embajadores, Pacific Ambassadors, First Generation and Ethnic Studies Club, as well as students and faculty in the Arthur Dugoni School of Dentistry, School of Engineering and Computer Science, Benerd School of Education, Art Department and the Reynolds Gallery, and the Symphonic Wind Ensemble.

Alumna Norma Ivy '74 said about the program, "The university provided a great experience for a group of special children. I am so proud to say that I am a Pacific tiger!"



Upcoming Events

April 1, 2010 • Bakersfield, CA
Alumni Meet and Greet

April 16, 2010 • Washington, D.C.
Alumni Night at the Spy Museum
Pacific Club of the Nation's Capital

May 8, 2010 • Concord, CA
Volunteer Day, Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano
East Bay Pacific Club

May 14-15, 2010 • Stockton, CA
Class of 1960 50th Reunion

May 15, 2010 • Stockton, CA
Half Century Club Luncheon

For more information about these and other upcoming events, go to www.PacificAlumni.org



50th Reunion

Class of 1960 *Register Today!*

Your reunion is only a few months away. Festivities will take place during Commencement weekend. This is an extra-special celebration as you were the last graduating class of College of the Pacific before the name was changed to University of the Pacific, and the last class to graduate in Baxter Stadium!

Take a trip down memory lane, and plan to join your classmates the weekend of May 14–15, 2010.

Highlights of the Weekend

Friday

- Class of 1960 Lounge
- Campus Tours
- Interfaith Baccalaureate Service
- Reception with President Pamela A. Eibeck
- Class of 1960 Reunion Reception

Saturday

- Continental Breakfast and Assemble for Commencement
- Commencement and Memorial Rose Walk
- Half-Century Club Reception and Luncheon
- Class of 1960 Reunion Reception and Dinner

Get details at www.PacificAlumni.org/Reunions



Alumni Mentor Network

You Can Make a Difference

What Do Mentors Do?

- provide guidance and advice to students as they consider possible career choices
- advise students in navigating the college experience and learning to balance academic, social and work responsibilities
- provide advice and guidance to students from a shared major as it applies to career and education
- assist graduating seniors with relocation advice for your region
- provide advice and guidance to alumni looking for career and relocation mentors

Momentum Is Building

More than 70 alumni representing eight different schools and over 25 majors have signed up online as potential mentors for alumni and current students.

Interested?

To find out more, contact the Pacific Alumni Association at 866.575.7229 or pacificalumni@pacific.edu.

Sign up at www.PacificAlumni.org/AMN

