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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



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NEWSLETTER

We have the power to create change in our world.

PACIFIC OAKS COLLEGE MOTTO



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Alumni:

It's with great expectation and excitement that we look forward to another productive year at Pacific Oaks. As our enrollment grows, we have leased additional space to add on much-needed classrooms, student services, faculty lounge, and study space. We hired a full-time director for Northern California instructional sites and an associate director of admissions for Northern California as we experience growth in Santa Cruz, Santa Clara, Salinas, Sacramento, and San Jose. In addition, we have an emergence of new student cohorts in partnership with junior colleges within a 25-mile radius of Pasadena.

We also have reorganized the College into four schools to better clarify and promote our areas of expertise:

- School of Human Development, led by Director Dr. Tim Sundeen
- School of Education, led by Acting Dean Dr. Ellie Kaucher
- School of Cultural & Family Psychology, led by Director Connie Destito, MSW/LCSW
- School of Online (open position)

Our alumni are key in promoting the unique educational experience Pacific Oaks has to offer. You are our best advocates and I thank you for your partnership and continued support.

Sincerely,

Ezat Parnia, Ph.D., President
Pacific Oaks College and Children's School

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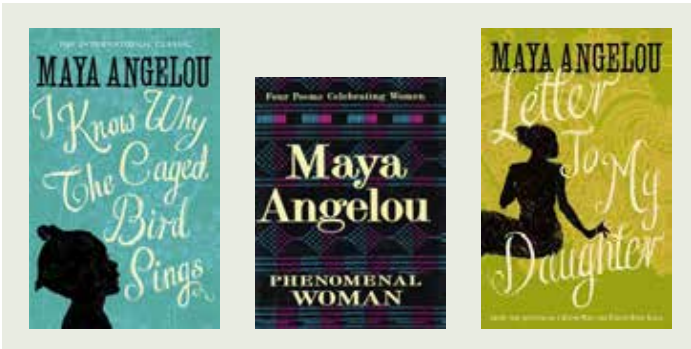
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1 • FACULTY VOICE

Who is your favorite author and why has he or she inspired you?



I have always enjoyed reading. It is an activity that relaxes and nurtures my mind. While I have many favorite authors, Maya Angelou stands out as one of the most influential during different times in my life.

As a young girl, I remember reading *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* and being moved by the story of resilience and strength. The book taught me that experiencing difficult circumstances in life brings about the opportunity to transcend life's challenges, move beyond them, and thrive. I am now a psychologist and core faculty member at Pacific Oaks College. This lesson I learned as a girl serves me in my work today.

Angelou's book *Phenomenal Woman: Four Poems Celebrating Women* arrived in my life at a time when I was developing as a professional woman. Her beautiful poems resonated within me the message that women have many gifts and are strong and intelligent.

The last book I read written by Maya Angelou, *Letters to My Daughter*, held particular relevance for me as a mother and also as a Latina female role model. It prompted me to reflect on what I want to communicate to my children and others I come into contact with in my work and in my life. It prompted me to reflect on how I live my life and the legacy I will leave.



REBECCA ROJAS, PH.D.
Faculty,
School of Cultural
& Family Psychology

2 • ALUMNI NEWS

Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) 2013 Teacher of the Year

Kim Reed obtained her bachelor's degree at Pacific Oaks College in 1998 and in 2008 completed her master's, both in Human Development. Kim now teaches Special Education (SDC SLD) at Carson-Gore Academy of Environmental Studies. A resident of Sierra Madre, she has been teaching for 14 years. "Welcome to Our House! Being a family member in our class means being greeted by me and saying your greeting. "I am Kind, I am Smart, I am Handsome/Beautiful and I will do my best to pass my test and I will make it through the day." That sounds

like an ordinary 4th or 5th grade class. For my students, this accomplishment is extraordinary. At the beginning of the year if you walked into my Special Ed classroom, you would see Jack rocking in his chair, Edwin chewing on his fingers, and Sara crying."



PO Alum
KIM REED,
B.A. & M.A., Human
Development
LAUSD Teacher of the Year

3 • ALUMNI RECEPTION



Pacific Oaks president, Ezat Parnia, Ph.D., hosted over 80 alumni along with some of our great faculty at the Alumni reception held at El Cholo restaurant in Pasadena on Thursday, August 22.

