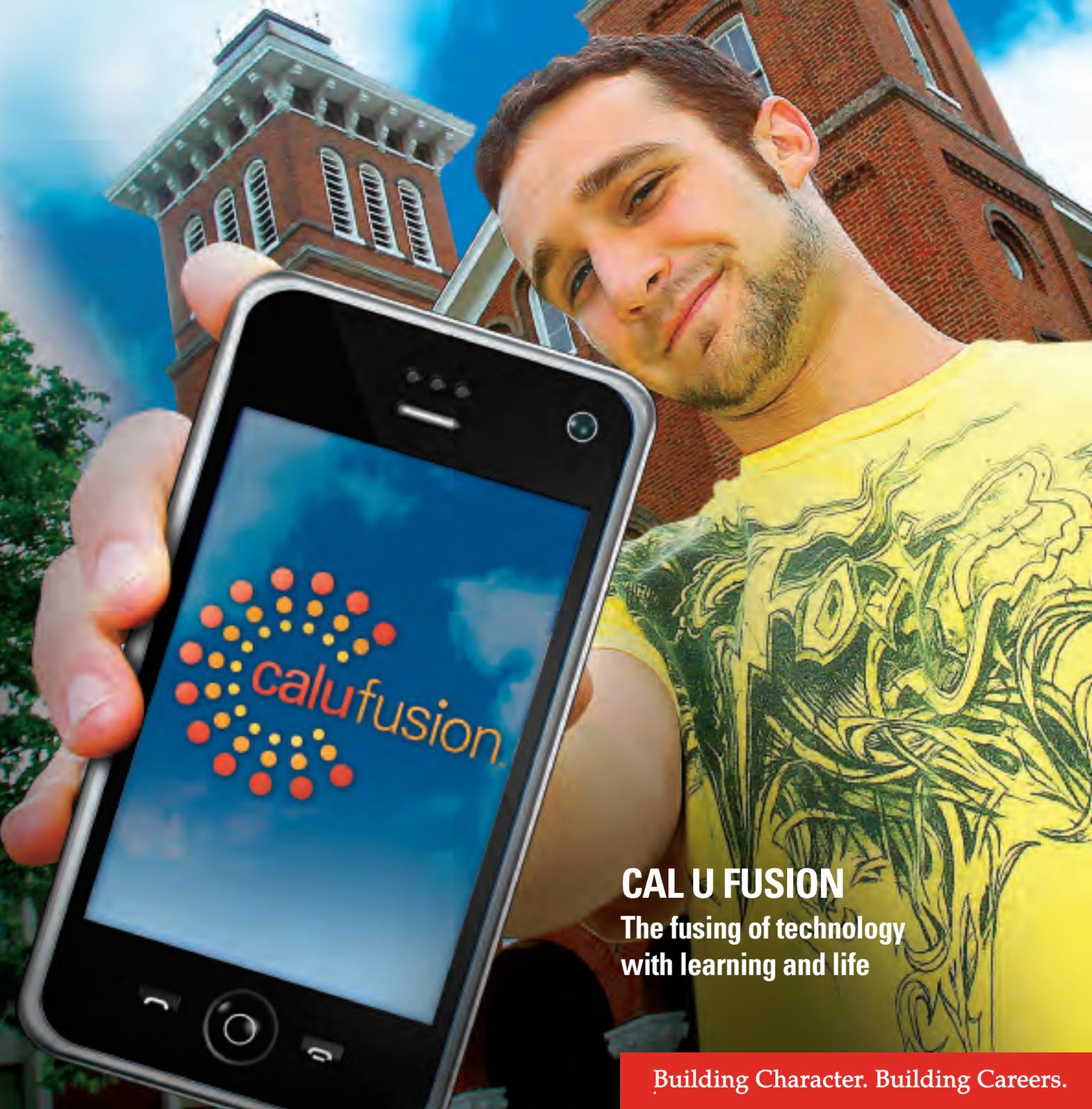


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FROM THE PRESIDENT

As a new academic year gets under way, California University is expanding its horizons.

We begin the fall semester on a campus that has grown by 50 percent, thanks to the Student Association Inc.'s purchase of the 98-acre Harris property adjoining Roadman Park.

This largely undeveloped parcel provides plenty of room for recreation on our south campus, and the lovely stone farmhouse on the land will accommodate meetings and student events.

The purchase demonstrates once again the SAI's foresight and commitment to Cal U and its students.

This semester, the University's vision is expanding farther into cyberspace, as well.

A new initiative, *Cal U Fusion*, has begun to harness the potential of smart phones and other mobile digital devices.

Ultimately, smart phones and high-tech tools such as the iPad and iPod Touch will become part of the classroom experience. For now, *Cal U Fusion* aims to integrate them into campus life, with a mobile website and customized "apps" that make life at Cal U more convenient and fun.

This campus-wide initiative places Cal U among the "first movers" in the handheld digital revolution, positioning the University to attract high-caliber students.

Already, faculty members are exploring ways to integrate digital technology into their classes. The University is expanding its Wi-Fi network and equipping more classrooms with "smart" technology. And creative students are beginning to use their ever-present cell phones for more than text messaging and music.

These changes, and many others, hold great promise for the future of California University. Like other institutions of higher learning, Cal U faces many challenges, yet we continue to keep our eyes on the horizon. In this edition of the *Review*, you will meet a number of faculty and alumni award-winners who are helping us do just that.

I invite you to share in the Cal U experience, either by visiting campus or making a virtual visit online. Your alma mater continues to move ahead. Please join us on this exciting journey.

With warm regards,

Angelo Armenti, Jr.
President
California University of Pennsylvania

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Autism center mirrors Cleveland Clinic program

California University has entered into a partnership with Highlands Hospital, a not-for-profit community hospital in Connellsville, Pa., that promises advanced training for Cal U students in the Department of Special Education and a brighter future for children with autism and their families.

The hospital in Fayette County — one of Pennsylvania’s most medically underserved regions — has announced it will work with the nationally recognized Cleveland Clinic to develop state-of-the-art services for children with autism in southwestern Pennsylvania.

The new autism center’s classroom design, staff training and curriculum will mirror a program that has been operating for 10 years at the Cleveland Clinic Center for Autism in Ohio.

Graduate students from Cal U will prepare for careers in special education by participating in clinical experiences at the autism center, which is scheduled to open next year.

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Handheld initiative fuses technology with learning and life

CAL U FUSION ARRIVES ON CAMPUS THIS FALL

When the majority of Cal U's current students were toddlers, the cell phone was still a novelty. The 12 million handheld devices in use in 1990 were bulky extravaganzas that promised convenience but frequently dropped calls.

While our Cal U students were growing up, so was this emerging technology. The demand for constant communication quickly expanded into a need for immediate information, and the cell phone evolved from a fad to an integral part of everyday life.

In 2009, there were some 4.6 billion cell phone users around the world. Another 20 million enjoy more than 225,000 applications available through mobile devices such as the iPad and iPod Touch.

The Cal U community has gone mobile, too. A study conducted this spring by BarkleyREI, a web development and interactive marketing firm, showed that 99 percent of current students and 97 percent of faculty use cell phones.

Nearly 22 percent of Cal U students also own an iPod Touch. Of the cell phone users, nearly 30 percent of students and 37 percent of faculty use smart phones to send text messages and access e-mail or the Internet.

C.J. DeJuliis '02, '04, of University Technology Services, understands the potential for mobile devices. In July 2009 he made a presentation to the PASSHE Summer Academy. His topic: how to engage the next generation of students through the iPhone and iPod Touch.

"The faculty got it immediately," DeJuliis says. "Mobile devices are not just for games. They hold the key to exceptional new learning experiences."

Dr. Charles Mance, Cal U's vice president for Information Technology, agrees. "When you put technology in the hands of students and faculty, amazing things will happen."

Cal U Fusion is born

Shortly after the presentation, DeJuliis and Mance shared their ideas for a mobile learning initiative with President Angelo Armenti, Jr. The President eagerly embraced the possibilities, and *Cal U Fusion* was born.

"*Cal U Fusion* is the blending of technology with learning and life," explains President Armenti. "By making learning interactive, fun, exciting and rewarding, we can help to achieve one of the major goals of the University mission statement: 'To instill not just learning, but the love of learning.'"

No other university in the State System — and very few in the country — had the vision to launch such a program. As a first step, the Cal U team tapped into the experience of Abilene Christian University (ACU), a first-mover in the use of mobile technology in the academic world.

George Saltsman, executive director of the Adams Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence at ACU, visited California and explained various applications his school has

developed to enhance teaching and learning.

An attendance-taking application was particularly interesting to Provost

Geraldine Jones. With this app, professors can quickly match names with faces in the classroom. If a student is absent, the application generates an e-mail from the professor with a message of concern.

"This is a great way for faculty to make another connection to students," says Jones. "It builds rapport and sends a signal to the students that professors really do care."

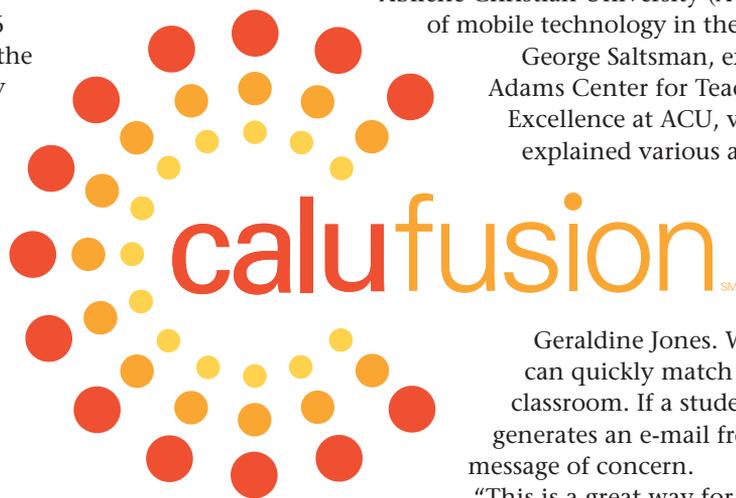
During the next few months a faculty committee at Cal U will examine new ways of using technology to teach. Later, a Teaching and Learning Center will train faculty and encourage an exchange of ideas.

Dr. Robert S. Whyte, associate professor in the Department of Biological and Environmental Science, is already an early adapter. Looking for a simpler way for research students to identify birds in the field, he discovered an existing bird identification application and downloaded it on his iPod Touch.

"This is a great tool to enrich the learning experience for students working on research, as well as students in related ecology classes," Whyte says. "I'm usually a paper-and-pencil kind of person. But when I discovered how this technology could replace a field notebook, I was absolutely sold."

Whyte is currently working on a wetlands plant identification app for use in his classroom.

Interest in mobile technology is growing among faculty. Jones believes they will use mobile devices to put video clips, readings and lab reports in the hands of students before class.





Graduate student Nate Frezzell '08 (left) and liberal arts major Jordan Galiffa use an iPad to check out the Cal U Fusion apps.

"This will enable the faculty to spend more quality time engaging students in the classroom," she explains.

Safety and convenience

Cal U Fusion ultimately will focus on teaching and learning, but until everyone on campus has access to a mobile device, the first phase will focus on student engagement.

"We're starting with simple applications that will be fun, but also improve student life and safety," Mance says.

The *Cal U Fusion* initiative will kick off officially in Fall 2010. Four applications will be introduced at freshman orientation, then rolled out to the Cal U community at large. Eventually, all of Cal U's customized apps will be compatible with the three leading cellular devices — iPhone, Android and BlackBerry, as well as the iPod Touch and iPad — or accessible from the University's mobile website.

Among the first customized applications is an interactive campus map. A new app called NextBus will track the five buses in the Vulcan Flyer fleet and show when a shuttle will arrive at any given stop.

Another convenient app allows users to order and pay for take-out food at campus eating venues. An emergency app immediately sends a message to University Police if help is needed.

A mobile version of the Cal U website also is set to debut, providing campus news, information and the helpful People Finder listing.

To support *Cal U Fusion*, the University will expand its Wi-Fi capability. Mance hopes that high-concentration areas on the main campus will be completely Wi-Fi enabled by the end of the year. Then his team plans to complete Wi-Fi installation on other campuses, including Southpointe and the Phillipsburg school.

Even the Vulcan Flyer buses will have Wi-Fi for the convenience of students, faculty and staff.

President Armenti believes the mobile teaching and learning initiative will give the University a competitive advantage.

"There's already a buzz on campus," he says. "When the *Cal U Fusion* initiative kicks off this fall, it will be just one more reason for high-caliber students to consider Cal U." ■

By Lindy Kravec, a Peters Township-based writer



Mobile devices are not just for games. They hold the key to exceptional new learning experiences.



C.J. DEJULIIS '02, '04
UNIVERSITY TECHNOLOGY SERVICES



parcel purchase

SAI buys 98 acres beside Roadman Park

To ensure that future generations of Cal U students have access to first-rate recreational and meeting spaces as enrollment continues to increase, the Student Association Inc. (SAI) has purchased a 98-acre parcel adjoining the University's south campus.

The \$1.1 million purchase of the former Harris property increases the overall size of the California University campus by 50 percent.

The property adjoins Roadman Park, home to the University's football stadium and track, tennis courts, softball and baseball practice fields, and other recreational facilities.

The SAI also owns Roadman Park.

The newly purchased parcel will enhance the quality of student life and expand recreational opportunities for Cal U students. Plans call for adding a track and playing fields, and using the 100-year-old farmhouse on the property for club meetings and other student activities.

"Cal U's enrollment has reached record levels for 12 consecutive years, and we anticipate further growth in the years ahead," says University President Angelo Armenti, Jr. "Expansion of Cal U's main campus is limited by its location between the river and the town, but this parcel expands the recreation area available for our students.



Jenna Dunmire (left) and Jackie Davis, both of the Student Association Inc., join Donald and Leslie Harris in front of the Harris family home.

"I applaud the SAI for its foresight in making this purchase, and I expect this land to become a well-used part of our campus."

Dr. Nancy Pinardi, associate vice president in the Office of Student Affairs at Cal U, says SAI leaders were immediately interested in the Harris property when it came on the market.

"It piqued their interest from the very beginning," she says. "They are excited about the opportunities this will provide for clubs and organizations."

Jackie Davis, a member of the SAI

board of directors and the immediate past president of the Student Government Association, says the lack of green space for recreation, sports clubs and intramurals on campus has been a student concern for some time.

"When discussing our concern with Dr. Armenti, he would always remark, 'They aren't making large plots of land anymore.' With the (grounds) on the main campus and at Roadman basically consumed, there was little room for growth or expansion. When the Harris farm came on the market, it seemed to be the solution we were looking for."

Like President Armenti, Pinardi credits the SAI for having a vision for the University.



“The fact that they made a purchase of this magnitude shows they have the needs of future students in mind.”

“Our job as student leaders is not only to look out for today’s students, but also to ensure that we help to enhance and brighten the future for students who will come to Cal years down the road,” Davis says.

“We think about it as beginning to ‘pay it forward.’ Many of the benefits we enjoy today come from boards that served years before us. Now it’s our turn to do the same for someone else.”

The SAI serves Cal U’s diverse student body by providing activities and programs and supporting new facilities on campus. The nonprofit association promotes the University’s core values, provides leadership opportunities and serves as an advocate for Cal U students. It has been at work strengthening Cal U since 1937. ■

By Wendy Mackall, assistant communications director at Cal U



SAI History

In the 1930s, the Women’s Athletic Association (WAA), a forerunner of the Student Association Inc. (SAI), began a search for additional space to accommodate activities that could not be carried out satisfactorily on what was, at the time, a smaller main campus.

These visionary women set out to earn enough money to build or purchase a cabin that would be used for overnight hikes, weekend gatherings or other similar purposes.

The organization sponsored the WAA Bazaar, similar to a county fair. Over a period of time, the association accumulated about \$2,000 toward their future acquisition.

When the Thomas Lilley Farm — an approximately 82-acre track of land with two large stone buildings — became available, WAA funds were used as a down payment, and the Student Activities Association was formed in 1937 to facilitate the purchase and manage the property. The nonprofit corporation included three members chosen from the WAA.

The Student Activities Association became the SAI in 1979.



The Harris property was a dairy farm from 1943 until the 1970s, and a beef farm from the '70s until 2004. Approximately 61 acres, including the farmhouse, lie west of Route 43. The rest is east of the road, which also is known as the Mon-Fayette Expressway.





