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NEWSLETTER

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PACIFIC OAKS COLLEGE MOTTO

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Alumni,

As we come to the close of yet another year, it is a good time to reflect on the past months and all we have accomplished. Pacific Oaks College and Children's School has reached major milestones this year with the removal of the letter of concern from WASC Senior Commission on University and Colleges, another balanced budget year, record enrollment for the College of above 1,200 students, new academic leadership at both the College and Children's School, and the 15th anniversary of our Latina/o Family Studies Program.

I believe that it's important to share with you how very proud I am of all we've achieved as an institution. Hard work and perseverance are no stranger to our students, faculty, staff and certainly not to you, our alumni who carry out the mission of Pacific Oaks through the work you do every day. Know that your efforts make a significant difference in the lives of so many individuals and reach beyond them to impact the lives of their families as well.

May you celebrate the season with your loved ones and be surrounded by all that makes you happy as we close out the year. I look forward to 2015 being another productive year for Pacific Oaks College and Children's School.

Warmly,

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



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1 • ALUMNI NEWS



Dr. Andrew Kami, Pacific Oaks Alum, recently celebrated the 25th Anniversary of The John Henry Foundation, where he proudly serves as the Clinical Director. The Foundation is the only facility of its kind in Orange County, providing long-term housing, psychiatric and psychological care, job training, and socialization tailored specifically for adults with schizophrenia.

The John Henry Foundation also partners with several other colleges, including Pacific Oaks College and UC Irvine, School of Medicine to offer internships and practicum training for graduate and medical students in counseling and psychology. The arrangement provides the students and medical residents with an opportunity to work with patients and their families in a more intimate and long-term relationship than is possible during normal office visits. They also conduct group therapy which reaches out to multiple patients at a time. The Foundation's staff conducts training for police officers in the handling of mental illness on the streets. A greater awareness of the need for mental health care, and changes in the way that medical insurance covers mental health care are expected to increase the need for skilled clinicians.

Under the care of highly skilled professionals including Dr. Andrew Kami and Dr. Rimal Bera, who was recently honored by Orange County Magazine as one of the

County's Top Doctors in Psychiatry, rates of hospitalization have plummeted within their unique, individual and highly specialized program that treats one of the most devastating mental illnesses.

In addition to its structured services, the John Henry Foundation also provides ongoing community training and engagement with local hospitals, to provide both cognitive and psychosocial assessments, social skills training and recommendations for care to families and professionals alike. The John Henry Foundation is continually looking for ongoing practicum students and interns to participate in its training program to learn how to care, treat, and help stabilize those with this serious mental illness.

All applicants can apply by contacting Dr. Andrew Kami by email at akami@johnhenry.org or by phone at 714-480-0025. Day, weekend and evening hours are available for working students.

In summer 2014, Kim Jones, '96 Pacific Oaks B.A Human Development alum, studied diverse terrestrial, coastal, and coral reef communities in the Central American country of Belize.



Kim, a teacher at Thomas Starr King Middle School in Los Angeles, Calif., took the graduate course in pursuit of her master's degree from Miami University's Global Field Program.

2 • COLLEGE NEWS

Pacific Oaks Receives Grant From Prestigious L.A. Foundation

"I'd like to extend my sincerest gratitude for your generous gift. This world is a much better place because of people such as yourself who appreciate the efforts of others and demonstrate it by providing a helping hand. Please know that this gift of monetary assistance will not stay with me because I intend to pass on the gift of helping someone else when the opportunity presents itself.

Your assistance has provided a sense of relief, comfort and pride in me because I know someone out there believes I can achieve my dreams."

Ana Delia Hernandez
M.A., Marriage and Family Therapy, '14
The Kenneth T. and Eileen L. Norris Foundation
Scholarship Recipient



For the third consecutive year, The Kenneth T. and Eileen L. Norris Foundation has made a grant of \$5,000 to Pacific Oaks for the First Generation Scholarship Fund. According to the September 22 issue of the *Los Angeles Business Journal*, The Norris Foundation is the 25th largest Foundation in Los Angeles County. In Fall 2014, the Advancement department awarded \$131,773.04 in scholarships to 142 undergraduate and graduate students. We began promoting Spring 2015 semester donor scholarships on November 10 and will be accepting applications from November 24 – December 12. Raising funds for student scholarships continues to be a top priority of the Advancement Department.



3 • ALUMNI RECEPTION HELD AT NAEYC CONFERENCE



PO alum Margo Sipes (center) shows her PO spirit.



