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Newsletter

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Alumni,

As we begin a new year and welcome another class of students to Pacific Oaks, I can't help but take pride in our growing community. Students who come through our doors do so for very specific reasons: to develop their knowledge and to find their voice, so when they leave our institution, they do so with the ability to make a positive impact on communities, families, and children which, in turn, will benefit future generations to come. Whether you attended our College or Children's School, you benefited from an educational experience that will always be part of your life. We hope to continue that journey with you.

Our alumni have gone on to become successful teachers, therapists, community leaders, and voices of change. We captured one alumna's story recently in two new videos that I am so excited to share with you. These videos feature Pacific Oaks College alumna Eshelle Williams talking about how her experience at the College has helped transform her life and led her to a successful career as a therapist and consultant specializing in foster care and adoption. These videos are a wonderful representation of how a Pacific Oaks education helps transform the lives of our students and alumni. They can be found on our YouTube channel at <https://youtube.com/user/PacificOaksCollege>. I hope you find them as inspirational as I do and share them with your family, friends, and colleagues.

Hearing from you and maintaining contact with our alumni is so important to the continuing vitality of Pacific Oaks. Our stories and legacy live within you. I hope you consider making your connection more permanent by joining a group of your esteemed colleagues in becoming members of the Pacific Oaks Alumni Association.

I wish you well in 2017 and look forward to engaging with you again soon.

Warm Regards,

Patricia A. Breen, Ph.D.
President, Pacific Oaks College & Children's School

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COLLEGE ALUMNUS HIGHLIGHT

Warren Sata – Outstanding Alumnus from Pacific Oaks College and Children's School



There aren't many people who have a Pacific Oaks legacy like Warren Sata—Pacific Oaks College and Children's School alumnus. Warren's father is the architect who built the boat in Boat Yard and remodeled Burgess House, both landmarks at the Children's School. "My ties to Pacific Oaks go back a long way" laughed Warren, "I can't believe that I have been a devotee to Pacific Oaks for almost 50 years."

Young Warren enjoyed life as a preschooler in the mid-to late-1960s when he was first introduced to the Pacific Oaks culture. The "PO Way" caught fire and after several years, he found his way back to Pacific Oaks College as a graduate student, earning his first Master's degree in Human Development.

Upon finishing his tenure as a preschooler, Warren continued his studies within the Pasadena Unified School District, attending Jackson Elementary and McKinley Middle School, before finally matriculating to USC from Blair High School.

He decided to stay local for college and accepted a scholarship to attend 'SC's prestigious School of Music. During his three years as a Trojan, he earned the distinguished National Endowment for the Arts award in Folk Arts for Japanese Taiko.

Almost ready to graduate with a trumpet degree, he was at a crossroads in his life—continue at USC or follow his dream of mastering the Taiko drums. His destiny led him to study this unique instrument with Japanese Grand Master, Seiichi Tanaka. After spending more than four years as a touring musician, Warren decided to return to his hometown of

Pasadena to try teaching. His teaching experiences ran the gamut from preschool to substitute teaching in grades kindergarten through 12.

At this point in his life, Warren made a serious decision to pursue a career as a teacher. He earned his second Master's degree in Music Education from Teacher's College, Columbia University, and returned to his alma mater, Blair High School, to teach.

Warren's quest for knowledge continued as he earned his third Master's degree at Harvard University in school administration. Combining his teaching skills and his love of the arts, Warren is currently the assistant principal for a charter school dedicated to the arts in grades 6 through 12 in Pomona, CA. "My life has come full circle. I get to work with kids who, like myself, have a love of the arts," stated Warren.

In addition to a thriving career as an educator, Warren is a mentor for the Fulfillment Fund and guides several young students in the greater Los Angeles area. Besides his dedication to Pacific Oaks, he is also committed to Pasadena where he is member of the Human Relations Commission in District 6.

When Pacific Oaks College and Children's School Alumni Association was recently restarted, it was a no brainer to invite Warren to be its president. "I am pleased and honored to lead the new Alumni Association. As we move to a new year, it is exciting to be part of the planning for this reconstituted group."

CHILDREN'S SCHOOL ALUMNUS HIGHLIGHT

Anne Schiller



Can you share with us one of your most cherished memories of being a student at the Children's School?

I have many cherished moments. One is the excitement I felt on my way to school in the back seat of our car—driving through the Rose Bowl while munching on carrot greens that were attached to the carrots I was bringing to our school rabbits. Another was walking around the classroom in La Loma while looking at the rainbow light refracted in a prism. A third is lying on my back in the Arroyo with all my kindergarten classmates, quiet, and listening for what we could hear.

What kind of kid were you?

I was quiet and shy with most people who were outside my family. Very observant—not in the middle of things—except at Pacific Oaks. That was the most comfortable and exuberant place for me.

What inspired you to become a teacher?

My mother was a teacher, and I spent a lot of time in her classroom. I worked with children every summer as a teenager in a settlement house day camp in New Jersey.

I traveled on the cheap for one year through Latin America in my early twenties. When I came back, I was trying to figure out what to do. I got several boring jobs, and then I was reminded by the friend with whom I traveled of how I kept having non-verbal connections with children on buses wherever we went. I decided to get a job through the State Employment Agency of NY, and I was sent to a variety of schools in NYC, and I stayed in one in Chinatown for a year. Much of what happened in that classroom went against what I believed, so I decided to get a teaching degree, and I went to Bank St. College of Education the following fall.

How has your experience as a former student of the Pacific Oaks Children's School impacted your current role as a master teacher?