Soccer finds new home at Booster Field

PLANS FOR COMPLEX INTRIGUE RECRUITS, VETERAN COACH SAYS

Booster Field sits behind the old Phillipsburg School building, one steep block uphill from the Natali Student Center. For more than a half-century, this was the home football venue for California High School. It was also the Vulcan football team's home field for 20 years before Adamson Stadium opened its gates in 1970.

As part of a \$5 million project, which also includes building a baseball practice field at Roadman Park, a state-of-the-art soccer complex will open at the Phillipsburg property. The soccer teams currently play at Roadman Park.

Plans for the soccer complex include a field with an artificial surface, lighting for nighttime events and a paved parking area. The old "booster building" will be renovated to house men's and women's locker rooms, a ticket kiosk, public restrooms and other facilities.

"This will be the finest facility in the eastern United States," says 25th-year men's soccer coach Dennis Laskey, Cal U's director of soccer operations.

"A lot of kids weigh their (college application) decision on facilities, and since we've been able to show them designs, both our programs have been inundated with recruits. The attraction has been incredible."

Attorney Charles Keller '47 remembers that the college football team relocated from an on-campus field near the river to Booster Field shortly after East Pike Run High School, housed in the Phillipsburg building, merged with California High School in 1949.

Booster Field "has an extensive and

convoluted history," says Keller, a longtime benefactor who received an honorary doctorate from Cal U in 2005. "My son recently reminded me that they used to put down bumpers and flood a portion of the parking lot in the winter, so it could be used as a skating rink."

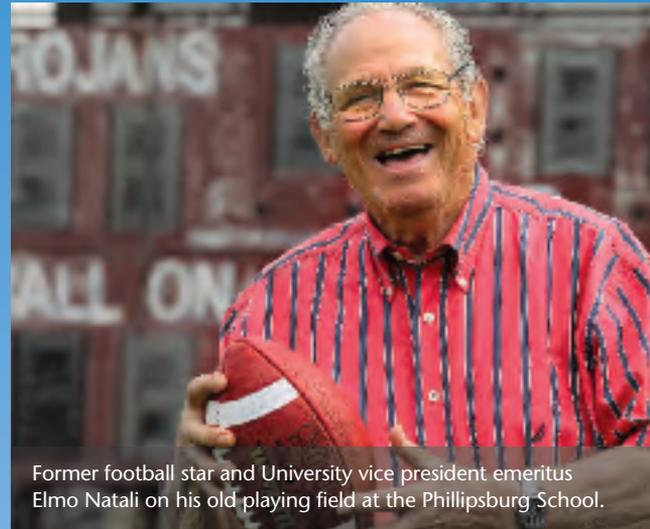
Two other alumni and past Vulcan football greats — Elmo Natali '53 and Jeff Petrucci '69 — reminisced about putting on their football gear in Herron or Hamer Hall, then walking up and back from Booster Field before and after the game.

"It always put the visiting teams in a bind, because they didn't know if they should ride or walk up the hill or just complain about it," says Petrucci, who quarterbacked the Vulcans to an exciting 28-28 tie with East Stroudsburg in the 1968 PSAC title game contested at Booster.

"It certainly gave us home field advantage."

Natali, a vice president emeritus and a former star running back, jokes about looking out for stones and glass on the field back in his playing days. Both the Vulcans and the high school Trojans benefited from each other's facilities, he says. The high school stopped playing at Booster field in 2005; the team played at Adamson Stadium before moving to a new facility behind the high school last fall.

"Our football program has come a long way, but back then that was the only field we knew," he said. "Dennis (Laskey) has been very loyal to the University, and it's great that our soccer programs are getting a first-rate facility of their own."



Former football star and University vice president emeritus Elmo Natali on his old playing field at the Phillipsburg School.

Fond memories of Booster Field linger, but recent Vulcan soccer teams are making their own lasting impression.

In 2009, the women's team won an NCAA Regional championship and advanced to the NCAA Division II Elite Eight. The men's team won the PSAC championship two seasons ago.

Laskey credits President Angelo Armenti, Jr. for insisting on first-class facilities.

"Whenever he supports something for the school, it has to be the best it possibly can be," he says. "Aesthetically, they are doing this (renovation) just like they've done everything else on this campus."

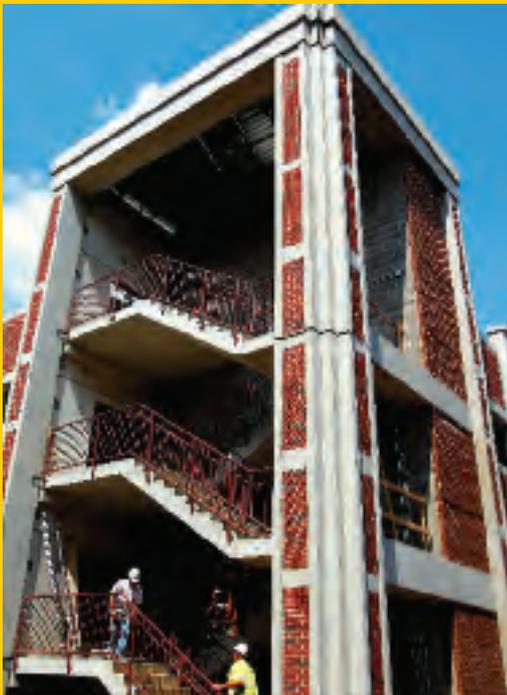
The veteran coach believes Cal's new soccer complex will have far-reaching implications.

"Many other University programs will use the facility, and we are looking to host not only NCAA games but also international matches and professional games," he says. "This is a milestone achievement, and we can do some very big things." ■

By Bruce Wald '85, Cal U information writer

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Ironworkers raise a roof truss at the Convocation Center. The final truss was set in place on Aug. 3, when a 'topping out' ceremony was held.



Parking is available on five levels in the new Vulcan Garage.

Building booms across campus

Construction workers were busy at two sites on the Cal U campus this summer.

Behind Manderino Library, workers have been putting the finishing touches on a parking facility set to open this fall.

Vulcan Garage offers more than 660 parking spaces, including spots set aside for campus visitors.

Adjacent to Hamer Hall, the Convocation Center is taking shape. Underground utilities have been installed and the steel frame is rising. Designed as a regional asset, this state-of-the-art building features a 6,000-seat arena and executive conference facilities equipped with cutting-edge "smart" technology.

The Convocation Center is scheduled for completion in 2011.



The Convocation Center takes shape. The building will be faced with brick to match others on campus.



Nearly 400 laborers and skilled workers have worked at the Convocation Center site.



THE 2010 PRESIDENT'S GALA

THE GOLDEN AGE OF HOLLYWOOD



The Westin William Penn provided a glittering setting for the President's Gala.



President Angelo Armenti, Jr. (left) and First Lady Barbara Armenti join Joan Helsel and her husband, Jay, recipient of the Lillian M. Bassi Core Values Award.

'HOLLYWOOD' GALA RAISES SCHOLARSHIP DOLLARS

Flashbulbs popped and sequins sparkled as more than 320 faculty, staff and friends of California University celebrated "The Golden Age of Hollywood" June 6 at the 2010 President's Gala.

The annual event at the Omni William Penn hotel in downtown Pittsburgh has raised more than \$1.24 million since its inception in 1994. Net proceeds of nearly \$700,000 have provided scholarships for Cal U students.

"This was a year of remarkable achievement at Cal U," said President Angelo Armenti, Jr., who served as host with his wife, First Lady Barbara Armenti.

"In the past 12 months our academic offerings have been strengthened and expanded. Our athletic teams have won statewide and regional titles. Our beautiful campus continues to evolve, and our enrollment continues to grow."

Honorary chairs for the black-tie event were David Amati '70, '72 and his wife, Kathleen. Director of North American Business Development for MCE-5 Development, an automotive engine development company based in Lyon, France, Amati also serves on the board of directors for the Foundation for California University.

Award winners

The Omni's Grand Ballroom rang with applause for Dr. David Boehm, who accepted the President's Faculty Award for Teaching; Dr. Andrae Marak, recipient of the President's Faculty Award for Research; and Dr. Mohamed Yamba, winner of the President's Faculty Award for Service.

Dr. Anthony Saludis received the President's Emeriti Faculty Award, and Professor Joanne Raleigh was named winner of the President's Emerita Faculty Award.

Dr. Jay Helsel '59, '63, winner of the Lillian M. Bassi Core Values Award, brought down the house with a droll acceptance speech that recognized his wife, Joan, and children Joy and Jeff, all previous winners of Alumni Association Awards of Distinction.

A former Cal U professor and administrator, as well as the author of dozens of textbooks, Helsel has been a generous supporter of the University. Helsel Hall was named in his honor in 2005.

As dinner was served, "Marilyn Monroe" (portrayed by Jocelyn Wrzosek) glided from table to table. On the silver screens overhead, classic movie scenes gave way to

a video montage of the year's highlights at Cal U, scenes from students' lives and film clips featuring "thank you" messages from scholarship winners.

Casino games, a silent auction and dancing to the Benny Benack Orchestra rounded out the evening's festivities.

Penguins scholarship

Bidding in the silent auction reached new heights this year, gala organizers reported.

Hockey fans did their part, bidding on an autographed jersey, hockey stick and framed picture that included a bit of the net from Game 7 in the Pittsburgh Penguins' 2009 Stanley Cup-winning series. The items were donated by the Pittsburgh Penguins, who have named Cal U their official educational partner for the coming year.

Bidders in two previous online auctions got the Pittsburgh Penguins endowed scholarship fund off to a strong start, and bidding at the President's Gala pushed the total over \$10,000. Proceeds from the endowment will support an annual scholarship award.

"Once again, the President's Gala was a wonderful celebration of the University's progress — and a real success in terms of fundraising," said Angela Burrows, vice president for University Relations. "It was a delight to see everyone there, from our faculty award winners and generous friends to a number of recent graduates.

"Best of all, our students are the ones who benefit from the scholarship dollars we raise. Ultimately, they are the reason we hold this event." ■

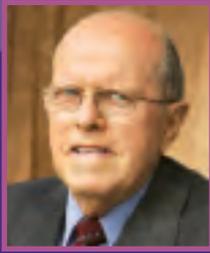
By Christine Kindl, director of communications and public relations at Cal U



(Top) Honorary Co-Chairs Dr. David Amati '70, '72 and Kathleen Armati emcee the 2010 President's Gala. (Above left) 'Marilyn Monroe' poses for photos with Gala guests. (Above right) Dante Morelli '02 rolls the dice at the Gala craps table. (Below left) Guests take a turn at the poker table. (Below right) Connie and Tom Monroe enjoy a dance.



2010 PRESIDENTIAL AWARD WINNERS HONOREES RECOGNIZED AT THE PRESIDENT'S GALA



DR. JAY D. HELSEL '59
2010 Lillian M. Bassi
Core Values Award

Dr. Jay D. Helsel '59 returned to his alma mater in 1961 and served in various capacities through a distinguished 35-year career that exemplified California University's core values of Integrity, Civility and Responsibility.

He taught five years in what was then the Industrial Arts Department before assuming the responsibilities of director of campus planning from 1966 to 1975. That year Dr. Helsel was named vice president for administrative affairs, a position he held until 1980, when he returned to teaching. He became department chair in 1990 and served in that position until he retired with emeritus status in 1996.

In addition to his work at Cal U, Dr. Helsel is a renowned author of more than 75 educational textbooks and publications, which are used in high schools and colleges around the world.

During the 2005 Homecoming, the Coover Annex building was renamed Helsel Hall in his honor, and 1998 marked the opening of the Dr. Jay D. Helsel Computer Assisted Drafting and Design Laboratory in Coover Hall.

Dr. Helsel also is one of the University's most generous benefactors, having established several endowed scholarships and several School District Scholarships.

In 1980 he received the Alumni Association's C.B. Wilson Distinguished Faculty Award and in 2005 the President's Gala Emeriti Faculty Award. He also received the Normal Link Award from the University of Pittsburgh.

Dr. Helsel earned an M.Ed. from Penn State University and a D.Ed. from the University of Pittsburgh.



DR. DAVID BOEHM
President's Faculty Award
for Teaching

This is the second President's Gala award for Dr. David Boehm, who was honored in 1997 for his scholarly activity.

During his 21 years as a professor at Cal U, Dr. Boehm has taught 11 different courses in the Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences. His area of expertise is in microbiology and immunology.

His philosophy of teaching is based on the premise "that it is the individual, the student, who is the best teacher. The lessons in life we remember best are the ones we learned ourselves. In order to be effective educators we must provide or reinforce in our students the desire to learn on their own."

Dr. Boehm is past president of the Allegheny branch of the American Society for Microbiology; a member of the American Society for Microbiology and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania University Biologists; past adviser of the Beta Beta Beta biology honor society; and a member of the Pennsylvania Academy of Sciences.

He earned his bachelor's degree at West Liberty State College (W.Va.) and his master's degree and doctorate at West Virginia University.



DR. ANDRAE MARAK
President's Faculty Award
for Research

Dr. Andrae Marak is the interim director of the California University Honors Program and an associate professor in the Department of History and Political Science. He also is an associate of the Center for Latin American Studies at the University of Pittsburgh.

He has published articles in *Paedagogica Historica*, the *New Mexico Historical Review*, the *Journal of the West*, and the *Journal of the Southwest* on the centralization of education and the creation of the corporatist state in post-revolutionary Mexico; borderlands schooling; the gendering of public school teachers; the Tohono O'odham Indians; and education in the Sierra Tarahumara.

His book, *From Many One: Indians, Peasants, Borders, and Education in Callista Mexico, 1924-1935*, was published in 2009 by the University of Calgary Press. He has two books currently under contract with the University of Arizona Press.

Dr. Marak received his B.A. in political science from Marquette University, his M.A. in political science from Syracuse University and his Ph.D. in Latin American studies, history and political science from the University of New Mexico.

Award-winners join President Armenti for a portrait. Professor Joanne Raleigh was unable to attend, but she greeted guests via video.





DR. MOHAMED YAMBA
**President's Faculty Award
for Service**

Chair of the Department of History and Political Science, Dr. Mohamed Yamba was born in Old Tafo, Ghana, where he attended Navrongo Secondary School before pursuing dual degrees at the University of Ghana.

He taught high school English from 1977-1979, and then completed a dual program in International Affairs and Political Science with a certificate in Public Administration at Ohio University.

Dr. Yamba earned his Ph.D. in Public Policy Research and Analysis at the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs at the University of Pittsburgh. He also earned a post-graduate certificate in Teaching Undergraduate Data Analysis at The Ohio State University.

Dr. Yamba is a member of the steering committee of the Researchers' Alliance for Development, a key committee of the World Bank that critiques and advises the World Bank on the consequences and implications of its decisions.

At Cal U, Dr. Yamba is affiliated with the Frederick Douglass Institute, which promotes multiculturalism and diversity at the University, and its Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Essay Competition. He also coordinates The Harrisburg Internship Semester (THIS), a state government internship for students.



JOANNE RALEIGH '72, '80
**Emerita Faculty
Award**

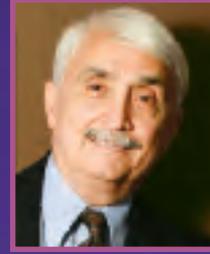
A true hometown success story, Joanne Chop Raleigh '72, '80 began working at Cal U as a secretary after high school and went on to enjoy a diverse and distinguished career that lasted more than 30 years.

She began working as a secretary in the Placement Office in 1965, left her clerical position in 1969 to become a full-time student, and earned her bachelor's degree in elementary education in 1972.

In 1974, Professor Raleigh began working as a clerk/typist in the Academic Development Services Department. She became a counselor and faculty member for the department in 1975 and completed an M.Ed. in counseling in 1980.

Professor Raleigh served in the department's Upward Bound Program, then became director of the Act 101 Program, which serves the most disadvantaged students at Pennsylvania's institutions of higher education. She served for many years with the statewide Act 101 Directors Association, working extensively on the organization's program planning committee.

Granted emeriti status in February 2005, Professor Raleigh has been a generous University benefactor for more than two decades, supporting several different scholarships.



DR. ANTHONY SALUDIS
**Emeritus Faculty
Award**

Dr. Anthony Saludis was a professor in California University's Department of Elementary Education from January 1969 until he retired in May 2001. He was granted emeriti status in October 2001.