PO alum and NAEYC presenter Ruth Ann Hammond (right) hosts a table at the reception.



School of Education faculty member & PO alum Jayanti Tambe (center) joins fellow alumni.

Pacific Oaks alumni gathered together for a reception during the annual NAEYC conference, held November 6 in Dallas, Texas. Pacific Oaks sponsored a conference booth and some faculty members made presentations during the conference.

Reception attendees had a chance to meet new friends, connect with fellow alumni and learn new updates about PO from Toni Miller, Director of Advancement, Alumni and External Relations and PO Northern California Director Marian Browning.

PO swag was enthusiastically received by all attendees, and included PO license plates, tote bags and coffee mugs. Ms. Miller asked all attendees to make a \$20.14 donation to PO in honor of their favorite faculty member or classmate (visit www.pacificoaks.edu/giving) by the end of the year.

Please check the newsletter and web site for upcoming alumni events. We'd love to host you in the future!



Barbara Saunders-Sims and Sherrie Rose Mayle enjoy the alumni reception.



Northern California Instructional Site Director & PO alum Marian Browning with Admissions Recruiter Mariel Que.



4 • LATINA/LATINO FAMILY STUDIES PROGRAM CELEBRATES 15-YEAR ANNIVERSARY



On Sunday, November 9, 2014 more than 200 Pacific Oaks Latina/o Family Studies alumni along with their family and friends came together to celebrate the fifteen-year anniversary of this special milestone. Hosted by PO President Dr. Ezat Paria and Toni Arellanes-Miller, Director of the Office of Advancement and Alumni Relations, alumni were

warmly welcomed by Connie Destito, Associate Dean of the School of Cultural and Family Psychology. Ms. Destito shared stories of how the program was founded, how the specialization has progressed throughout the years, and how PO alumni are making a real impact in their respective communities.

PO faculty in attendance included Dr. Rebecca Rojas, Dr. Trevor Dobbs, Dr. Donald Grant, Isaac Carreon along with Provost Patricia Breen and Associate Dean Tim Sundeen.

The special guest speaker was Father Gregory Boyle, founder of Homeboys Industries, who attended the first graduation ceremony of the LFS graduates. He shared meaningful remarks about how Pacific Oaks works to erase the margins so everyone can fit within them. Two of the PO alumni in attendance work for Homeboys Industries.





All attendees enjoyed a Mexican buffet, wonderful mariachi music, and Pacific Oaks alumni license plates, tote bags, and the new issue of *Voices* magazine that features the School of Cultural and Family Psychology. Read the new issue at www.pacificoaks.edu/Why_Pacific_Oaks/Voices_Magazine.

All alumni were asked to consider making a donation to Pacific Oaks College to support LFS student scholarships. To learn more about the LFS program, please visit www.pacificoaks.edu/Schools_Programs/School_of_Cultural_and_Family_Psychology.



5 • NATIONAL PHILANTHROPY DAY

Pacific Oaks Employees Support PO

The Advancement department has organized an employee giving campaign, "Proud to Work at PO, Proud to Support PO." The kick-off was held as part of National Philanthropy Day on Friday, November 14. All employees were asked to make a donation in any amount to support either the College or the Children's School's biggest needs.

Our goal is to secure 100% participation, which will send a strong message to the wider community that PO employees support our institution, and will hopefully inspire others to do so as well.

Led by Children's School Director Pam McComas and Advancement Director Toni Miller, Children's School teachers

and staff enjoyed special cupcakes and received new PO Philanthropy day t-shirts to acknowledge their donations.

Several members of the Pacific Oaks College Cabinet, college faculty, staff and some students joined in the pizza kick-off and received their t-shirts.

We received donations ranging from \$2.00 to \$1,000.00, and have raised more than \$2,100.00 to date. Several employees took home the annual fund brochure or payroll deduction form, so we expect additional donations to come in during the next month.

As you consider your year-end giving, please join us and consider a donation to Pacific Oaks College and Children's School.



Amy, Yug Fon, Michelle, Crystal



PO Student, Wes



Pat, PO Students



Urszula



Reggie, Jacqueline



Toni, Cheryl



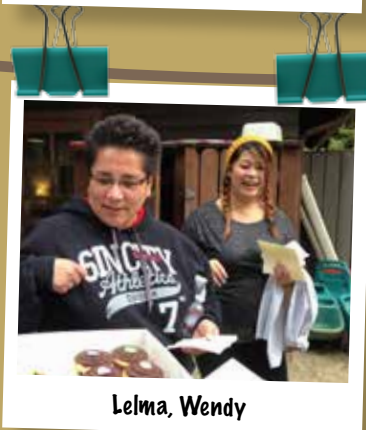
Carolyn, Carla, Natalie



Aisha, Caryn



Children's School represents!



