



PACIFIC OAKSSM COLLEGE & CHILDREN'S SCHOOL

March

2013

Salinas....

Dear Alumni:

I had the pleasure of visiting our Salinas site this month after the CAEYC conference and Bay Area Pacific Oaks alumni reception on March 15 in San Jose. Joining me was Dr. Joan Goldsmith, one of our renowned educational friends and leadership consultants, who is helping me build stronger leadership expertise amongst our campuses.



It was delightful to meet several of our Salinas students, pictured below, as well as three key faculty and staff members: Chris Pedersen, MA Senior Adjunct, Dr. Hortencia Jimenez, Adjunct, and Carolyn Flores, MA, our Instructional Site Coordinator. They are doing great work and I am proud to visit in person when I can.

Many of our Salinas students are First Generation students, meaning neither parent graduated from college. They are graduating from our programs and creating meaningful and transformational work that serves their local communities. In fact, more than 70% of Pacific Oaks entire student population is first-generation.

One of our goals is to continue to expand our offerings in Northern California. We have instructional sites in Salinas, Santa Cruz and Sacramento, including a new cohort in Scotts Valley, which is a suburb of San Jose.

We are excited about the growth and stability of Pacific Oaks College and Children's School. We look forward to keeping you posted and hearing your stories of continued learning and success.

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



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Alumni News...

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Successful Pacific Oaks Bay Area Alumni Event in San Jose

On the heels of a successful CAEYC conference in San Jose, Dr. Ezat Parnia, president of Pacific Oaks College and Children's School, hosted the Bay Area Alumni reception on Friday, March 15 at the Fairmont Hotel. More than 100 alumni and early childhood educators joined our PO faculty and staff to learn about new Pacific Oaks updates from the president, including the expansion of course offerings throughout the Northern California region. The attendees enjoyed refreshments and caught up with several former students and met new alumni and friends from around the Bay area.



Faculty voice...



Core Faculty Member ReGena Booze, Ph.D.; Master of Arts, Human Development, 1988 Pacific Oaks Alumnus:

Please share one of the reasons why being a Pacific Oaks faculty member is meaningful to you?

My students are the grown children whose parents' dreams included them being the best they could be. Being a faculty member at PO is meaningful to me because I know that I am contributing to the fulfillment of many families' dreams of educating their children. And in so many of my classes, the students are the first in their families to achieve degrees, especially degrees in higher education. I like contributing to their "greatness!" I feel such a sense of pride when I see my students walking across that graduation stage. I can feel the love and pride than emanates from their families and friends and I like knowing that I played a part in their educational journey that included a lot of critical thinking, transformation, and perseverance. It's my way of contributing to the future generations who will follow in their footsteps.

Westwood Hills Preschool is seeking a full-time associate teacher

Westwood Hills Preschool, a private preschool serving the Westside since 1941, offers a socially oriented program that is an enriching experience for preschool age children. Our teachers help to foster development in problem solving, socialization, curiosity, critical thinking, and self-help skills. Most importantly, our curriculum is designed to allow self-discovery and strengthening of each child's unique individuality. Within our safe environment, children are allowed to challenge their skills at a pace that is comfortable and successful.

Position Summary:

Assist lead teacher with set up and implementation of developmentally appropriate lesson plan and activities. Interact and supervise children while inside the classroom or during outdoor play. Enrich learning experiences that advance the children's learning in the five domains (social, emotional, cognitive, physical and spiritual). Encourage the involvement of families in the classroom and school activities. Follow policy and regulations of the program.

Salary:

Hourly, depending on education and experience. We offer full benefits, including holiday and personal time off with pay. Health and Dental Insurance are also provided.

Some duties and responsibilities include:

- Utilize appropriate language, interactions, and positive discipline.
- Model positive behavior.
- Use developmentally appropriate practices.
- Assist in instructing and supervising the children.
- Support lead teacher in all activities.
- Continuously monitor children to ensure safety at all times.
- Help lead teacher in anecdotal notes and observations. Take photos and use documentation to explain learning and purpose of play.
- Assist lead teacher in incorporating required activities into lesson plans that support the children's development.
- Maintain positive, open communication with parents.
- Attend workshops, trainings, and classes to further professional growth.
- Participate in team meetings and staff in-service trainings. Communicate and share ideas and concerns with lead teacher.
- Have the ability to maintain confidentiality.
- Set up outdoor and indoor environments with activities that are inviting to children.
- Help maintain a clean and organized environment sanitizing surfaces, equipment, and toys, as well as seeing to other needs as they arise.

Qualifications:

- Minimum of 12 units with an at least an AA degree.
- The candidate needs to possess a CCTC Permit (California Commission On Teacher Credential)
- Ability to cooperate successfully as a member of a team.
- Ability to communicate effectively with others, including giving and receiving feedback on the quality of the program and service.
- Be flexible with work hours.

If you are interested, please email your resume to WHPDirector@westwooducc.org or mail to 1989 Westwood Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90025.



Randy Bailey –

In the Spring of 2009, I enrolled at Pasadena City College to finish my education that I had not completed in 1970. My 37-year-old design/build construction career was terminally affected by the economic meltdown in 2007. I felt that going back to school for a degree in a new direction could help me create an encore or else I would be consumed by an identity crisis. After finishing the required classes, a wise counselor at PCC recommended that I come to Pacific Oaks to see if the education fit my temperament. I was not interested in 'just'

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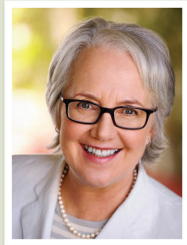
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Pacific Oaks College 2013
Events...



DR. WENDY MOGEL is an internationally acclaimed clinical psychologist, parenting expert and author of the New York Times bestselling parenting book, *The Blessing of a Skinned Knee*. Join us to hear her discuss how parents can meet the challenge of raising self-reliant, optimistic children in a nervous world.



Pacific Oaks College & Children's School
cordially invites you to attend the
2013 Evangeline Burgess Lecture



FEATURING
Dr. Wendy Mogel

THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2013 | 7PM

The University Club, 175 N. Oakland Ave., Pasadena, CA

RSVP by Friday, April 12 | E: tmiller@pacificoaks.edu | T: 626.529.8094

May 4 & 11

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

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Randy Bailey cont'd.

getting the degree, but in having an experience along with the degree.

As part of the curriculum at PO, I am now donating therapeutic time to the Dream Center. I work with teens and parents assisting them in ways to back out of their emotional and mental hell, while helping them find a new pair of glasses. I am glad to report that the education at PO has readied me for these therapeutic challenges. I am being supervised, along with students from five other college campuses around Southern California. Due to Pacific Oak's style of educational learning, the wonderful teachers, and the creative curriculum, I am better equipped to tend to the needs out there in the busy over stimulated world.