Dr. Saludis taught language arts at the undergraduate level and in the reading specialist program at the graduate level. He also observed students' field course experiences and served as acting assistant chair of the department.

He earned his Bachelor of Science and M.Ed. from Duquesne University and his Ph.D. from the University of Pittsburgh. While at Duquesne he was a member of the Army ROTC Officers program. He served six months in the U.S. Army and another eight-and-a-half years in the Active Reserves before being discharged with the rank of captain.

A generous benefactor, Dr. Saludis initiated the Saludis Family Scholarship at Cal U in 2002. Earlier this year he started another endowment in memory of his mother, the Harriet Saludis Memorial Scholarship.

Dr. Saludis also is an enthusiastic supporter of Vulcan athletics. A member of both basketball teams' booster clubs, he won the 2005 Men's Basketball Alumnus of the Year Award.

THE GOLDEN AGE OF HOLLYWOOD

2010 PRESIDENT'S GALA

Windy and wonderful: Commencement 2010

For the first time in more than a decade, California University held its Undergraduate Commencement outdoors. A few caps flew in the wind, but the blustery weather couldn't dim the smiles of family and friends as more than 700 students marched into Adamson Stadium to receive their diplomas.

The May 8 ceremony marked the start of a tradition at Cal U — presentation of a Senior Gift. As part of the Cal U for Life initiative, the Class of 2010 presented President Angelo Armenti, Jr. with a check for more than \$3,200 to be used for scholarships.

Commencement speaker Fred Gladney '71 matched the gift and — on his mother's 92nd birthday — spoke to the graduates about "The DNA of Success."

Comedian Craig Shoemaker quipped, "Anybody got a kite?" before accepting an honorary doctorate.

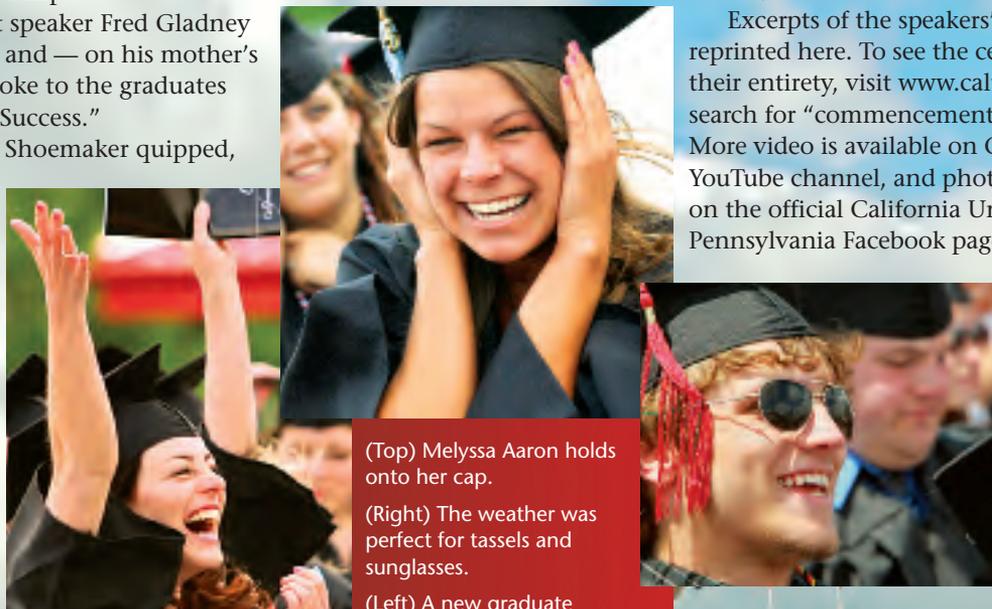
"I hope each of you will become a part of the University's culture of philanthropy," President Armenti told the newly minted alumni.

"Spread the good news about your experiences at Cal, encourage your friends and family to apply here, return for Homecoming and other alumni events, and finally, as your circumstances allow, help someone else get a Cal U education."

On May 7, graduate students received their master's degrees in Hamer Hall auditorium. Speaker Robert Eberly, Jr. discussed character and careers, plus two more C-words — charity and citizenship.

In all, President Armenti conferred degrees on more than 1,200 students.

Excerpts of the speakers' addresses are reprinted here. To see the ceremonies in their entirety, visit www.calu.edu and search for "commencement videos." More video is available on Cal U's YouTube channel, and photos are posted on the official California University of Pennsylvania Facebook page.



(Top) Melyssa Aaron holds onto her cap.

(Right) The weather was perfect for tassels and sunglasses.

(Left) A new graduate waves to family and friends in the crowd. (Photo by Christine Pocratsky, staff photographer Herald-Standard, Uniontown, Pa.)



'Give of your time and talents'

Robert E. Eberly, Jr. began a second career as an author and Civil War historian after retiring from the General Counsel's Office of the U.S. Navy. A participant in re-enactments and roundtable discussions, he founded the Low Country Civil War Roundtable and the Civil War Roundtable that meets regularly at Cal U. His book, Bouquets from the Cannon's Mouth, is based on original documents from the Civil War.

Like his father, Eberly has been a generous benefactor to the University. He addressed master's degree candidates on May 7 in Hamer Hall auditorium.

“**B**uilding character, building careers.” How many times have you heard that during your time here at California? Is it just a slogan, a marketing gimmick? I don't think so!

I believe it is the very touchstone of this great University. It summarizes what an education here is all about. Indeed, it sets this University apart and makes the experience of obtaining a degree here so much more meaningful.

You all have studied and worked diligently in your various disciplines to prepare yourselves for a career in the fields you have chosen. Your professors, the administrators and the staff ... have given you the knowledge and, equally important, the life skills you will need. ...

The days of 30 years with the same company and a gold watch at your retirement dinner are gone forever. It has been estimated that young people entering the workforce today will likely change jobs, if not their entire career focus, five to seven times during their working lives.

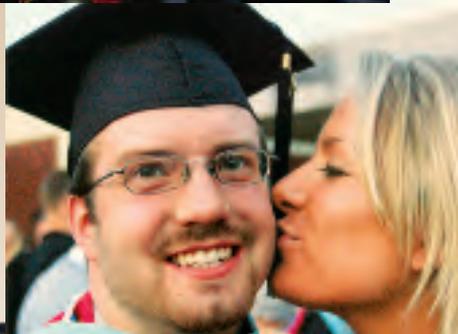
That is where the other half of the Cal mantra, “building character,” comes into play. ... I have every confidence that the lessons you've learned from your parents and families, ably supplemented by your experiences here at Cal have equipped you admirably to do the right thing, to make the right choices in those tough situations that will ensure you a successful career and, more importantly, a successful life.

That brings me to the subject of “Cal U for Life.” Its goal is to inculcate a “culture of philanthropy” at Cal and to educate students on the need for them to “pay it forward” ... so that generations of Cal students to come can enjoy the same quality educational experience as they did.

(Top) It's thumbs up for Cassandra Simon and Lori Dugas.

(Middle) Julie Ann Watkins congratulates Paul Oakes with a kiss.

(Bottom) Regina Lee Donkers joins the procession.



... You will find, out there in the real world, that other needs, and other opportunities, for charitable endeavors (also) are all around you. Hopefully, as you become active in your various communities, you will seek these out and give of your time and talents in service to your fellow man.

I'd like to talk for a moment now about citizenship. Obviously, it is the obligation of every one of us to vote ... but your vote will lack true meaning if it is an uneducated one. Take time to educate yourselves on the issues of the day, whether global, national or local. With the advent of the Internet, it is easier than ever to gather information on any issue, to examine opposing points of view and then to make an informed, educated decision about where you stand.

There is one last thing I do want to say to you: Never forget to make time for your families. ... In the grand scheme of things, family is paramount. It is what endures and gives the deepest meaning to our lives.

I am reminded of that every time I walk past Manderino Library and stop to gaze at my father's statue. I know that he would be very proud of all that you have accomplished here at Cal, and so am I. ”

'The California I needed'

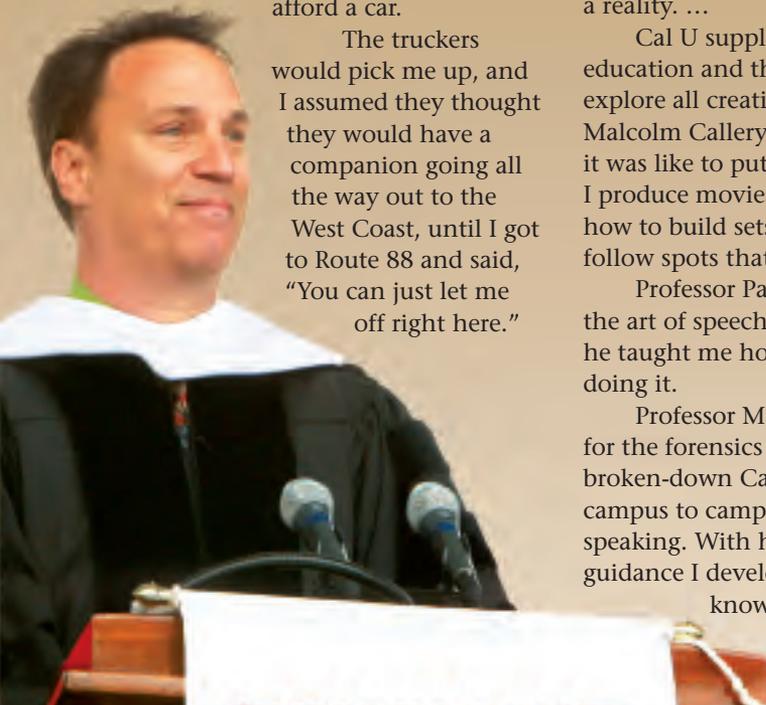
Craig A Shoemaker '10 is an award-winning writer, stand-up comedian and comic actor who has appeared in more than 100 television shows and feature films. In 2004 he opened a comedy compound and retail outlet, The Laughter Store, inspired by his nonprofit organization, Laughter Heals.

Shoemaker was a student at Cal U from 1977-1979, and later attended Temple University. On May 8 he received an honorary doctorate, honoris causa, at Adamson Stadium. He also joined the line of undergraduates and picked up his long-awaited bachelor's degree.



“Three decades ago I painted a handmade sign and I stood on the Pennsylvania Turnpike, back all the way on the eastern side, with a sign that said “California,” so I could hitchhike a ride here because I couldn’t afford a car.

The truckers would pick me up, and I assumed they thought they would have a companion going all the way out to the West Coast, until I got to Route 88 and said, “You can just let me off right here.”



But this was the California that I really needed. This is the exact place that a confused teenager needed to find direction and hope for my future. ... This is the place that provided me with the education and the opportunity for my childhood aspirations to become a reality. ...

Cal U supplied the facilities, the education and the encouragement to explore all creative outlets. ... Professor Malcolm Callery ... showed me what it was like to put on productions, and I produce movies today. He taught me how to build sets and operate the follow spots that lit the stage. ...

Professor Pat Miller taught me the art of speech, and most importantly he taught me how you could have fun doing it.

Professor Marcy Blout coached me for the forensics team as we drove our broken-down California van from campus to campus for competitive speaking. With her nurturance and guidance I developed my skills, and the knowledge and passion that she imparted to me is invaluable. ...

The varied and diverse curricula offered here propelled me into an awareness that there are no limits on what I can do. I seized all that was available to me, and that repetition built the confidence that I lacked when I first arrived on this campus. ...

Cal U provided me a chance to build character and career through countless opportunities to try and fail, and inevitably ... succeed.

Here is where I eliminated the fear, the doubt and the worry that held me back from (reaching) my ultimate potential. Now all is possible. ...

I am amazed when I walk around this campus and think about when I first arrived here. It’s like “The Little College That Could.”

This moment will be cherished for the rest of my life. ... Maybe because I’m a doctor now, I can say, “Open up and say, ‘Ha, ha.’” ”

She said ‘YES!’

Graduate Joshua Troutman picked up a diploma — and made a proposal — at Cal U’s 170th Commencement.

Troutman, 22, a technology education major from Bedford, Pa., used the top of his graduation cap to send a message to Whitney Graham, 22, of Johnstown, Pa., who was watching from the bleachers at Adamson Stadium.

Graham, an early childhood education major who will graduate from Cal U in December, said she saw “something” on

Troutman’s cap as he processed onto the field with the other graduates.

She used a camera to zoom in on the words asking for her hand.

“All I could do is zoom in to see him,” she said. “So I had to sit here in agony, waiting” until she could give him an answer.

Which was?

“Yes!”

Shortly after Commencement, Graham said the couple had not yet set a wedding date.



(Left) After waiting ‘forever’ in the stadium bleachers, Whitney Graham, 22, greets her husband-to-be, new graduate Joshua Troutman, 22.

'The DNA of Success'

Fred D. Gladney '71 is a successful executive with nearly 40 years of general management, operations and sales leadership experience. A corporate executive in the information technology sector, he has worked with IBM and Compaq Computer, now part of Hewlett-Packard, and was part of the leadership team of Isearch.com and Pittsburgh-based Development Dimensions International.

Founder and CEO of CWG, a software development firm, Gladney addressed undergraduates May 8 in Adamson Stadium. This was the first time in more than a decade that Cal U held its Commencement ceremonies outdoors.



I'm remembering. Reflecting. Reminiscing. Forty years ago, a poor newspaper boy from Paulson Avenue in Pittsburgh had made it through four years of Vulcan Lounge, frat parties, all-nighters, Mr. Novak and Dr. Romboski's math classes, and was sitting where you now sit — and waiting anxiously for the Commencement speaker to finish!

So, I won't be long, but I trust there will be at least one take-away, one useful nugget you can lock on to and leverage as you move into the school of the real world. ...

The DNA of success, as I see it, is about Dreaming, Networking and Attitude.

D is for dreaming. Desiring. Dreaming big. The richest place in the world is not the oil fields of the Middle East or the diamond mines of South Africa. The richest place in the world is the graveyard, because dreams are buried there.

What if Aaliyah or Michael Jackson or Beethoven had died with all that music in their head? What if Edison and Einstein had died with their dreams still in their heads? Too many allow their dreams to die.

Please, don't let your dreams die. Keep them alive. ... Be driven by your purpose, not your paycheck. ... Don't conform. Don't settle for average. Dream big and believe in yourself. Set incremental goals, fasten your seat belt and GO.

N is for networking. Old school was to develop a great resumé; new school is to develop a great network!

... Effective networking is helping others; people helping people. You have something to give and something to gain in every relationship. It's bi-directional — but the first move is yours.

Share what you have to offer: Opinions. Support. Knowledge.

Critical thinking skills, research

skills, software knowledge. A word of encouragement. Whether through e-mail or blog posts, online or toe to toe at Starbucks, you're building your brand. You're building reputation and goodwill.

You see, the point of networking is building trust and positive association. In a post-job-security world, it is good to know people who trust you. Those people will listen when you need help — and if they *can* help, they will.

Finally, in the DNA, the **A is for attitude.**

At the end of the day, it's your attitude, not just your aptitude, that determines your altitude. ...

... Choose to think about and help others. Choose a "don't quit" attitude. Choose to be a continuous learner. Choose an "I can do this" attitude, whatever the goal.

Choose an attitude of faith, a belief in the One who created you.

A wise man once said, "Only a fool says in his heart there is no God."

And choose an attitude of thanksgiving. You are a blessed lot!

Choose to serve. Choose to exploit your passion, live out your purpose and unleash your full potential — and success is yours.

See you at the top! ”



Craig Shoemaker celebrates with hands raised high after President Armenti surprised him with his undergraduate degree. Shoemaker also received an honorary doctorate during the ceremonies.

GREETINGS FROM THE
ALUMNI OFFICE & ANNUAL FUND!

Members of the classes of 1961 and 1985 have been working hard throughout the summer months to prepare for gatherings at our annual Homecoming festivities this fall. Homecoming activities are planned for

Oct. 15-16, 2010.

The Class of 1961 will meet to plan for their Milestone 50th Reunion to be held June 3, 2011. They also will have opportunity to walk in the Homecoming Parade.

The classes of the 1980s will hold a reunion at Homecoming with a focus on the Class of 1985, since it's their 25th reunion year.

