



# PACIFIC OAKS COLLEGE

Alumni E-Newsletter

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## Pacific Oaks College

### Office of Alumni Relations

Dear Alumni,

As you enter Pacific Oaks College, you are welcomed by a beautiful quote, "We have the power to create change in our world". As you create change in the world, please keep us updated.



There are quite a few exciting things happening around campus. We are building bridges to better serve our alumni. In the coming months we plan on offering job development, networking, and professional opportunities. We encourage you to let us know if your company is hiring interns or has positions to fill. We are also looking for alumni to speak at various events throughout the year. Lastly, we hope that you will continue to pass the PO torch by referring your alma mater to aspiring change agents. If you know of any alumni not receiving communication from Pacific Oaks, please let us know. Send a quick email [alumni@pacificoaks.edu](mailto:alumni@pacificoaks.edu).

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*Assistant Director of Alumni Relations*

### News Around Campus

Welcome Dr. Ezat Parnia to Pacific Oaks College & Children's School

An academic, educator, administrator, father, and husband, Dr. Parnia brings to Pacific Oaks more than 30 years of experience in higher education, first as a college professor at the University of Hartford and then as a dean and administrator at Cambridge College in Cambridge, Mass. More recently, Dr. Parnia served as provost and executive vice president at Nichols College in Dudley, Mass., and will be leaving a CEO post at Education Advisory Group, LLC this month for the Pacific Oaks presidency. [Click here](#) to read more about Dr. Parnia.



## Alumni Association Update

The Alumni Association has elected Bill Sparks '1974 and Ijumaa Jordan '2010 as Co-Chairs of the Association until our formal election this summer. If you are interested in taking part in the association, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 626.529.8095 or via [email](#).

### Quick message from one of the Co-Chairs:

We are in a wonderfully fluid space at Pacific Oaks. Enrollment is rising. Students are learning similarly to what and how we learned. New

infrastructure makes things work well and quickly. A new president and administrators are asking about our history and alumni's views of the future. We will have elected alumni association leaders. So, get involved, ask questions, give your views.



Bill Sparks '74

In the midst of all that is happening I propose a campaign that unites many of our current and future issues, affordable textbooks for students. Whether you teach in a college, work in a center, consult, provide therapy or support, you know we need increased access to school and affordable texts. California has a bill currently in the legislature. Lets add information from other states. Our goal could be to have many alumni, staff and faculty involved in educating about this issue and influencing the passage of the bills. Our alumni website would be a meeting place.

A little bit about me. I graduated from Pacific Oaks in 1974 and worked with early childhood special needs children for 32 years in the Los Angeles school district. Now I train new teachers at East LA College and Glendale College.

## Alumni News

**Frank B. Clark 1978** - was named Best Citizen of the Year in 2011 by the *Pasadena Weekly*.

**Jeffrey Chudnofsky MA 2011** - is a clinical therapist at the Los Angeles Child Guidance Clinic.

**Jayanti Tambe MA 2004** - joined the Pacific Oaks Children's School as Master Teacher.

## Alumni Association Benefits

### @Pacificoaks.edu Email Address

Interested in an @pacificoaks.edu email address? If so, send a brief email with your name and degree to [alumni@pacificoaks.edu](mailto:alumni@pacificoaks.edu).

### Faculty Roundtable (A Culture-Centered Approach)

At Pacific Oaks, our culture-centered educational approach honors what makes each of us unique and teaches us to embrace our diversity to create a community of understanding and respect. But how does this play out in the classroom?

We asked four College and Children's School faculty from different disciplines-each with experience teaching in different educational settings-for their thoughts. The dialogue included Cheryl Greer-Jarman, core faculty in the School of Human Development; Connie Destito, core faculty and program director of the Marital and Family Therapy program; Jayanti Tambe, master teacher at Pacific Oaks Children's School and Pacific Oaks College alumna; and Dr. Kalani Beyer, dean of the School of Education and School of Human Development and Family and Marital Studies. [Listen to the dialogue.](#)

### Events

#### Upcoming Events

#### Join us!

February 7, 2012 - [Dr. Susan Linn Lecture](#) (Pasadena, CA)

February 24, 2012 - Alumni Reception (Sacramento, CA)

March 16, 2012 - CAEYC Conference (San Diego, CA)

April 12, 2012 - Burgess Lecture Series (Pasadena, CA)

May 12, 2012 - Commencement (Pasadena, CA)

May 18, 2012 - Alumni Reception (Pasadena, CA)

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