Dr. Parnia updated alumni about our 4-School model and how it is better serving our students and promoting our areas of expertise throughout the state, as well as news about the current construction project underway to bring five more classrooms, a faculty lounge and student services together for our students. The project is scheduled to conclude by October 31, 2013, at the Pasadena campus.

School directors Tim Sundeen, Ph.D., shared highlights about the School of Human Development; Connie Destito, MSW, LCSW, shared news about the School of Cultural and Family Psychology and Acting Dean of the College Ellie Kaucher, Ph.D., presented updates about the School of Education.

Faculty members drew raffle prizes and Pacific Oaks tote bags, license plates and lanyards were distributed to all attendees.

In the spirit of community, PO Core faculty member Cheryl Greer-Jarman shared her story about why she is a donor and supporter of the "\$20.13" annual fund campaign for the College. Clearly her speech motivated attendees as 13 guests made donations on the spot to support the "2013" campaign, totaling \$572.16. For more information, please visit pacificoaks.edu/giving on how you can participate.

The next alumni events will be held in Los Angeles, Sacramento, and the Bay Area during the 2013-2014 academic year. Please check the PO web site and/or email alumni@pacificoaks.edu or call 626.529.8094 to ensure you are on our mailing list.

4 • STUDENT STORY

Who is most influential to me and why?

While there are several influential people in my life, I chose Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as the most influential. The reason I find Martin Luther King, Jr. so influential is because he believed in racial equality. As a future educator, racial equality is a critical element to creating an effective learning environment and peaceful world for children.

I admire Dr. King's nonviolent battle for racial equality and social justice. Despite the consequences he suffered, he was not afraid to speak his mind on the substantial issue of human rights.

My personal favorite quote of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s:

"I look to a day when people will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character."



AUBRI DUNCAN
*B.A. Early Childhood Special Education
Dual Credential*

5 • FROM THE OFFICE OF ADVANCEMENT

\$20.13 CAMPAIGN



Greetings Pacific Oaks Alumni!

We are excited to announce that since we launched the "2013" campaign in July, we have received \$5,000 in donations to date to support faculty projects, scholarships, and the textbook fund. We have also received unrestricted gifts to address the College's priority needs.

We invite current graduates and all alumni to join this effort and make a donation in an increment of "2013" this calendar year. Whether it's \$20.13, \$200.13 or \$2,013.00, your gift will help us support our current and future students and faculty in meaningful ways.

Donations can be made online at pacificoaks.edu/giving – and designate the project you would like to support. If you would like to send in a check, please contact Toni Miller, Director of Alumni and External Relations at tmiller@pacificoaks.edu or 626.529.8094 and a donation envelope can be mailed to you.

Thank you for supporting Pacific Oaks College!

**Donors who give \$1,000 or more become a Pacific Oaks Associate and receive an invitation to the annual Associates Reception, hosted by the president of the College.*

Alumni Nominees



Nominees needed for the next Pacific Oaks College Alumni Profiles Directory

We are taking nominations for the 2013 edition of the Pacific Oaks Alumni Profiles directory. The directory will be printed in the fall of 2013 and posted on the alumni web site, distributed at orientations and at alumni- and student-centered special events throughout the year.

Please send an email to alumni@pacificoaks.edu regarding your nominee and why you believe she or he is an inspirational PO alumnus who is changing the world for the better.

6 • EMPLOYEE NEWS

The PO Community welcomes two new employees!



Brooke Judkins joins PO as our new registrar. Brooke has been in higher education for the last 10 years, most recently as the associate university registrar at Ashford University. Brooke has a B.S. in Cell and Structural Biology with a minor in Chemistry and a

M.A. in Organizational Management. Over the years, Brooke has partnered with students, faculty, parents and administration in an effort to assist students achieve their educational goals and we are certain she will bring that same spirit and experience to Pacific Oaks. Brooke can be reached at bjudkins@pacificoaks.edu or 626.529.8079.