I encourage any classmate from these years who is not yet involved to contact the Alumni Office. Find out how you can help, whether by contacting fellow alumni, sending letters or simply attending the gatherings!

As classrooms re-open and students begin to arrive on campus, the fall season ushers in the annual Vulcan Huddle football tailgates. Two hours prior to the start of each home football game — and many away games, too — Cal U alumni, current students and friends gather to celebrate and show their school spirit. Music, refreshments, prizes, giveaways and more await our Vulcan fans!

Please plan to attend one or more of these upcoming events as a way to reconnect with former classmates and meet new friends.

As always, we enjoy your feedback and welcome the opportunity to hear from you. Call the office, e-mail us or stop by the Michael and Julia Kara Alumni House anytime you are on campus. I would be happy to show you the many changes at your alma mater, and I look forward to sharing these exciting times with you!

Amy Lombard
Executive Director
Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Fund

alumni calendar

SEPTEMBER

Washington, D.C., Chapter Event, (details to be announced)

Expect to hear more about an alumni gathering in our nation's capital.

Vulcan Huddle, Sept. 18

Join us at the Vulcan Huddle before Cal U's football team takes on East Stroudsburg. The pre-game tailgate at Adamson Stadium starts two hours before kickoff. Check www.calvulcans.com for the football schedule and game times.

OCTOBER

Family Weekend, Oct. 1-3

Invite the whole family to Cal U's inaugural Family Weekend. Campus activities include meeting University deans and faculty members, observing Friday classes, attending an activities fair, and enjoying Sunday brunch. For details, contact Randi Minerva, assistant manager of the Annual Fund, at 724-938-4248 or minerva@calu.edu. Watch for more information online and in the mail soon!

Vulcan Huddle, Oct. 2

Meet old friends and make new ones before the Cal U vs. Lock Haven football game. The pre-game Vulcan Huddle tailgate at Adamson Stadium starts two hours before kickoff. Game time to be announced. Visit www.calvulcans.com for the football schedule and game times.

Pre-Symphony Reception, Oct. 2

Join us for a fundraiser at 6:45 p.m. in the Kara Alumni House. Hearty hors d'oeuvres, limited bar service and good company set the mood for an 8 p.m. performance by the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra in Steele Hall. Reception proceeds benefit the Alumni Scholarship Fund.

HOMECOMING WEEKEND, Oct. 15-16**Friday, Oct. 15**

- **Industrial Arts/Tech Ed Alumni Reception** – 7 p.m. in the Booker Great Room, Kara Alumni House.
- **Class of 1961 Reunion Planning Meeting** – For details, call the Alumni Office at 724-938-4418.
- **Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner** – 5 p.m. in the Performance Center, inside the Natali Student Center. Event is open to inductees, past inductees and guests. For a list of honorees or other information, contact Montean Dean, administrative assistant for Alumni Relations, at 724-938-4418 or dean@calu.edu.

Saturday, Oct. 16

- **Alumni Board Meeting** – 9 a.m. in the Booker Great Room, Kara Alumni House. **1980s Reunion**, highlighting the Class of 1985. For details, call the Alumni Office at 724-938-4418 or check our Alumni Online Community at <https://calu.ealumni.com/>.
- **African-American Alumni Society Annual Meeting** – 10 a.m. in the multipurpose room, Carter Hall. After the meeting, a picnic will be held at Adamson Stadium. For details, call the Alumni Office at 724-938-4418 or check our Alumni Online Community at calu.ealumni.com/.
- Join us at the **Vulcan Huddle** before Cal U takes on Slippery Rock. The pre-game tailgate at Adamson Stadium starts two hours before the football game's opening kickoff. Check www.calvulcans.com for the football schedule and game times.

Women's Networking Event at Southpointe, Oct. 21

Connect with other women who share your alma mater. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m., event starts at 6 p.m. For details, contact Bridgett Nobili in Career Services at 724-938-4826 or nobili@calu.edu.

NOVEMBER

Technology Education Association of Pennsylvania (TEAP) Annual Conference, Nov. 4

The Industrial Arts /Tech Ed Alumni Society will hold its annual banquet from 6-9 p.m. at the Appalachian Brewing Co., in Harrisburg, Pa.

SPEAK UP! WE'RE LISTENING...

What do you think of the *Cal U Review*? The editor and staff want to know. Is there a feature you enjoy — or one you don't? A topic you'd like to read more about? To share your thoughts, send an e-mail to revieweditor@calu.edu, or drop us a line at: **Cal U Review, Box 31, 250 University Drive, California, PA 15419-1394.**

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Cal U's preschool program teaches
Stephen Covey's '7 Habits'



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FROM THE DEAN



Greetings.

As the 2010-2011 academic year commences at California University of Pennsylvania, it is my pleasure to welcome you to this edition of *Focus On*, featuring the College of Education and Human Services. Within, you will enjoy new and exciting stories.

Our Early Childhood Education program, under the guidance of Dr. Barbara Bonfanti, will be integrating Dr. Stephen R. Covey's *7 Habits of Highly Effective People* with children in the Learning and Language Center that is housed in our Department of Communication Disorders. This project is the first of its kind anywhere in the world.

Dr. Taunya Tinsley, Dr. Grafton Eliason and Dr. Ayanna Lyles are collaborators in an international sport counseling and athletic training effort with their students. Learn more

about their travels to South Africa, where they worked with colleagues at the University of Pretoria training institute in preparation for the 2010 World Cup, soccer's premier international event.

Three members from the Department of Elementary/Early Childhood Education — Dr. Connie Armitage, Dr. Holly Diehl and Dr. Diane Nettles — also are featured. Working to improve reading comprehension, they have published books and manuscripts, presented reading research internationally and developed reading support software.

On the back cover is an explanation of our College's effort to expand the Professional Development School program in collaboration with Belle Vernon, California, Charleroi and Uniontown area school districts. We hope to develop, implement and evaluate related services, co-teaching, shared expertise, action research and teacher-in-residence programs, adding to the State Farm Insurance-sponsored National Board Certified Teacher program.

Finally, this edition gives you a look at some of the unique and interesting accomplishments of our highly talented faculty. The hard work they do outside the classroom is often overlooked, and we take this opportunity to showcase their fine work in service and scholarship.

As we continue our service to students through the Academic Development Services Department and the Library of Congress Teaching with Primary Sources program, we strive to maintain national accreditation for all of our professional programs, including Teacher Education, School Counseling, Athletic Training, Sport Management, Physical Therapist Assistant, Social Work and Communication Disorders.

Once again, welcome to the new academic year and the College of Education and Human Services.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin A. Koury". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "K".

Kevin A. Koury, Ed.D.
Dean, College of Education and Human Services

TEAM WORKS TO BUILD READING COMPREHENSION

Book and planned website target elementary-school readers and teachers

Classroom teachers know them as “word callers” — students who read fluently, even aloud, but don’t comprehend what they read.

Three professors in Cal U’s Department of Elementary/Early Childhood Education are working on several fronts to help students read with understanding and to promote a strategy for teaching reading comprehension.

“A surprising number of children are able to pronounce words, but aren’t able to tell you what they’ve read,” says Dr. Connie Armitage, a former public school teacher, reading specialist and principal.

“The ‘great divide’ between those who do and don’t comprehend begins to appear in third or fourth grade,” adds Dr. Holly Diehl, also a former teacher and principal. “That’s when students begin making the transition from simply reading words to understanding what they read.”

“It’s not reading if you’re not comprehending,” says Dr. Diane Nettles, who has taught at Cal U for more than 20 years.

A 2006 grant from Cal U’s Faculty Professional Development Committee funded the team’s initial research, and an FPDC grant in 2009 also supported their work.

This year Diehl and Nettles published a book, *Strategies for Powerful Comprehension Instruction*. Publisher Shell Education says it “provides explicit instructions for teaching six fundamental comprehension strategies: predicting, making connections, visualizing, questioning, inferring and summarizing.”

The notebook-style text helps teachers in grades K-8 explain the thinking involved in understanding written material — a teaching strategy called “explicit instruction.”

Because reading comprehension is almost automatic for most educators, explaining the steps involved isn’t easy. So the book includes templates that help teachers articulate their thoughts as they scan a page, then read and digest information.



Department of Elementary/Early Childhood Education professors (from left) Dr. Holly Diehl, Dr. Connie Armitage and Dr. Diane Nettles are working together on a grant, a book and programming that address reading comprehension.

“It shows how to take those hidden processes and make them visible,” Diehl says.

The lessons aren’t scripted, the authors stress, and the templates are meant to be used with whatever fiction or nonfiction books the class is reading.

“A teacher might say, ‘I think I’ll learn three things about this subject, because I see three paragraphs on this page,’ or ‘I see some bold type; that probably will tell me something important,’” Nettles explains.

“It’s as though the teacher opens up her brain and lets the thoughts come out.”

Explicit instruction follows the “I do, we do, you do” model, Armitage says. A teacher begins by describing her own thought processes, gradually invites students to join in, then steps back while students think and read on their own.

The team now is seeking a federal grant to build a website where students and teachers can see the strategy at work. The grant application to the U.S. Department of Education’s Institute of Education Sciences builds on one submitted originally in 2008.

An advisory board for the project includes some “rock stars of reading comprehension,” including Gerald G. Duffy, author of the best seller *Explaining Reading*, and author Richard L. Allington, past president of the National Reading Conference and the International Reading Association.

If funding is awarded in January, the Cal U team will create a website with video clips that review comprehension

Strategies for Powerful Comprehension Instruction by Drs. Diane Nettles and Holly Diehl is available from Shell Publishing, www.shelleducation.com. (To find the title, type “powerful comprehension” into the search field.)



skills step by step, with fifth-graders as the target audience.

The team agrees that explicit instruction — and working with full-length books, not excerpts or “snippets” — sets their program apart.

In the end, Nettles says, “to become a lifelong reader, you have to get through a whole book.” ■

By Christine Kindl, communications director at Cal U



Preschoolers Duncan Rooney (left) and Samantha Saylor look through a book in the Learning and Language Center in Morgan Hall.

Preschool pilots *7 Habits*[®] program

Principles introduced to children at Cal U's Learning and Language Center

"Building character starts in childhood ... early childhood," says Dr. Barbara Bonfanti, chair of the Department of Communication Disorders.

With that in mind, Bonfanti is preparing to introduce Dr. Stephen R. Covey's *7 Habits of Highly Effective People* to what some might consider an unlikely audience — the children attending Cal U's Learning and Language Center, a preschool program housed in Morgan Hall.

Joining her in the project is Dr. Denise Joseph, director of the Learning and Language Center and an assistant professor in the Communication Disorders Department.

Both were inspired by Covey's best-selling book and by Education Summit 2009, held last summer at Cal U. There, they were introduced to *The Leader*

in Me, a program pioneered by Principal Muriel Summers at the A.B. Combs Leadership Magnet Elementary School in Raleigh, N.C.

7 Habits in language elementary students can understand. For example, *Habit 1: Be proactive* becomes "You're in charge." *Habit 2: Begin with the end in mind* becomes "Have a plan."

"When I learned about *The Leader in Me* and thought about integrating the Covey principles into our preschool, I realized that with our curriculum design we were already instinctively integrating some of these principles," Joseph says.

Operating on campus since the early 1950s, the Learning and Language Center follows the "laboratory school" model. About 15

children, ages 3-5, attend the preschool program four mornings a week. Under Joseph's supervision, Cal U graduate students design lesson plans and teach the class, while undergraduates provide classroom support.

WORDS TO LIVE BY

From Dr. Stephen R. Covey's *7 Habits of Highly Effective People*

- Habit 1:** Be Proactive
- Habit 2:** Begin With the End in Mind
- Habit 3:** Put First Things First
- Habit 4:** Think Win-Win
- Habit 5:** Seek First to Understand, Then to be Understood
- Habit 6:** Synergize
- Habit 7:** Sharpen the Saw

Based on Covey's principles, the program helps elementary teachers to instill in students "essential life skills" such as leadership, accountability, problem solving, creativity and teamwork. *The Leader in Me* explains the

Some children who attend the preschool program are developing typically, but others have speech or language deficits, developmental delays or other disabilities.

“Graduate and undergraduate students sometimes have had little contact with children in this age group,” Bonfanti explains. “During this internship, Cal U students can see firsthand the developmental norms of both typical children and children with deficits.

“A lot of your personality is formed by age 3, and half of what you will know in your lifetime you’ve learned by your third birthday,” she adds. “I believe that we can translate each of the 7 Habits into language that 3- to 5-year-olds can understand.”

Covey’s *Habit 4: Think win-win* is all about sharing, for instance. *Habit 3: Put first things first* applies at snack time (“Wash your hands *before* you eat”) and trips to the sandbox (“Wash your hands *after* you’re done playing”).

There is no way to teach preschoolers successfully without involving parents and other family members, Bonfanti says. So she and Joseph are developing materials that define the 7 Habits for young children, for family members, for graduate students in their role as early childhood educators and for undergraduates in their role as classroom assistants.

They plan to introduce the habits in order, incorporating each one into lessons over a period of two or three weeks. Materials for parents will outline the program’s vocabulary and explain how each habit can be practiced at home.

“We’ll try to keep the parents one habit ahead of the children,” Bonfanti says. “We have lots of contact with our students’ parents and grandparents — and the children love to share what they’ve learned in school.”

To test their plan, Bonfanti and Joseph asked preschoolers in the spring 2010 class to create a “personal mission statement,” a key part of Covey training for adults.

The lesson began with a story about growing up. Then each child sat with a graduate student who asked the age-old question, “What do you want to be when you grow up?”

Children talked about the characteristics a grown-up might have — a fireman must be brave, for instance, and a nurse needs to be kind. Taking it one step further, the children thought about what they could do to develop those traits, then illustrated their ideas with drawings or pictures cut from magazines.

“One little boy said he wanted to be adventurous,” Bonfanti recalls. “He said he would have adventures in his own backyard — and wear binoculars.

“Another student said he wanted to be strong. He would eat his vegetables and play in the fresh air. A little girl said she wanted to be nice to other people, so she would help them bake cookies

and path-breaking,” says Dr. Dean Collinwood, executive director of the Center for Advanced Research, which conducts independent empirical research on the effectiveness of FranklinCovey training programs.

“Imagine how well those children are going to do in school later on if they start with such relationally important concepts as ‘think win-win’ and ‘synergize’ already in their minds. If Cal U can pull this off, it will become a model nationwide.”

This will be a trial year, Bonfanti and Joseph agree, but they plan to collect data on the children’s maturation levels and social skills as the program evolves.



Dr. Barbara Bonfanti joins Duncan Rooney, Dr. Denise Joseph and Samantha Saylor for an activity in the Learning and Language Center. Graduate and undergraduate students who work in the center are preparing for careers as speech and language therapists.

and send them cards with hearts drawn on them.”

The company behind *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People* and *The Leader in Me* is watching the preschool program with interest.

“FranklinCovey thought we were courageous to attempt to teach the 7 Habits to elementary school children, but for Cal U to do so for preschool children, well, that is absolutely plucky

“As educators, we are always trying to find something new and exciting that will benefit our students,” Joseph says.

“Our young children are always surprising us. I think they are going to surprise us again with just how effortlessly they will absorb and demonstrate many of the Covey principles in their daily activities with a little instruction and guidance.” ■

By Christine Kindl, communications director at Cal U



EDUCATION SUMMIT RETURNS IN 2011

Learn more about how Dr. Stephen Covey’s *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People* can be incorporated into classrooms at all levels when California University of Pennsylvania hosts the 2011 *The Leader in Me* Global Education Summit. Details will be posted next year at www.calu.edu.

Counseling Certificate Supports Professionals Working with Athletes

DEPARTMENT OF COUNSELOR EDUCATION
SPONSORS CROSS-CULTURAL TRIP TO SOUTH AFRICA

Lisa Auld knows an opportunity when she sees it. This year she says Cal U presented her with two.

The Department of Counselor Education announced a cultural immersion trip to South Africa for students and faculty interested in sports counseling, health education and multicultural issues. And the department's Graduate Certificate in Sport Counseling program announced it would accept a second cohort.

Auld, 33, signed up for both opportunities.

She is used to new challenges. After years in sports marketing and sales, Auld decided on a career change, in part "to help people in a more direct way."



Dr. Taunya Tinsley leads the graduate certificate program in Sport Counseling.

