



# PACIFIC OAKS<sup>SM</sup>

COLLEGE & CHILDREN'S SCHOOL

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## Happy Days Are Here Again

Dear Alumni:

It has been slightly over a year since my appointment as president. Although your beloved institution began showing signs of significant recovery, we were still at a financial deficit and enrollment was moderately growing, but still low. Our college alumni and former families of the Children's School were still unsure of the direction and future of Pacific Oaks. Nevertheless, we kept the faith and you maintained your support.



I am happy to report that we are now at a surplus financially, our accreditations are sound, and our alumni are reengaged. And our student enrollment has exceeded 1,000 and we are actually expanding at our current space. Our business operations are better, faster and more professional than ever before, and we continue to explore how we can be more relevant to our community and world within the boundaries of our social justice and culture-centered philosophy.

I am quite proud to see this evolution take place and I know this could not have been done without you – our alumni – who are our best advocates for helping us recruit new students, and who authentically make the world a better place.

Thank you for your continued inspiration and support.

Best regards,  
Ezat Pamia, Ph.D., President

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Alumni News...

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## Pacific Oaks College Commits to San Diego

Pacific Oaks would like to introduce Sara Eazell, its new Associate Director of Admissions for the San Diego area. Sara will be reaching out to colleges, local organizations, and prospective students in order to bring Pacific Oaks' culture-based education opportunities to the region. Beginning in the fall of 2013, PO will be offering Bachelor's and Master's degree programs in Human Development.



To learn more about what Sara is doing in San Diego or to be a resource to her and share your PO story, please contact Sara via phone or email: 626-437-9991 or [seazell@pacificoaks.edu](mailto:seazell@pacificoaks.edu).

## The Pacific Oaks Spirit Store is Open!

The Spirit store offers a variety of PO apparel items including sweatshirts, hoodies, shirts, hats and caps. One can also find tote bags, bumper stickers and mugs.

So thank you for visiting the spirit store to buy some PO merchandise and represent PO!

<http://www.cafepress.com/pospirit>



# Faculty voice...



## Jayanti Tambe, Master Teacher, Pacific Oaks Children's School

When children run, climb, hop, ride trikes, chances are that they might fall...they might need a band aid...and they will probably be fine, none the worse for the wear! We live in an age that is over protective of children, a cotton wool age, an age that stops children from playing and taking appropriate risks.

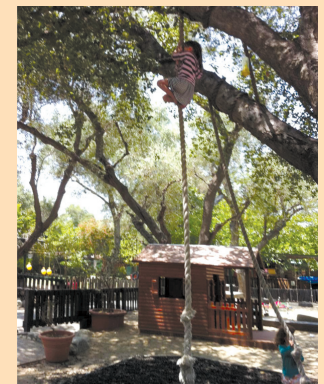
At the Pacific Oaks Children's School, the value of risk taking in children is very important. The environment is set up with what the 1970's architect Simon Nicholson, called "loose parts." It was his opinion that loose parts (rocks, stones, tree stumps, sand, fabric, twigs, wood, tires, and balls of different sizes, logs of wood, and rope) in our environment empower children's creativity.

Access to loose materials challenges children's motor skills, improves their proprioceptive sense (The vestibular and proprioceptive senses tell a person where his or her body is in space and how and how much their muscles should react to different inputs.) The proprioceptive system is strengthened by physical movements, like sweeping with a broom or hanging from monkey bars or using a rope swing.

Playing in an environment that is rich with "loose parts" teaches young children how to appropriately deal with risks (alternating hands on a monkey bar or walking on a log) and contributes greatly not only to children's enjoyment but also to building up their kinesthetic intelligence.

<http://museumnotes.blogspot.com/2011/02/playing-with-loose-parts.html>

<http://www.cherringtonsawers.com/tactile-vestibular-and-proprioceptive-senses.html>



Pacific Oaks Children's School student Sasha Madilian

## Westwood Presbyterian Church Preschool Preschool Director

**Position:** Preschool Director  
**Organization:** Westwood Presbyterian Church Preschool  
**Location:** 10822 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90024

### Organization Background:

The WPC Preschool, located on Wilshire Boulevard in Westwood and accredited by the NAEYC, is an early childhood education program that has been providing learning environments for children, families and educators for over 50 years.

The preschool is part of the mission of the church to the community in which it lives, and comes under the authority of the church Session. It is not the job of the preschool to instruct children in any particular religious doctrine, but rather to live with them and their families in such a way that they experience something of what it means to be a child of God. Our program serves children from 2 years 9 months to 5 years of age and currently enrolls 90 children.

### Qualifications and Requirements:

- Minimum Bachelor's degree (Master's degree preferred) with a specialty in Early Childhood Education or Child Development or equivalent experience and State of California requirements
- Minimum three years teaching in a licensed child development facility with at least two of those years in a supervisory capacity
- Experience in administration
- Experience in recruiting, supervising, and evaluating performance of staff
- Experience in budgeting and finance
- Ability to develop and cultivate the overall quality of the educational programs within WPC Preschool's core philosophies
- Ability to promote positive relationships with parents, community groups, and others
- Ability to establish constructive and supportive relationships with both children and adults
- Capacity for forward thinking and able to adapt to changing position demands
- Willingness to work in a cooperative manner with the Pastor and Session (governing board) of the church
- Willingness to work within and to affirm the mission and practices of the Presbyterian tradition

### Salary:

The salary for this position is competitive and commensurate with the qualifications and experience of the individual candidate. Benefits include health insurance and paid vacation.

### To apply:

Submit a cover letter, resume and three-year salary history via email to:  
WPCPreschoolSearch@westwoodpres.org



**Angela Wingate – MA, Human Development with a specialization in Leadership in Education**

*What is one of the best things about being a student at Pacific Oaks College?*

So out of a handful of things I love about PO, this was the one that is most important to me. It is the one aspect (in my opinion) that makes PO unique to me:

"Knowing that your instructors aim to create safe learning environments that promote deep thinking, honest questioning and rich discussions with their students."

Pacific Oaks Alumni  
**Employment Opps...**

**Students  
Speak  
Up...**



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Get ready to have some fun and meet fellow alumni  
at the following events:

### March 12

POCS Parent Education Seminar;  
*"What is Progressive Education, and  
Why Should I Care?"*; presentation by  
Neal Wrightson, Director, Children's  
Community School, Los Angeles;  
free event; 6:30 – p.m. – 8:00 p.m.;  
Pacific Oaks College, 45 Eureka St.,  
Room 4, Pasadena, CA 91103;  
refreshments will be served.

### March 15

Bay Area PO Alumni reception in  
**San Jose**; 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at  
the Fairmont Hotel – Gold Ballroom;  
170 South Market Street, San Jose,  
CA 95113; RSVP to [alumni@pacificoaks.edu](mailto:alumni@pacificoaks.edu)

### April 18

Evangeline Burgess Lecture  
featuring Dr. Wendy Mogel; 7:00  
p.m. **lecture**; 8:00 p.m. **book-**  
**signing** opportunity and **reception**;  
University Club, 175 No. Oakland  
Ave., Pasadena, CA; RSVP by  
April 12 to [alumni@pacificoaks.edu](mailto:alumni@pacificoaks.edu).

### May 4 & 11

Commencement ceremonies in  
Pasadena, CA and Watsonville, CA  
respectively.

Pacific Oaks College 2013  
**Events...**



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