REMINDER: The Registrar's office handles all transcript requests. You may request copies of your transcripts by completing the form and submitting it along with payment via mail, fax, or in person. The Transcript Request Form can be found on the registrar page at pacificoaks.edu.



Librarian Kelsey Vukic joined us this spring. Kelsey holds a Master's of Library and Information Science degree from the University of Pittsburgh. Prior to joining the Pacific Oaks, Kelsey worked at The Chicago School of Professional Psychology's Los Angeles

campus library. She has worked with both faculty and students on information literacy and reference services.

Alumni have access to the library services and resources while on the Pasadena Campus.

NEW LIBRARY HOURS
Monday-Thursday 10AM-7PM
Friday 10AM-6PM
Saturday & Sunday 10AM-4PM

LOCATION
Suite 145 in the 55 Building at the Eureka campus, immediately to your right when you enter the main door.

PO expands its reach to the East Coast

This fall, Pacific Oaks will open its doors to the Washington, D.C. Metro area. We are proud to announce that PO is now offering synchronous online classes in the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia. The Synchronous Online Cohort is an innovative distance learning format that blends the best of classroom and online learning. It allows students to meet together in a "smart classroom," where live lectures are delivered by faculty via the latest interactive technology.

The region's Associate Director of Admissions, Soyini Richards, is a graduate of Howard University and has over 13 years of higher education experience. Soyini is reaching out to the early childhood community, the areas' school systems, the government agencies, the local military agencies, and beyond. PO is warmly received because of the impressive early childhood reputation, credit for life experience, flexible enrollment options, and standards of excellence.

The Chicago School of Professional Psychology's D.C. Campus will be one of the fall 2013 cohort sites. We are also working on the final details to hold cohorts throughout Maryland and Virginia this fall. PO will be offering B.A.-completion & M.A. programs in Human Development as well as in Early Childhood Education.

Soyini hopes to help PO become a premier higher learning option in the Washington, D.C. Metro area. She welcomes East Coast Alumni to reach out to her and become part of the new community. You may contact her by calling 240-893-3887 or sending a quick email to srichards@pacificoaks.edu.



SOYINI RICHARDS
*Associate Director
of Online Admissions
D.C., MD & VA Regions*

7 • EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Pacific Oaks College & Children's School

We are delighted to share the following job openings at Pacific Oaks with our alumni.

- **Director, School of Education**
- **Assistant Professor- CFP- Marriage & Family Therapy**
- **Assistant Professor-HD- Central/Northern CA**
- **Assistant Professor, CFP (African American Specialization)**
- **Assistant Professor, Human Development**
- **Assistant Professor- Pre-K/Special Education**
- **IT Support Specialist III**
- **Associate Teacher**

Individual job descriptions can be found at pacificoaks.edu by clicking on Careers on the lower left-hand corner of the page. The Human Resources Department is available via email to answer any questions: humanresources@pacificoaks.edu.

Crystal Stairs, Inc.

To apply for any of the position below, please go to the Crystal Stairs home page, www.crystalstairs.org to submit your online application. From the Crystal Stairs home page, select "Employment," go to "Current Job Openings" and select the desired position.

Service Area Supervisor

LOCATION: South Los Angeles & Compton areas

Crystal Stairs is one of the largest private non-profit child development corporations in the State of California. We help families locate affordable and appropriate childcare through a variety of services, working with childcare providers, educators, advocates, and community members to positively impact the lives of more than 30,000 children each year.

JOB SUMMARY:

The following job summary is for descriptive purposes only. Actual job descriptions and job title is subject to change.

Under the direction of the Early Childhood Education Manager responsible for oversight of the operations of two (2) to three (3) Head Start centers, assuring regulatory and legal compliance with federal, state and local regulations; communicating with parents and

community; supervision, monitoring and training of all Center staff; monitoring compliance in all aspects of Head Start Performance Standards, Child Care Licensing, and State of California Preschool program regulations.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Bachelor's Degree with a major in Early Childhood Education, Child Development, or related field. Masters preferred. CLASS certification preferred. Successfully completes and maintains Basic First Aid and CPR certification. A minimum of two (2) years administrative experience in a child development program is required. Must have strong supervisory, leadership and communication skills; experience in conflict resolution. Child Development Program Director Permit Required.