So she moved from Maryland to Pennsylvania and in 2009 started studying at Cal U for a master's degree in community counseling with a specialty in sport counseling.

The degree will "pave the way to a new career in collegiate athletics," she says.

The Graduate Certificate in Sport Counseling is designed for practicing counselors, counselors in training, educators, coaches, physical trainers and others looking for specialized training in working with athletes.

The 12-credit program is offered completely online. The current cohort of 33 students includes coaches, teachers, counselors and a physician who works in sports medicine.

"The certificate is tailored to meet the needs of those who work with the athlete population," says program director Dr. Taunya Tinsley, "from youth, to adolescents, to young adults, to adults."

President of the Pennsylvania Counseling Association, Tinsley helped to launch the Sports Counseling Interest Network, a national forum for professional counselors, and she is recognized internationally for her research into issues affecting African athletes.

Last year the *Journal of Psychology in Africa* published a study she co-authored with professors from the University of Pretoria, South Africa, and the National University of Science and Technology in Zimbabwe. In the course of the work, Lourens Human of the University of Pretoria suggested a cross-cultural exchange.

After six months of planning, 17 students and professors from Cal U and Duquesne University traveled in South Africa this spring. Among them were Tinsley and Dr. Grafton Eliason, associate professor in Cal U's Department of Counselor Education.



Dr. Tanya Tinsley (left) and Dr. Caryl Sheffield (right) stop for a photo with housemothers at the SOS Children's Village, an orphanage in Malawi.

The students facilitated group discussions with athletes ages 12-19 at the University of Pretoria's High Performance Centre, the first sports facility of its kind in South Africa. The group also met local residents at an orphanage, a community counseling clinic, a hospice and other schools.

"Just as in Pennsylvania, South African counselors and other helping professionals contend with issues such as poverty, racism, violence, abuse and disease that can significantly impact mental health," says Tinsley. "Our students experienced this firsthand."

Auld hopes she will get the chance to show some of those students around western Pennsylvania when Cal U reciprocates the cross-cultural exchange.

Eliason, who helped to organize trips to Peru and Belize in recent years, says the Counselor Education Department intends to strengthen its relationship with the University of Pretoria's Psychology Department, while also offering future cultural immersion trips focused on service and training.

"These experiences allow students to help others and at the same time learn from the people they are working with. The people we meet not only give us a greater understanding of other cultures, but greater insight into ourselves." ■

By Colleen C. Derda, a Pittsburgh-based writer

FACULTY ACTIVITIES CONTINUE AFTER CLASS

The College of Education and Human Services has numerous “good news” items to share. Many times our faculty members provide service to the community and maintain scholarship endeavors that go unrecognized. Here are some examples of what the faculty members in the College are doing in addition to teaching Cal U students content from their fields of expertise.



JUSTIN BARRONER (Professional Golf Management) recently received the Tri-State PGA’s Bill Strasbaugh Award for 2010. He also is a finalist for the award at the national level. The Bill Strasbaugh award recognizes a PGA Professional who has distinguished himself or herself by mentoring fellow PGA Professionals and Apprentices in improving their employment situations and through service to the community.



DR. DANIEL ENGSTROM, associate dean, presented Dr. Cleveland Steward the 2009-2010 Alumnus of the Year Award for the College of Education and Human Services.



JANE BONARI (left) & BEVERLY MELENYZER (Elementary/Early Childhood), professors in the Elementary Education Graduate Program, guided teaching experiences for their students in the fourth annual “Camp Invention” at Belle Vernon Elementary and the “Our Community Yesterday” program at Rostraver Elementary.



DR. J. WILLIAM HUG (Elementary/Early Childhood) recently published an article in *Environmental Education Research*. He also presented with colleagues Deb Farrer, John Shimkanin, Clover Wright and Charlotte Orient at the National Science Teacher Association conferences. Beginning

in January, Hug will lead a new online master’s degree program in elementary education that focuses on STEM — science, technology, engineering and mathematics.



A PROFESSIONALISM COMMITTEE has been formed. As a result of an in-depth discussion regarding professionalism at the April Advisory Board Meeting for the College of Education and Human Services, a newly formed ad hoc committee consisting of Dr. Barbara Bonfanti, Dr. Michael Brna, Donna Gilmore, Dr. Pamela Twiss and Dr. Jacqueline Walsh was formed to help assure that the College’s graduates have the skills and competencies that constitute professionalism, so employers consider them well-prepared and the “hire of choice.”



DR. MICHAEL BRNA (Teaching with Primary Sources) received a \$200,000 grant from the Library of Congress to continue Cal U’s participation in the Library of Congress Teaching with Primary Sources teacher professional development program. Cal U has been a Teaching with Primary Sources Educational Consortium member since 2004.



GARY SEELYE (Academic Development) received a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture through the Pennsylvania Department of Education for the continuation of the 2010 Upward Bound Summer Program for qualifying participants. This program assists eligible students in completing a

program of secondary education and then to enter and succeed in a program of post-secondary education. Grants in excess of \$600,000 also were extended for the Fayette and Greene County Upward Bound programs.

THE COUNSELOR EDUCATION DEPARTMENT was a co-sponsor at the American Counseling Association Conference held in March in Pittsburgh, Pa. The department also sponsored a reception for faculty, students, alumni, supervisors and friends, providing an excellent opportunity for networking and professional collegiality. More than 3,600 counselors from across the country participated.

JESSE WISER '10, who majored in Secondary Education – Social Studies, received the Walter J. Radishek Outstanding Future Teacher Award for the 2010-2011 academic year. William Cooper nominated Wiser based on his excellence in teaching, service to community and country, and his positive relationship with the students.

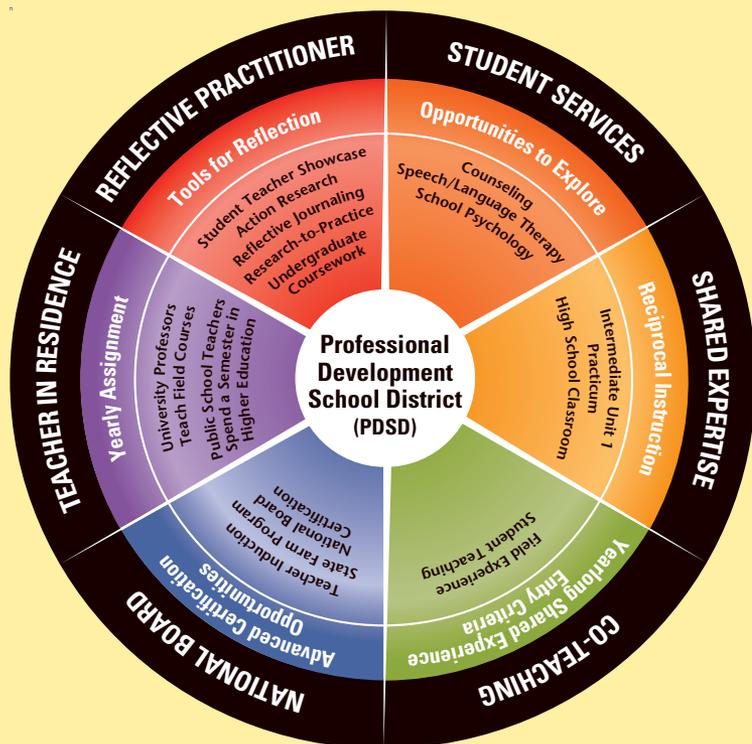
A NEW MODEL FOR EDUCATING TEACHERS

The College of Education and Human Services is planning a new and expanded Professional Development School District (PDSD) model to train pre-service teachers and enhance the skills of professional educators.

Cal U has outlined a three-year infusion project that will design, implement and evaluate five new program initiatives in collaboration with the Uniontown, Belle Vernon, Charleroi and California area school districts.

Additions to the current National Board Certified Teacher Program, already in place, are these research-based PSDS program initiatives:

- **REFLECTIVE TEACHER RESEARCHER**, which encourages pre-service teachers to examine their own work through observation, journaling and action research.
- **STUDENT SERVICES INTEGRATION**, which introduces the workplace to Cal U students who are studying to be school-based counselors, speech/language therapists and school psychologists.
- **SHARED/RECIPROCAL EXPERTISE**, where classroom teachers learn from Cal U and our students learn from school-based experts.
- **TEACHER IN RESIDENCE**, a year-long “teacher exchange” that allows experienced elementary and secondary teachers to work with University students as members of the Cal U faculty.
- **CO-TEACHING**, a year-long field experience where student-teachers and classroom teachers share the teaching load in public schools.



Each new initiative will be introduced as a pilot project in one of the Professional Development School Districts. The pilot will be evaluated and modified as programming is infused into the other school districts.

The model assumes omnipresent collaboration, in which PSDS and University participants are involved, engaged and unified.

The desired result? Career-ready graduates with a thorough grasp of both the theory and practice of teaching. ■



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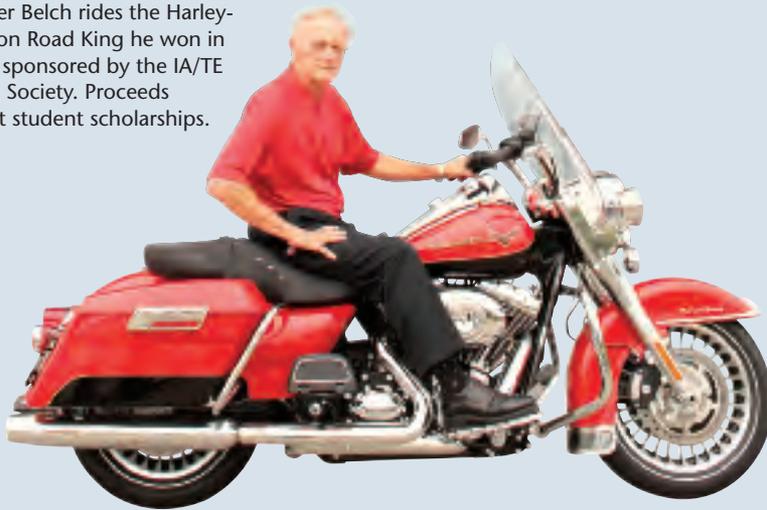
The 'other' California Alumni gathered in Orange County, Calif., where they joined host Fred Gladney '71 at the Center Club in Costa Mesa. Attending were (seated, from left) Julie Gladney, Darlene Hamilton '66, Louise Edwards '67 and Sharon Brock; (standing, from left) alumni office graduate assistant Nate Frezzell '08, Gladney, Thomas Brock '65, Stan Myllsewic and Tom Talarico '86.



Alumni reconnect The Inn at Georgian Place, in Somerset, Pa., was the site of an alumni gathering hosted by Sherrie Pensiero '68. Reconnecting were Somerset-area alumni (on stairs, from left) Jan Sheffler, Sherrie Pensiero '68, Marlene Gotjen '72, Arthur Gotjen '72, Kay Ann Cober '70, Christa Cober '95 and Wendy Stemple '70; (standing, from left) Kirby Brugh '95, Clarence Waltermire '61, Marie Waltermire '61, Thomas Brown '52, Thomas St. Clair '74, Marlin McClintock '57 and Deb Boyer '82, '88.

Harley Winner

Dr. Peter Belch rides the Harley-Davidson Road King he won in a raffle sponsored by the IA/TE Alumni Society. Proceeds support student scholarships.



Pittsburgh Steelers player Evander "Ziggy" Hood checks out a Cal U T-shirt at the Celebration of Opportunity event May 27 at Heinz Field in Pittsburgh, Pa.



AWARD WINNERS

(Top) President Armenti honors Gary '58 and Midge '60 Kennedy as Cal U's 2010 Couple of the Year. (Above left) Alumna of the Year Marcy Rye Blout '65. (Above right) Dale Hamer '60, Alumnus of the Year.

CAL POINT of PRIDE



Campus Sculpture

"Infinity," the colorful sculpture outside Steele Hall, was created by artist Jim Brown. Its intersecting planes and rings, created from color-coated steel, have become a landmark that guides guests to the theater building. Perhaps with performers in mind, the light-hearted sculpture has been nicknamed "The Jester's Hat."

Health care leader wins Athena Award

Mary Lou Murt '86 has always wanted to be on the cutting edge, a “shaker and a mover,” as she puts it. Over the past 40 years she has worked her way up from staff nurse to senior vice president for nursing at Monongahela Valley Hospital in Monongahela, Pa.

Her leadership abilities and community involvement were recognized in May when the Washington County Chamber of Commerce named her the winner of the 2010 Athena Award.

The award honors an individual who has assisted women in reaching their leadership potential; demonstrated excellence in their profession; and devoted time and energy to improving the quality of life for others.

In addition to her career at Mon Valley Hospital, Murt has been involved with national, state and local organizations for nurse leaders. She also dedicated time to the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association

and the Washington County Emergency Medical Services Council.

When Murt came to Cal U in the 1980s for her bachelor's degree in nursing, she was interested in management and current developments in health care, she recalls. A graduate of the Liliame S. Kaufmann School of Nursing at Montefiore Hospital, her nursing career was already in full swing.

“The (Cal U) program expanded my knowledge,” she says. “It is an excellent program for nurses who want to go back to school to get their degree. It was a good match for me.”

Over the years, Murt says she has seen patients become more knowledgeable about health care — an area where nurses play a part.

“Nurses teach (patients) to be more knowledgeable and questioning,” she says. “Nurses share a large amount of health information so that patients can take care of themselves, especially those with a chronic illness.”



Mary Lou Murt '86

In addition, the news media keeps health information flowing, she says, making health care a dynamic industry.

Her advice to others?

“You have to go after what you want... follow your dream,” Murt says. “And you can't be afraid of failure. Learn from it.” ■

By Cindy Cusic Micco, a Pittsburgh-based writer

FIGHTING WORDS: Young author writes about martial arts

Marshal D. Carper's story unfolds scenes from a book.

It starts with a young boy — picked on relentlessly by other kids — who learns the martial art of Brazilian Jiu Jitsu. He gains confidence, gets a girlfriend and goes to California University. Then he loses his longtime sweetheart, wants to get as far away as possible and travels to the University of Hawaii at Hilo to study for a semester and to train at the B.J. Penn Mixed Martial Arts Academy.

He learns about Hawaii and its culture, redefines himself, returns to Pennsylvania, graduates from Cal U and writes a book.

It sounds like a long lifetime, but Carper, 23, graduated in 2009.

The book that tells of his Hawaii experience, *The Cauliflower Chronicles*, is being published this summer.

The title has nothing to do with the white vegetable.

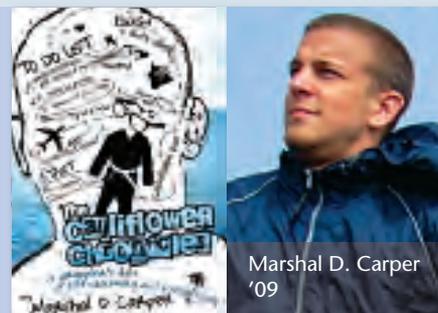
“Cauliflower ear is when the ear is repeatedly traumatized ... the ear deforms and puffs up,” Carper explains. “A lot of fighters look at cauliflower ear as a badge of honor. I got my first bit of cauliflower ear in Hawaii.”

No doubt, Carper is a fighter. His conversation is punctuated with the phrase “building to the next level.”

Usually he is talking about the next level in his writing career, and he is quick to give credit to assistant professor Alan Natali.

“A lot of professors taught me how to write,” says Carper, but Natali did more. “He gave me the tools to make a living doing what I love to do.”

While in Hawaii, Carper started writing freelance articles for *Ultimate Grappling Magazine*, now *Ultimate*



Marshal D. Carper '09

MMA Magazine. Before that, he wrote character dialogue for a video game, Studio Archcraft's Nintendo DS title “The Black Sigil.”

Now he is editor-in-chief of Lockflow.com, a website dedicated to the martial arts. He started out as a columnist and was promoted after presenting the owner with a four-page marketing plan, even though he's never taken a marketing class.

“One of the big things I learned from Cal U was how to learn,” he says. “If you don't know something, research it.”