I remember the feelings of joy, expansiveness, safety, and adventure I had as a child at Pacific Oaks. I remember being pushed on the tire swing by a girl who was like a big sister. I remember feeling awe for nature and a sense of responsibility for our school pets. I remember how happy and connected my mother felt at my school. She became a teacher after that. I carry all of these memories with me as I teach at Pacific Oaks.

What is the best part of your job?

My relationship with my co-workers has sustained me throughout my years at Pacific Oaks. It is the best part of my job. We teach each other as we share our thoughts and observations at the end of each day. We support and complement each other. We have common goals, a shared sense of humor, and shared history. I also marvel at how a disparate bunch of children become a group each year. It is a magical process—and not an easy one, but tremendously rewarding.



EVENTS

San Jose Campus Grand Opening, September 29, 2016



Annual Associates Dinner, October 6, 2016



Donor Scholarship Luncheon, November 16, 2016



Children's School Fall Festival, November 13, 2016



GIVING

GREAT NEWS! PACIFIC OAKS COLLEGE AND CHILDREN'S SCHOOL RECENTLY RESTARTED ITS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

Who is eligible to join?

- All graduates of Pacific Oaks College and Children's School

Why Join?

- Invitations to members only networking and educational events in Pasadena and Northern California
- Connecting with faculty, old friends, and making new contacts
- Keeping current with programs at Pacific Oaks College and Children's School
- Use of Career Center

What are the Benefits?

- Personalized membership card
- Use of the computer lab
- Use of career services at the Center for Achievement, Resources and Enrichment (CARE) Office
- Inclusion in alumni listserv
- Access to E-Central Credit Union

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Pacific Oaks College and Children's School Membership Form

- I want to join Pacific Oaks College & Children's School Alumni Association
- I want to renew my Alumni Association membership

Please indicate which calendar year you would like your joining/renewal fee to apply to:

- Current calendar year
- Next calendar year

Membership Options:

- Recent Graduate Membership: \$50/year
Graduated 5 years ago or less
- Patron Membership: \$75/year
Graduated more than 5 years ago/alumni of Pacific Oaks Children's School

Payment Options

- Enclosed is my check for \$_____ payable to Pacific Oaks College and Children's School
- I will pay my dues online at <http://www.pacificoaks.edu/Alumni>
- I am using my credit card to make this payment of \$_____
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FOR OUR RECORDS, PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR CURRENT INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT):

If you attended the Children's School, please provide each parent's name when enrolled

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*If applicable

As you contemplate your gift, please include a note about a favored teacher or professor who made an impact on your life. *Please use the form on the adjacent page to submit your story.*

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Company Name: _____

Matching form enclosed or completed online at my company's website

PERSONAL IMPACT

The person at Pacific Oaks College/Children's School that had the most impact on my life was...

Your Name: _____

Your Email: _____

Excerpts from your story may be published in a future newsletter. Please include in the remit envelope.

FACULTY UPDATES

Judy Magee, Core Faculty, School of Human Development

Judy Magee recently completed a post-graduate certificate in Interpersonal Neurobiology (IPNB) from Portland State University. IPNB is an emerging branch of applied neuroscience, known for its interdisciplinary perspective. It draws from the fields of affective, social and cognitive neurosciences, psychology, complexity theory, and relationship studies. It follows the intricacies of neurobiology from the embodied brain to the level of the interpersonal world. Originating from UCLA, it has many applications, most notably in counseling psychology, human development, and education. Judy's particular interest is in the IPNB of Transformative Learning. A good resource for learning more about the development of the field of IPNB over the past decade is the Norton Series on Interpersonal Neurobiology edited by Daniel Siegel (founding editor), Allan Schore (2007-2014), and Louis Cozolino (current editor). It is published by W. W. Norton & Company, New York, NY.



[To Learn more, please visit: <http://books.wwnorton.com/books/ipnb2016/>]

Donna Wetrich, Core Faculty, School of Education



This is an especially exciting time to be an educator in California. The No Child Left Behind Act has passed on. The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), which was signed this summer, is putting more emphasis on multiple measures of assessment and less focus on high stakes testing. Under new guidelines from California's state credentialing agency, the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC), all credential program providers, such as Pacific Oaks, are implementing new, improved guidelines and practices to upgrade the teaching profession. The California Department of Education is placing more focus on the assets children bring to the classroom, rather than on the deficits. Special education and general education are working together in a meaningful way to ensure that all

children have access to the same curriculum guided by highly-qualified teachers.

The Pacific Oaks pedagogy and the CTC standards are infused throughout our School of Education (SOE) credential programs to ensure that every child's learning styles and abilities are fostered. SOE credential candidates acquire skills and strategies to support children with diverse languages and from various cultures who have differing life experiences, or learning styles, or who may have experienced trauma. For example, social emotional learning, trauma response, and ensuring that families have resource connections, are all expectations for teacher candidates. Those concepts and practices are woven throughout each course. Competency is measured through coursework and written assessments.

The SOE welcomes all alumni who are currently in the teaching field and who are interested in building community connections for our clinical practice.



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ALUMNI DAY

SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2017
10 A.M.-1:30 P.M.

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- 10-10:30 A.M. - Continental breakfast
- 10:30-11:30 A.M. - Visit classes and converse with students
- 11:30 A.M.-1:30 P.M. - Lunch and faculty presentations

CLASSES OFFERED:

When Women Work Together; A Cross Cultural, Cross
Generational Approach – Dr. ReGena Booze
Arts and Social Change – Debra Postil



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