All Head Start positions are implemented in accordance with the Head Start Performance Standards in each service area.

Sage Center Associate Teacher

The Associate Teacher will assist in providing a welcoming and positive environment, greeting children, parents, guests, and vendors, assisting callers as needed, providing coverage for classrooms when necessary, representing the agency as a positive communicator, and provide assistance to the children, parents, and guests.

EXPERIENCE, KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES YOU SHOULD POSSES:

- A minimum of one year experience in the child care field required, in direct or indirect services such as a center-based child care or early childhood education, teaching and/or clerical.
- High School graduate or equivalent, bilingual English/Spanish preferred, must have at least a valid Child Development Associate Teacher Permit.
- Must have knowledge of the CDE contract program terms and conditions, Title V and XXII regulations, SAGE and CSI policies and procedures, and child development theory and practices. Must have knowledge of Word, Excel, and internet and able to type a minimum of 50 wpm with accuracy.

- Must have strong communication and customer service skills, ability to work in a fast paced diverse ethnic, religious, and cultural environment, must be reliable, flexible, and dependable, ability to create a welcoming and hospitable environment for children and parents, ability to remain calm and professional at all times, and maintain pleasant and professional telephone manners and tone.

TEACHER RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Provides customer service to all internal and external clients of Crystal Stairs
- Maintains Crystal Stairs' standards of quality customer service
- Relieves Teachers in the classroom when needed
- Reviews daily meal counts, prepares monthly meal count report
- Assists with recruiting potential families when necessary
- Assists in weekly food preparation
- Other duties as assigned

CLERICAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Basic Clerical duties as assigned

Bright Horizons

Do you love to roll up your sleeves and get messy? Snuggle with a group of children while reading a favorite story? Experience that “aha” moment when a child learns to crawl, takes their first steps, or learns something new? Then we have the perfect opportunity for you.

We are looking for dedicated teachers to work with young children in the following areas:

- San Diego: **On-Call Cook Substitute**
- El Segundo: **Infant Teacher**
- Westwood: **Infant, Toddler, Two's and Preschool Teachers, On-Call Substitutes**
- Santa Monica: **Lead Toddler Teacher, Two's Teacher, On-Call Substitutes**
- Culver City: **Infant Teacher, Preschool Teacher, On-Call Substitutes**
- Studio City: **Preschool Teacher, Lead Infant Teacher**
- Thousand Oaks: **Two's Teacher, Resource Teacher**
- Santa Maria: **On-Call Substitutes**

QUALIFICATIONS:

- 12 ECE core units required, Infant/Toddler units required for Infant, Toddler and Substitute positions
- High School degree required
- AS/BA degree in ECE or related field preferred
- Experience working with young children in a child care center required for teaching positions
- Good communication and a team player
- Flexibility with schedule a must!

For more information about these great opportunities, please contact: Brooke Loeffler, Recruitment Coordinator at brooke.loeffler@brighthorizons.com

Apply online: www.brighthorizons.com/careers

Bright Horizons is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer committed to diversity in our workplace.

8 • PACIFIC OAKS EVENTS

Pass this information along to those in your life who may be interested in the same transformative experience at PO that you had.



WHAT IS ANTI-BIAS CURRICULUM?

Wednesday, September 18, 6:30–7:30pm

BREAKFAST BREAKOUT SESSION

Saturday, September 28, 9–10am

Saturday, October 5, 9–10am

Saturday, October 19, 9–10am

PO PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS

Wednesday, October 9, 6:00–7:30pm

LOCATION: Pacific Oaks College

For more information, please contact admissions counselors at 800.201.2296 or admissions@pacificoaks.edu.

ALUMNI EVENTS



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PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS
TO JOIN PACIFIC OAKS ON

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2013

FOR HERITAGE DAY FAMILY REUNION

&

SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2014

FOR ALUMNI COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY

Invitations will be distributed.
To volunteer or learn more about these events, please contact
Toni Miller, Director of Alumni and External Relations
E-mail: alumni@pacificoaks.edu
Tel: 626.529.8094

To ensure you are included on our mailing list,
please email us at alumni@pacificoaks.edu.

We look forward to hosting you soon!

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