That is how he pushed himself, once again, “to the next level.” ■

By Cindy Cusic Micco, a Pittsburgh-based writer

2010 ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARD OF DISTINCTION HONOREES



Paul L. Gentile '62

*John R. Gregg
Award for Loyalty
and Service*

A longtime education professional, Gentile retired in 2004 after a 40-year career. In his last position, he helped to establish the School of Leadership and Professional Advancement at Duquesne University. Previously, he served as dean of Workforce Training and Development for the Community College of Allegheny County. Widely published, Gentile has been a member of Cal U's Alumni Association Board since 1998, serving as president in 2008 and co-chairing the 2008 President's Gala with his wife, Joyce Arnal Gentile '63. In 1999 the North Hills Chamber of Commerce honored Gentile with the Arcadia Award for distinguished leadership and service.



Dr. Mary Seman '82

*The C. B. Wilson
Distinguished Faculty
Award*

A professor in Cal U's Department of Special Education for 16 years, Seman has been the faculty adviser for the University's student chapter of the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) for more than a decade. She also has played an active role in attaining and maintaining national accreditation for the Special Education Department. Seman received the Faculty Professional Development Merit Award for Teaching in 2001 and the Presidential Faculty Award for Teaching in 2004. The CEC honored her with a Faculty Adviser Recognition Award in 1999.



Dr. John Cencich

*The W. S. Jackman
Award of Distinction*

Cencich is a legal scientist who specializes in international crime and security, forensic interrogations, and criminal investigative analysis. A former United Nations war crimes investigator who has received more than 50 commendations, he previously served for more than 20 years as a police officer and investigator, as well as a special agent with the Air Force Office of Special Investigations. At Cal U, Cencich serves as a professor of Justice Studies and dean of the School of Graduate Studies and Research. He is also the director of the Institute of Criminological and Forensic Sciences.



Darcie Vincent

*The Michael Duda
Award for Athletic
Achievement*

From 2000 to 2008, Vincent coached Cal U's women's basketball team to eight consecutive PSAC championship games, seven consecutive NCAA Division II Tournament appearances, six PSAC-West titles, four conference crowns, three NCAA "Elite Eight" appearances, two NCAA Final Four showings and the 2004 NCAA Division II National Championship. Before coming to Cal U she guided Slippery Rock University to its only NCAA Regional title, and last season she led Division I Appalachian State (N.C.) to its first post-season championship in 11 years.



Joan L. Hesel

*The Pavlak/Shutsy
Special Service Award*

Along with emeritus faculty member Leonard Colelli Sr. and current band director Max Gonano, Hesel played an invaluable role in revitalizing Cal U's marching band. She served as a volunteer assistant for more than eight years and later established the Joan L. Hesel Cal U Band Endowed Scholarship Fund. She has been part of the Red and Black Affairs Extraordinaire Committee since 2008. Hesel and her husband, Emeritus Professor Dr. Jay D. Hesel '59, are longtime University benefactors who regularly attend many Cal U events.



**Joseph M.
Grushecky '71**

*The Professional
Excellence Award*

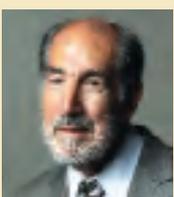
A renowned singer, songwriter and guitarist, Grushecky performs individually and with the rock band Joe Grushecky and The Houserockers. Equally as important, he has touched the lives of hundreds of children as a special education teacher. He has taught at Sto-Rox High School in McKees Rocks, Pa., since 1995; at schools for children with special needs, such as Western Center; and at the Focus on Renewal Center in McKees Rocks. When he is not teaching, Grushecky performs periodically with rock superstar Bruce Springsteen, often playing at benefit concerts. They have co-authored a number of songs, including "Code of Silence," which won Springsteen the 2005 Grammy.



Thea Kalcevic '06

The Young Alumni Award

During her senior year at Cal U, Kalcevic was chosen from a nationwide field of hundreds of applicants for a writer's internship at *The Late Show* with David Letterman in New York City. After completing her internship, she was hired immediately as a corporate staff assistant, then promoted to her current position as a production associate for the show. Kalcevic received a Cal U Distinguished Service Award for academic achievement and service. She gave the keynote address at the 2010 Honors Convocation and regularly participates in Cal U's Pride Weekend.



**Dr. Charles J.
Gorman '57**

Meritorious Award

The University of Pittsburgh's School of Education named Gorman an associate professor emeritus of administrative and policy studies in June 2006, recognizing his work as the executive secretary of Pitt's Tri-State Area School Study Council from 1985 to his retirement. He received the council's Distinguished Educator Award in 1996. Gorman also served as president of the National School Development Council in 2000-2001 and was a member of the U.S. Department of Education's design team for the preparation of elementary school teachers to individualize educational programs.



Preserving her story

The first African-American woman to join the Army ROTC program at Cal U returned to campus recently to share her story as part of Women of Accomplishment: An Oral History Project.

Patricia J. McDaniel '77, a native of Pittsburgh, Pa., who now lives in Austin, Texas, is a retired colonel with more than 31 years of active and reserve service. She holds master's degrees in business administration, public administration and strategic studies, and a Juris Doctor degree.

The project is an initiative of the Women's Center and the Teaching with Primary Sources Center for Oral History. The Office of Women's Studies is helping with the interview process, developing curriculum related to the project and coordinating student participation.

McDaniel was the keynote speaker at the inaugural Women's History Month banquet, and she sat down in the CUTV studio for an interview that will be archived in a collection in Manderino Library.

Social Work program earns reaccreditation

The Bachelor of Social Work program at Cal U has been reaccredited for eight years by the Council on Social Work Education.

Dr. Pamela Twiss, who chairs the Department of Social Work, said the renewal is important to students because undergraduates who achieve a high enough grade-point average in an accredited program can waive foundational courses at the master's degree level.

Also, in states such as Pennsylvania, graduates cannot be called "social workers" unless they have graduated from an accredited program.

Ex-FBI agents teach online classes

The Institute of Criminal and Forensic Sciences at Cal U has partnered with the Academy Group Inc. (AGI) to offer online training courses in criminal behavioral sciences. The Internet-based courses cover topics such as forensic linguistics, death scene investigation and criminal profiling techniques.

Courses are taught by AGI practitioners, former FBI supervisory special agents who gained investigative experience in the famed Behavioral Science Unit at the FBI National Academy and the National Center for the Analysis of Violent Crime at Quantico, Va.

Cal U will provide certificates of completion for each AGI module taken online. Participants who wish to enroll in academic courses at Cal U may be eligible for "prior learning" credit. These courses also may meet the requirements for continuing education in various jurisdictions. For details, visit www.calu.edu; look for the Forensic Institute under "Information for ... Business & Community."

Clemente talk hits a home run

The widow and son of baseball legend Roberto Clemente visited Cal U for a dinner and free lecture held in conjunction with *Beyond Baseball: The Life of Roberto Clemente*, which was on display this summer in the Manderino Gallery.

Vera Clemente and her son, Luis, were special guests July 28 at the talk by Michelle Torres-Carmona of the Smithsonian Traveling Exhibition Service in Washington, D.C.

After the talk, guests were invited to tour *Beyond Baseball*, which was developed by the Museo de Arte de Puerto Rico with the Carimar Design and Research Studio, and organized for travel by SITES. It was complemented by more than 100 objects and photographs from the Roberto Clemente Museum in Pittsburgh.

Thousands of school children and other guests viewed the exhibition, which closed Aug. 24. The next SITES exhibition at Cal U will be *The Working White House*, scheduled for Sept. 24-Nov. 23 in Manderino Gallery.



Medal of Valor

Tom Kapolka, interim director of University Police, pins a Medal of Valor to the uniform of Officer Josh Mrosko while University President Angelo Armenti, Jr. reads the wording on a plaque awarded June 2 in Old Main. Mrosko was honored for assisting borough police at a fire last December at the McMonagle's bar and apartment complex in California Borough. Also receiving a Medal of Valor was Cpl. George "Jeep" Kyle (far right) who pulled a student from a burning building in 1986. Both officers are credited with saving lives.



California University of Pennsylvania Robotics Camp members Austin Wivell, 14, of Smock, Pa., (left) and partner Branden Carei, 14, of Uniontown, Pa., listen to Professor Mark Bronakowski talk about animatronics during a summer robotics camp in the Eberly Science and Technology Center.



Storyteller to present 'Beowulf'

Medieval music expert Benjamin Bagby is scheduled to bring his solo performance of the Old English epic *Beowulf* to California University.

Bagby's dynamic storytelling, accompanied by a six-string Anglo-Saxon harp, has received critical acclaim across the United States and Europe. The Oct. 22 performance in Steele Hall Mainstage Theatre will feature Bagby's powerful retelling of the tale in its original Old English.

His appearance is one highlight of "Dancing with Death: Warfare, Wounds and Disease in the Middle Ages." The medieval history event Oct. 20-22 also includes talks on paleopathology and medical care in the Middle Ages, and demonstrations of fencing and Friesian horses. Keynote speaker is Dr. Piers Mitchell, an English surgeon who also teaches paleopathology — the study of trauma, disease and congenital defects in human remains — at Cambridge University in London.

For more information and a schedule of events, visit www.calu.edu.

In summer sessions, robots rule

Robots are all the rage at Cal U, which hosted several robotics camps this summer.

- In June, nearly 30 high school students participated in the first Cal U Robotics Camp in Eberly Science and Technology Center. Students entering grades 9-12 received hands-on experience in agile robots, mechatronics, rapid prototyping and animatronics while experiencing a week on a college campus. Cal U's Office of Lifelong Learning and NCRETE, the National Center for Robotics Engineering Technology Education, sponsored the team-oriented program.
- In July, nearly 40 seniors from urban high schools in eastern Pennsylvania participated in a three-week robotics camp as part of the R. Benjamin Wiley Partnership Program, a multi-year college-readiness initiative of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education. A new component of the Partnership program, the robotics camp was funded by a \$10,000 grant provided by the State Department of Community and Economic Development.
- In the August sessions of SEEK, Cal U's annual Summer Educational Experience for Kids, children entering grades 6-8 explored agile robotics by designing, building and testing the latest technology from VEX Labs. Kids in grades 3-5 used Lego Education (NXT) technology to build robotic toys, and children in grades 1-2 discovered what robots can do in a class called "Robots Everywhere."

Career Network on LinkedIn

The Cal U Career Network is now on LinkedIn, the online business networking site. If you are interested in participating in an online network of Cal U alumni, students and employers dedicated to career topics and networking, the Cal U Career Network is for you! Simply create your profile on www.linkedin.com, then search for the "Cal U Career Network" group. For tips on creating your LinkedIn profile, go to www.calu.edu, search for the "Alumni Career Services" page and look under the Links section. Questions? Contact Bridgett Nobili, alumni career counselor, at nobili@calu.edu or 724-938-4826.

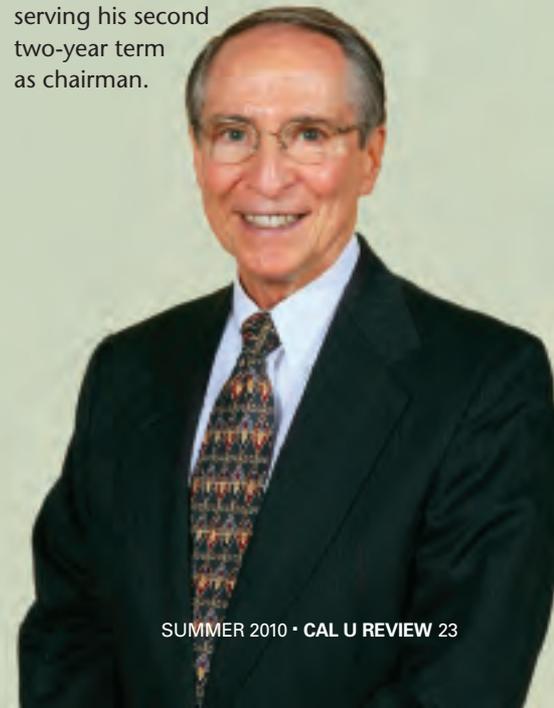
Trustees chairman honored in Fayette County

Leo Krantz, chair of California University's Council of Trustees, received the Fay-Penn Economic Development Council's 2010 Eberly Economic Development Award.

The award recognizes an individual, company or agency that exhibits a commitment and/or significantly contributes to the economic development of Fayette County and the surrounding area.

Krantz is the former area president of National City Bank and the former chairman of Fay-Penn's board of directors, a position he held for eight years. He also is first vice president of the Fayette Industrial Fund and co-chairman of REACH, Fay-Penn's educational improvement program.

Krantz has been a member of Cal U's Council of Trustees since 1999 and is serving his second two-year term as chairman.



CAL GALS' GIFTS KEEP GIVING

The Cal Gals are turning 20. But its members aren't expecting gifts. Instead, they are "paying it forward" by establishing an endowed scholarship for future Cal U students who want to be educators.

The alumnae group — primarily made up of retired educators — meets twice a year at the Kara Alumni House. Contributions made at those meetings have now exceeded \$10,000, the minimum amount required to establish an endowed scholarship fund.

The new endowed scholarship fund will use interest generated from that principal to pay a perpetual annual scholarship amount as the principal continues to generate income.

A gift officer from the Office of University Development is now working with the Cal Gals to create and establish guidelines for the fund.

"We were talking at a luncheon one day," recalls Elizabeth "Betty" Brothers '43, a founding member of the Cal Gals, "and we decided to give a scholarship."

Although primarily a social group, Cal Gals members responded. Gifts from their semi-annual luncheon resulted in a School District Scholarship that first was awarded about six years ago.

A former special education teacher who retired from the Connellsville Area School District after a 33-year career, Brothers — who will turn 88 in December — intends to remain part of the group, but she is handing off her leadership responsibilities as the group enters its third decade.

The Cal Gals started with 10 members. Under her guidance, the group has grown to about 75.

In 2005, the Alumni Association honored Brothers with the



Elizabeth "Betty" Brothers '43, a founding member of the Cal Gals, looks over her college yearbook.

Pavlak/Shutsky Special Service Award. Named in honor of Dr. Stephen E. Pavlak and Dr. Irvin J. Shutsy, the award is given to alumni and friends in recognition of exemplary dedication and service to Cal U and its students. It also recognizes dedication to the growth of the Alumni Association.

"There was a small group who came to California years ago as students," Brothers said when she received her award. "We were living in the same area, but we never got to see each other, so we went out to lunch one day and decided that we were going to keep doing it."

"I'm glad we decided to raise money for scholarships," she says now. "We started out just for fun, but now it's more serious."

Sara Harrington is a senior education major and a recipient of a Cal Gals scholarship in 2007.

"It gave me the opportunity to further my education in a field that I am very passionate about," she says.

"It gave me the chance to focus more on the importance of my education and less on how I was going to pay for school. The Cal Gals are a very caring group of ladies, and I am very grateful to them for giving me the honor of the scholarship."