Lelma, Wendy



Brenda



Reggie and Jacqueline completing their donor forms!



6 • PO WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS TO THE COMMUNITY



Anh Hoang is very excited to join the Admissions team at Pacific Oaks College. She previously worked in Admissions at The Art Institute of California. She has also worked as an assistant director in early childhood education centers in the inland empire. She has her B.A. in Political

Science and Sociology from University of California, Riverside and her A.A. in Early Childhood Education from Riverside Community College. Her free time is devoted to her two terrier puppies and family. She enjoys traveling, hiking, archery, and paintballing. She also enjoys pushing her physical limits and recently completed her first half-marathon.



Tiffany Gibson is a new Admissions Counselor for Pacific Oaks College. Upon earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Cognitive Psychology from the University of California,

Irvine, she has spent time working in various realms of the education and social services fields. During her free time she enjoys taking part in activities that get her creative juices flowing, such as dancing and cupcake decorating. She is excited to be a part of Pacific Oaks College, and she looks forward to fostering relationships with the students, staff, and alumni.



Bryan Irzyk has been with Pacific Oaks since June 2013 serving in a temporary capacity in the Registrar's Office. This past October he officially joined PO as the Senior Degree Audit Specialist. Bryan received his B.A. in Communications from the University of Iowa. He has worked in education since 2009. Prior to joining Pacific Oaks, from 2009-2013, Bryan worked in the Registrar's Office at The Chicago School of Professional Psychology. He enjoys movies and board games with his wife.

7 • EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

NOW Academy

5TH Grade Teacher

The RFK Community Schools campus in Los Angeles, LAUSD is looking for a fifth grade general education Teacher.

If you know of any highly qualified teachers who are interested in applying for the job please have them send their resume to cdsmith@nowacademy.org.

Contra Costa County Community Services Bureau

Mental Health Clinical Supervisor – Part Time

Community Services Bureau of Contra Costa County's Employment and Human Services Department is hiring for a part time Mental Health Clinical Supervisor – Project. Come join our dynamic organization dedicated to nurturing children 0-5 years old and enhancing the lives of families! Under general supervision, plans, organizes and directs the mental health treatment services for children and families in an assigned geographic area; coordinates activities with other services components in the region and with the

Countywide Head Start/Early Head Start programs, provides clinical supervision to subordinates; and performs related work as required.

To request a temporary employment application, please call CSB Personnel Unit at 925.313.1777 (contact 925.681.6320 at new contact number effective December 1, 2014). To review full job description, go to www.cccounty.us/hr.

Through the Looking Glass (TLG)

Family/Mental Health Services Manager/Family Advocate

Under the general direction and supervision of the Executive Director/ EHS Director, applies professional expertise and manages Family and Mental Health program services areas of the EHS program; Includes maintaining, monitoring, tracking, overseeing and assuring confidentiality of records; Ensures provision of parent involvement, family partnership and community partnership services; Assists families in setting and achieving individual family goals; links families with appropriate community resources to meet those goals; Assists in the recruitment and enrollment of children and families; Collaborates with members of the TLG management and service staff to ensure the Head Start Program Performance

Standards, Head Start Act, local and State regulations, and TLG mental health policies and procedures are consistently implemented. Potential for mental health/family therapy supervised hours for ASW or MFTI or Psychologist. Weekly individual supervision is provided if needed to meet mental health licensing requirements.

Visit our website for more information about TLG: www.lookingglass.org. To apply please fax or email resumes to TLG, Contact: Megan Kirshbaum, Ph.D., Re: Early Head Start Family Services Manager, Through the Looking Glass fax: (510) 848-4445, email: hr@lookingglass.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16 | 6-7:30PM

ADMISSIONS INFORMATION SESSION FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

Application Workshop & Holiday Raffle

FEBRUARY 12, 2015

LA ALUMNI RECEPTION

hosted by PO Alum Fred Marcus

MARCH 4 – 7, 2015

CAEYC ANNUAL CONFERENCE SACRAMENTO, CA

Visit us at Booth #525 and stay tuned for the Alumni Reception date during the conference.

MARCH 21, 2015

ALUMNI COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY

Stay tuned for more details on the activities planned for Northern & Southern California!

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We look forward to hosting you soon!



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