These former teachers are still helping students, and in the spirit of Cal U for Life, one generation of Cal Gals is teaching a younger one about the gift of giving. ■

By Wendy Mackall, assistant communications director at Cal U

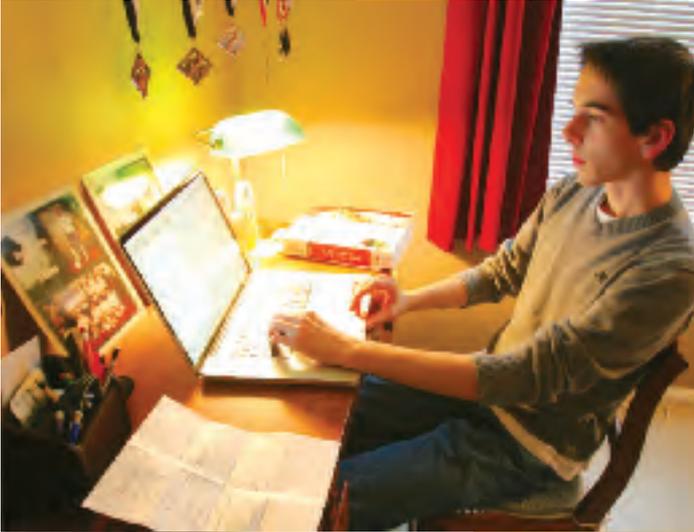
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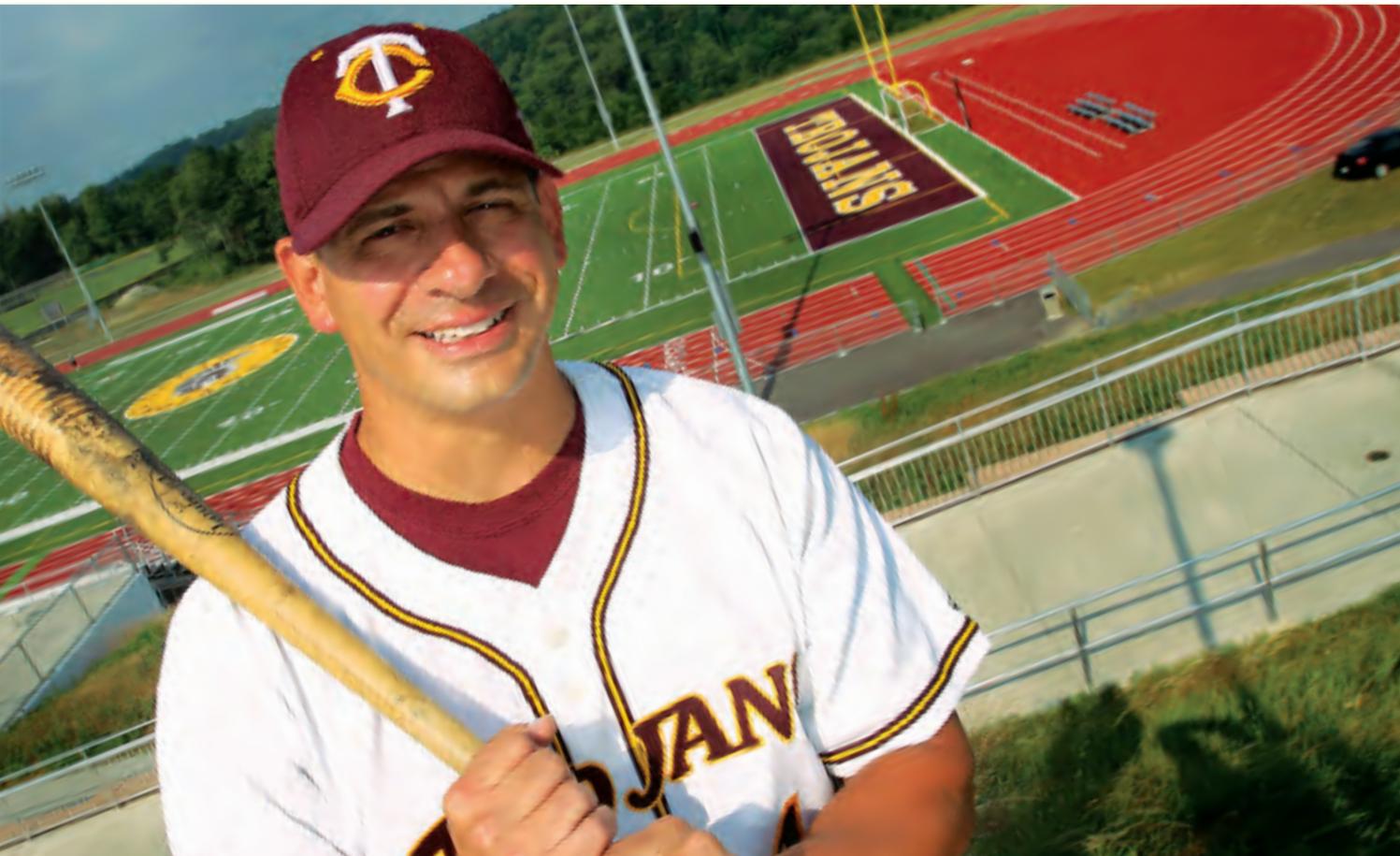
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COACH STRIKES GOLD ON THE DIAMOND

Former star catcher guides high school players to the top of WPIAL's Class A



Don Hartman '91, catcher of the 1990 Cal U baseball team.

Don Hartman '91 has struck gold in California when it comes to playing, teaching and coaching success.

A star catcher on Cal U's 1990 PSAC finalist baseball team, the hard-hitting Hartman has been a physical education teacher at California Area High School since 2001 and has been teaching in the school district for 18 years.

A former elementary and middle school teacher, he also has fashioned one of the most consistent high school baseball programs in the Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic League's Class A.

Last spring was his 13th year as the Trojans' head baseball coach, and it was hardly unlucky. California Area finished a supposed rebuilding season with a 21-4 overall record and won the Class AA's Section 2 with a 9-1 mark.

The Trojans reached the WPIAL Class A semifinals, won the third-place consolation game and qualified for the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association's state tourney.

To top it off, the WPIAL Baseball Coaches Association selected Hartman as its 2010 Class A Coach of the Year.

During Hartman's tenure as head coach, California Area has achieved 11 winning seasons. The team chalked up 10 playoff trips, eight section championships,

five state tournament appearances, two section runner-up finishes and two WPIAL titles, in 2001 and 2006.

The 2007 team was among the WPIAL finalists, and the Trojans also reached the WPIAL semifinals in 2004 and 2005. Since 2001, the team has compiled an 18-6 WPIAL playoff record.

The wins bring back memories: Hartman was a member of California Area's 1983 WPIAL championship team and the 1984 state runner-up team, as well.

"From our youth leagues and up, we have been blessed with a lot of natural talent — pure baseball players — and I just polish them a bit," Hartman says.

"Many fathers of our current players also played here, and tradition never graduates. They all want to have their own banner on our outfield fence."

Hartman was an assistant football coach at California Area High School for seven years, but since 2000 he has spent the autumn months as an assistant girls volleyball coach at rival Frazier High School. The Commodores' head coach is Hartman's wife, Mandy '98, a sixth-grade language arts teacher at Frazier.

"I really love coaching with my wife, and to be honest, I take a back seat to her in the household anyway," Hartman says with a laugh. "At first it was a little tough, because the head

coach in me would come out and I would speak over her, but after a year or so I realized my role as her assistant.

"We have a great time, and our three daughters are always at the gym. Unlike baseball, volleyball is a family affair. I'm fortunate in that respect."

Hartman's collegiate alma mater remains a strong part of his coaching career. His assistant coaches are Cal U alumni Shaun Rogers '05 and Nick Damico '03, who are

both educators and past baseball standouts.

Along with former Vulcan skipper and emeritus professor Chuck Gismondi '64, several of many coaching influences Hartman cites are alumni Tom Webb '74, Romaine Howell '79 and the late J. Budd Grebb '62, and retired Cal U storeroom supervisor Ray Rhodes.

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"Gismondi taught me a lot about the game and gave me the opportunity to play at the next level," Hartman says. "I'm the kind of coach who likes to beg, borrow and steal, if you will, from any coach or teacher who has discipline, desire and passion. I consider myself a part of those influential people."

Hartman also praises his father, the late Don Hartman Sr., for putting a ball and glove in his hands and practicing with him each day after coming home from the mines.

Hartman calls current Vulcans baseball coach Mike Conte a friend, and he says they regularly talk baseball.

His pride in Cal U and the Vulcans, the 2010 PSAC champions, is evident.

"The red and black colors of California University have meant a lot to me in my life," Hartman says. "The campus has evolved and is one of the most beautiful I've ever seen. Right now I could not be more proud to say I am a California University graduate." ■

By Bruce Wald '85, Cal U information writer



Don Hartman '91, now a physical education instructor at California Area High School, sits in the dugout.

THREE TEAMS TAKE PSAC TITLES

Championships highlight spring sports season



CAL U NO. 2 IN DIRECTORS' CUP

California University finished second in the final standings of the 2009-2010 Learfield Sports Directors' Cup.

This is the highest finish ever by a school in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC).

The Directors' Cup annually honors institutions maintaining a broad-based program in both men's and women's sports. The scoring system is based on the national finishes of seven men's and seven women's sports teams.

Only Grand Valley State (Mich.) finished ahead of Cal U in Division II. The award was announced in June by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics.

BASEBALL

Veteran head coach Mike Conte guided the Vulcans to their 10th PSAC playoff appearance in his 14 years this spring. Cal U won the program's third PSAC championship — its first since 2004 — by winning four dramatic games at the state tournament before finishing third at the NCAA II Atlantic Regional.

Sophomore pitcher Randy Sturgill was named PSAC-West Pitcher of the Year after going 9-1 overall with a team-best 3.19 ERA. Senior right fielder Sam DiMatteo, a three-time all-conference selection, batted .400 and was named the MVP of the PSAC Tournament, and junior first baseman Adam Links was named to the Regional tourney all-star team.

Sophomore center fielder Troy Handza (.392) joined DiMatteo and Sturgill as first-team All-Region picks, and Conte received PSAC-West Coach of the Year honors for the sixth time.



Head coach Mike Conte



Nina Kowalski

TENNIS

Playing its first season in the state-of-the-art complex at Roadman Park, the women's tennis team won a fourth consecutive PSAC and NCAA II Atlantic Regional championship while compiling a 24-6 overall record.

The netters also won a sixth straight PSAC-West title and advanced to the national quarterfinals for the third time in four seasons.

Head coach Pablo Montana was selected the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) National and Regional Coach of the Year.

Freshman Jutta Bornefield received ITA Atlantic Region Rookie of the Year and PSAC-West Athlete of the Year honors, and sophomore Anastasiya Zherdeva was recognized as an ITA Player to Watch.

Junior Nina Kowalski was one of three all-conference selections from Cal U, and for the second consecutive season she was named to the Academic All-District II Women's At-Large Third Team by *ESPN: The Magazine*.



Randy Sturgill, PSAC-West Pitcher of the Year



Clare McSweeney

TRACK AND FIELD

Highlighting the men's track and field team's sixth-place finish at the PSAC meet was junior Brice Myers, who won the 110-meter high hurdles with a personal-best time of 14.36 seconds.

Senior Frank Ehrensberger finished in fourth place in the 400-meter dash and was part of Cal U's second-place 4x100-meter relay team along with Alex Smith, Vince Wilson and Da'Joun Heidelberg. Smith placed second in the 800-meter run.

The women's track team earned its best PSAC finish in 25 years by placing 25th at the state meet. Graduate student Clare McSweeney won the 800-meter run with a new PSAC Championship record of 2 minutes, 8.75 seconds.

Cal U's PSAC champion 4x400 relay team consisted of sophomores Shakeria Love, Sandy Estep and Jerica Snedden and freshman Yahnae Wilson.

Myers and McSweeney both were awarded All-American honors in their events. They finished third and sixth, respectively, at the NCAA II National Championships.

MEN'S GOLF

A second-place finish at the PSAC team championships and eight top-five team finishes highlighted the 2009-2010 season for the men's golf squad.

Third-year head coach Peter Coughlin guided the Vulcans to a 10th-place finish at the NCAA II Atlantic Regional. Senior Bryan Bustamante and freshman James Currie led the way individually, finishing 25th and 30th, respectively. Sophomore Paul Babashanian finished third at the PSAC march, and Bustamante finished in a three-way tie for fourth.

WOMEN'S GOLF

Coached by fifth-year leader Merrilyn Gibbs, the women's golf team rolled to its second consecutive PSAC championship, winning the team title by a whopping 48 strokes.

Junior Jenna Rothermel and freshman Maria Lopez finished first and second, respectively.

Cal U finished third at the NCAA II Super Regional One and advanced to the NCAA II National Championships for the first time in school history.

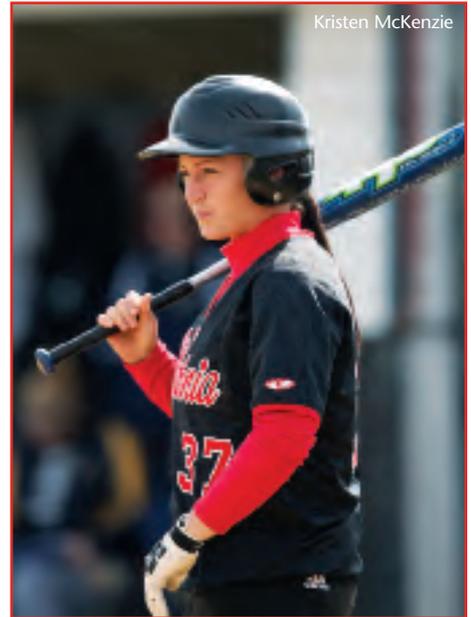
Lopez led the Vulcan team with a third-place finish and was the only freshman named to the six-woman All-Region team.

At the Nationals, Cal U finished tied for eighth.

The women also won team titles during the regular season at Ashland and Robert Morris.



Maria Lopez



Kristen McKenzie

SOFTBALL

The Vulcan softball team continued its rich tradition by making a 16th NCAA II tournament appearance and winning a 13th PSAC-West title under 17th-year head coach Rick Bertagnolli.

After a 15-1 divisional season, the Vulcans finished second at both the PSAC and NCAA II Atlantic Regional tournaments, finishing with a 37-14 overall record.

Remarkably, eight players received all-conference recognition, with senior pitcher Laura Shaheen (19 wins) and sophomore shortstop Jillian Russell (11 home runs) earning PSAC-West Pitcher and Player of the Year honors, respectively.

Bertagnolli was selected PSAC-West Coach of the Year for the 10th time.



FALL SPORTS WATCH

As the fall semester gets under way, three Vulcan teams — football, women's volleyball, and women's soccer — are defending their NCAA Regional titles.

Follow all of Cal U's athletic teams online at www.calvulcans.com.

No will drawn up?

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If you are like 55 percent of all adult Americans, you do not have a will. Also called a last will and testament, this document includes your wishes for the distribution of everything you own, after your death.

If you don't prepare a will, you may be surprised to know that your state has prepared one for you!

This "will" from the state is known as the Intestacy Law of that state in which you resided at death. Each of our 50 United States has an Intestacy Law. Some of them seem similar, but each one is different.

They all do dictate the orderly succession of individuals to receive your property. Spouses are always included, children are provided for and parents or grandparents can come into play if there are no spouses or offspring. Sometimes unexpected distributions can occur that may not reflect your wishes.

According to mystatewill.com, if you die without a will:

- "In Colorado, a natural parent who gave you away for adoption can become an heir of your intestate estate.
- "In Maryland, your spouse will receive \$15,000 less of your intestate estate if any of your surviving children are minors."

Pennsylvania is the official residence of more than 73 percent of Cal U graduates. They will be interested to know that the Intestacy Law of Pennsylvania is technically named "Title 20, Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries, Chapter 21, Intestate Succession."

One portion of it provides that if the decedent has no children but is survived by a parent or parents, the spouse does not receive the entire estate. That spouse must divide the estate with those parents, receiving instead the first \$30,000 plus one-half of the remaining estate. Unexpected?

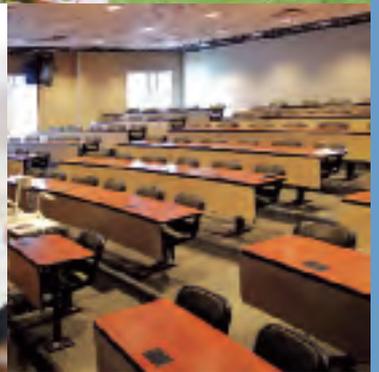
Protect your family and heirs from these types of surprises; see an attorney. As a bonus, your will can give you the opportunity to:

- Distribute property to individuals throughout your family in amounts you choose;
- Name individuals outside your family to receive property;
- Name the person(s) to administer your will and its provisions;
- Name guardians for minor children or disabled heirs;
- Minimize the costs and time for settling your estate;
- Save on income, gift and estate taxes;
- Name one or more charitable organizations, such as the Foundation for California University, to receive a gift from your estate.

REQUEST THE 'BUILDING LEGACY' NEWSLETTER

This article will appear in the Fall 2010 issue of "Building Legacy," along with other articles about sound estate planning. "Building Legacy" is a periodic newsletter for alumni, parents and friends with an active interest in family and personal finances. If you would like to receive the complete Fall 2010 issue by U.S. mail, via e-mail or online, contact Gordon Core, director of planned giving, by phone at 724-938-5985 or by e-mail to core@calu.edu.

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50s

Louis Reda '54 and his wife, Margaret, live in Harrisburg, Pa.

60s

William Russell '62 and **Gwendolyn Hamilton Russell** '61 are retired educators. They live in Charleston, W.Va.

Henry Domyslawski '62 is retired and works part-time at River Hills Golf Club, in the historic seaside community of Little River, S.C., near North Myrtle Beach. He and his wife, Rosemary, live in Little River.

Robert Glista '62 is a retired communications engineer. He and his wife, Dorothy, live in Springfield, Va.

Timothy J. Gorske '62 is vice president of sales and marketing for Presidential Steel Buildings. He and his wife, **Marianne** '63, live in Freedom, Pa.

Kathryn Dzyak Upton '63 is a medical technologist for Venice Regional Medical Center. She lives in Venice, Fla.

David Beten '64 is retired. He and his wife, **Kathleen** '64, live in Burton, Ohio.

Donna Scott Mudry '64 is a teacher/school nurse in the Bentworth School District. She lives in Ellsworth, Pa.

Edward Blotzer '69 is retired. He and his wife, Janet, live in Jeannette, Pa.

Richard Sammartin '69 works in sales management for Time Warner Cable. He and his wife, Irene, live in San Antonio, Texas.

70s

John Robert Wingrove '70 is retired and at home in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Carole Roman Echard '70 is a retired teacher. She lives in Mt. Pleasant, Pa.

Dr. Ernie Dettore, Jr. '70 has received a 2010 University of Pittsburgh Chancellor's Award for Staff Excellence in service to the community. He is a Keystone STARS technical assistance consultant in the Office of Child Development (OCDEL) at Pitt. STARS is an OCDEL initiative to improve, support and recognize the continuous quality improvement efforts of early learning programs in Pennsylvania.

The awards are the highest that Pitt grants to staff members.

E. Hope Tonkavich Beatty '71 is retired. She lives in Washington, Pa.

Philip Gessner '71 is retired as principal of St. Henry Elementary School in Erlanger, Ky. Philip was at the school for 28 years.

Mary Ann Benning Cutliff '72 is an early childhood director with Head Start. She lives in Burleson, Texas.

Judi Murtland Nee '73 lives in Level Green, Pa.

Dr. John Seybert '73 is retired and living with his wife, Beverly, in Indianapolis, Ind.

Stan Glowaski '73, retired last year from the Peters Township School District after 35 years of teaching. He was appointed acting mayor of Bentleyville, Pa., and elected to the borough council in November 2009.

Thomas St. Clair '74 is an elementary teacher in the North Star School District in Boswell, Pa. He and his wife, Deborah, live in Boswell.

George Gerba '74 is retired. He and his wife, Irene, live in Spring Grove, Pa.

James Bradley '74 is retired from Allegheny Ludlum Steel Co. He lives in Brackenridge, Pa.

Diana Kostelac Rosen '72, '74 is a self-employed as a business investor and entrepreneur. She is married to Daniel Rosen.

Joseph P. Gorey '75 has been named the director of sales and marketing for the Tarrytown House Estate hotel in Tarrytown, N.Y. He is a 20-year veteran of the hospitality industry and most recently was the director of sales and marketing for the Hyatt Arlington at Washington's Key Bridge in Arlington, Va.

John Gilmore '76 is a self-employed insurance sale representative. He lives in Belle Vernon, Pa.

Dr. Deborah Van Maele '77, a teacher at Hampton Middle School, has won the first Inspiring Teachers Inspiring Readers Award from Prime State Theatre. She was honored for her "energy and dedication to adolescent literacy." She was nominated for the award by her colleague, Rita N. Ruscetti, chair of the English Department at Hampton, and by a number of former students. Deborah earned her bachelor's degree in elementary education and a master's degree

in education as a reading specialist, both from Cal U.

Elizabeth L. Bodner '79 received the Literacy Volunteers of Maine Award at the University of Southern Maine. She was named the Literacy "Star of the Year" and is the subject of a photography exhibit featuring teachers and students to publicize the merits on Maine Literacy Volunteers. Elizabeth is an author/publisher for EBW Associates and the author of two published books, *Uncompromising: Family Style* and *Equilibrium*.

80s

Shelley Russell Marvich '80 works for the Allegheny County Health Department. She lives in Verona, Pa.

Debbie Stavischeck Stoner '81 is a medical technician with UPMC and also a show promoter with Family Festivals. She and her husband, Dave, live in North Huntingdon Township, Pa.

Arthur Tokar '83 is director of materials management for Coshocton County Memorial Hospital in Ohio. He and his wife, Diane, live in Coshocton.

Todd Koger '83 was a Democratic contender for the Pennsylvania House of Representatives from District 24.

William Black '84 lives in Bethel Park, Pa.

Carol Hall Bonneval '85 is a programmer/analyst for Hewlett-Packard. She and her husband, Art, live in Mandeville, La.

John Small '85 is the director of workforce education and architect of the Polk County (Fla.) School District's vocational academy program. The National School Boards Association recently awarded Polk its Magna Award and praised the district's ability to grow the academy program.

Sandra Palmer '86 is a post-secondary instructor with the Everest Institute, which offers career training. She lives in Glassport, Pa.

Dr. John Cornish II '73, '86 is the executive director of Riverview Intermediate Unit No. 6. He lives in New Bethlehem, Pa.

Joy Helsel '83, '86, director of fraternity and sorority life at Cal U, has received the 2010 Distinguished Service Award from the Theta Xi Educational Foundation of Pittsburgh. The foundation's primary mission is to raise tax-

deductible funds in support of the educational needs of students in the Allegheny District of Theta Xi National Fraternity.

Teresa McGervey '86, '88 is currently a technical information specialist (systems analyst) for the Center for Computational Science Ruth H. Hooker Research Library in Washington, D.C.

Michael Zeglen '88 is a school psychologist with Intermediate Unit No. 1. He lives in Rices Landing, Pa.

Kerry Clipper '89 is an information technology manager at Cal U. Kerry and his wife, Christine '95, live in Rices Landing, Pa.

90s

Sharon Donati Wolf '91 and her husband, Matthew, live in Wexford, Pa.

Bunny Wills Bowman '92 is a nursing assistant with Porter Adventist Hospital in Denver, Colo. She and her husband, Gary, live in Littleton, Colo.

Maryeileen Appio '92 is a funeral director for Kirk & Nice Inc. She lives in East Norriton, Pa.

Jim Pottinger '93, a high school teacher in the Gateway School District, will participate in a two-week solar radiation study on the Greenland ice sheet starting in August. Jim will be participating in PolarTREC, an educational research experience with other K-12 teachers.

Jim Reiser '93 recently received a national Life Saver Award from the National Drowning Prevention Alliance. Jim lives in Columbia, S.C., and has produced 13 DVDs on swimming education. He also founded Swim Lessons University, a training program used in more than 20 countries.

Justin Forlini '94, of McMurray, Pa., directs the day-to-day operations at Armando's Pizza, a family-owned business in Charleroi, Pa.

James Chaikowsky '95 lives in Chalfont, Pa.

Brian Johnson '94, '96, recently received an award from the National Association for Multicultural Education for his book *Reel Diversity*. He is the director of the Frederick Douglass Institute for Academic Excellence at Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania.

Stephen Kane '97 works in information program management

with Dynetics Inc. He and his wife, Kiki, live in Tyrone, Ga.

Bryan Fabbri '97 is a research scientist with Science Systems and Application Inc. and one of a few researchers responsible for maintaining the instruments on the Chesapeake Lighthouse. The instruments of the lighthouse are part of a CERES mission and are sponsored by NASA and other agencies.

00s

Rosemary L. Collins-Simpson '98, '00 recently completed a post-master's certification at Rush University in Chicago. Rosemary is also a National Health Service Corps recipient and lives with her husband, **Ronnie L. Simpson Jr.** '98, '00, and daughter Kaitlan.

Craig Stamford '01 coaches pole-vaulting at Norwin High School in North Huntingdon Township, Pa.

Chad Geary '01 has been named the Roanoke Rapids (N.C.) Graded School District Teacher Ambassador for 2010-2011. Geary will represent the school district at the regional and state level in competition for North Carolina Teacher of the Year.

Chad Haugh '02 is an industrial engineer with Modern Industries Inc. He and his wife, Megan, live in Edinboro, Pa.

James Huba '02 is a software support engineer with Tower-metriX. He and his wife, **Michelle** '09, live in Canonsburg, Pa.

Taryn Delaney '02 works in higher education for Education Management Corp. and lives in Baden, Pa.

Richard Charnovich '02 has resigned as manager of Robinson Township, Pa. His wife has accepted a fellowship at Johns Hopkins Medical Center in Maryland.

Rebecca Babilya-Frank '02 is an art teacher at Jefferson-Morgan Elementary School. She lives in Rices Landing, Pa., with her husband, **Larry** '05, and their daughter Emma.

Christopher Mele '02 and **Dawn Shippee Mele** '02 both have accepted new positions in the industrial athletic training field. Dawn started her new job with Work-Fit in June 2009 and is working at the Pratt and Whitney plant in East Hartford, Conn. Chris was hired in September 2009

by Conentra and is working at JCPenney Logistics Center in Manchester, Conn.

Johnetta Vinka '03 is a teacher with Fox Run Hospital in St. Clairsville, Ohio. She lives in Barnesville, Ohio.

Cassey Croner DeBiase '03 is a school nurse. She and her husband, Michael, live in Berlin, Pa.

Nathan Utz '03 is a drafter for EFCO Corp. He and his wife, BethAnn, live in Gibsonsia, Pa.

Nicole McConn '03 is a human resources assistant. She lives in McDonald, Pa.

Alexis Barna Trubiani '03 is a lunch coordinator for the Clairton School District. She and her husband, Robert, live in Donora, Pa.

Selena Murphy '03 recently graduated from Walden University with a Master of Science degree in nursing with a specialization in nursing education.

Steven J. Sukal '04 has joined the Granbridge Real Estate Capital Pittsburgh team as a vice president. He will be responsible for loan originations in central/western Pennsylvania and the entire state of West Virginia. Steven received his Bachelor of Science degree from Carnegie Mellon University and Master of Science in Business Administration from Cal U.

Elaine Logan '02, '04 is an educator with the Charleroi Area School District. She lives in North Charleroi, Pa.

Jill Davis Fugate '04 is a substitute teacher. She lives in Cheswick, Pa.

Amanda Cox Roush '04 lives in Summerville, S.C.

Nicole Mahoney '05 is a federal contractor for USIS. She lives in Franklin, Pa.

Elizabeth Smith '05 recently completed her master's degree in public history/historic preservation at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Tenn. She is now daily programs coordinator and collections manager for Mahaffle Stagecoach Stop and Farm Historic Site in Olathe, Kan. She obtained her bachelor's degree in history at Cal U.

Carey Noonan '05 is a teacher with Rutherford County Schools in Tennessee. She lives in La Vergne, Tenn.

Rachel Brock '05 is a certified kinesiologist. She lives in Orangeville, Ontario, Canada.

Tiffany McNally Griffith '05 is a teacher in the Connellsville Area School District. She and her husband, David, live in Scottsdale, Pa.

Jennifer Kostick Johnson '00, '05 is the lead clinician at Physiotherapy Associates, Keystone Rehabilitation Systems, West Newton, Pa. She was named most distinguished undergraduate alumna from Cal U in the Department of Health Science and Sport Studies. She and her husband, Erik, live in Connellsville, Pa.

Amanda Bartock '04, '05 lives in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Josh Pajak '06 is a teacher in the Southmoreland School District. He lives in Scottsdale, Pa.

Jennifer Taylor Boscia '06 is an environmental scientist and consultant for TriTech Environmental Health and Safety Inc. She and her husband, **Bryan** '06, live in Spencerport, N.Y.

Zach Binkley '06 works for Human Kinetics Publishing. He lives in Champaign, Ill.

Leanne Telford '06 lives in St. Albert, Alberta, Canada.

Todd Gibson '06 is the new head men's and women's track and field coach at Grove City (Pa.) College, effective July 1, 2010. He earned his master's degree in exercise science from Cal U.

Dorothy Ingram '06 is a mental health professional with Centerville Clinics Inc. She lives in Brownsville, Pa.

Jeremy Hilsinger '07 lives in Valencia, Calif.

Nina Trexler '07 is a budget analyst for NASA and lives in Bridgeport, W.Va.

Patrick Ward '07 and his wife, **Ivonne-Marel Berkowitz Ward** '07, live in Phoenix, Ariz. Patrick is the owner of and director of sports performance for Optimum Sports Performance LLC. Ivonne-Marel is a wellness coach for Take Care Health Systems.

Steve Zurbach '08 is a teacher in the North Allegheny School District. He lives in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Valerie McCullough Schutte '08 is a student. She and her husband, **Blake** '09, live in Beaver Falls, Pa.

Rachel Rowe Orr '08 is a substitute teacher in the Southmoreland School District. She and her husband, John, live in Scottsdale, Pa.

Shawn McIntosh '08 is a group sales representative for the Norfolk Admirals of the American Hockey League. He lives in Virginia Beach, Va.

Shawn Sejpal '08 is a logistics management specialist for the Department of Defense. He lives in Newport News, Va.

Ashley Barton '08 is a substitute teacher and tennis coach in the Chartiers Valley and Avella school districts. She is engaged to **Jarrod Krenn** '08, who works for Comcast. They both live in McDonald, Pa.

Nadine Hawk Dulis '08 is a data processing coordinator for DeSales University. She and her husband, Noah, live in Bethlehem, Pa.

Lindsay Abbadini Kozlowski '08 is an environmental program specialist with the Greene County Conservation District. She and her husband, Vince, live in Fredericktown, Pa.

Jamison Roth '04, '06, '08 is director of sports clubs at Cal U. He lives in California, Pa.

Josh Eachus '09 is a reporter for WTOV-TV NEWS 9 in Steubenville, Ohio.

Bryan Tolle '09 is a meteorologist with WDTV/WVFX Newschannel 5 in Bridgeport, Wv. He lives in Shinnston, W.Va.

Molly Chesebro '09 is a softball coach at College of the Canyons in Santa Clara, Calif. She lives in Valencia, Calif.

Amanda Mangold '09 and Frank Martin II were married July 11, 2009. Amanda earned her master's degree in education at Cal U and is a substitute teacher with the Albert Gallatin School District. Frank is owner-operator of Fike Chevrolet in Masontown, Pa.

Erin Clare Wall '06, '09 lives in Bethel Park, Pa.

Jason Sonson '10 is a teacher. He and his wife, Megan Poland, live in Washington, Pa.

Terrence Johnson '10, a cornerback, signed with the New England Patriots of the National Football League as a rookie free agent.

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WEDDINGS

Amanda Lee Hazen '03 and Bryan A. McCracken were united in marriage on May 1, 2010. The ceremony was held at the Memory Chapel in Vanceville, Pa. The bride is a title clerk and her husband has been an automotive technician at John Sisson Motors.

Ashlee E. Kuhn '06 and Nickolas Babko III were married on May 15, 2010. Ashlee earned a master's degree in school counseling from Cal U. She works for Alliance Health Wrap-around Inc.

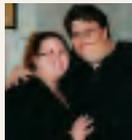
Kelly J. Baker and Anthony W. Bradley were united in marriage on March 20, 2010, at Lifetree Church, Jersey Shore, Pa. Kelly is pursuing her bachelor's degree in Legal Studies from Cal U and is employed by Susquehanna Health as a workers' compensation associate. Anthony is employed by Primus Technologies as an engineering test development manager. They live in Jersey Shore.

Rachel L. Clark '00 and Bretton P. Bogo were married on Jan. 1, 2010, at the Don Vicente Inn in Ybor City, Fl. Rachel is manager of Research Support Services at the Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa, Fla., and her husband is a financial analyst with Quality Health Plans in Tampa. The couple honeymooned in Madrid, Spain.



Amy Primm '04 and Ben Wentzel were married June 27, 2009, at Holy Cross Church in Youngwood,

Pa. Amy is a speech therapist for Westmoreland Intermediate Unit and Ben is the director of Business Development for the Westmoreland County Industrial Development Corp. in Greensburg, Pa. The bride's attendants included **Mindy Primm Smith '01** and **Kelly Hankinson Guerreri '03, '05**. The couple lives in Greensburg.



JoBeth Lynn Urcho '04, '06 and Kelly Bryan Post, both of Bentleyville, Pa., were married

July 24, 2010. JoBeth is a seventh-grade language arts teacher at Monessen Middle School in Monessen, Pa. Kelly is a residential companion at Life Steps in Washington, Pa.

ENGAGEMENTS

Hope Biddle '07 and Matthew Miller, both of Mifflintown, Pa., are engaged. Hope is an insurance agent at Bratton Insurance in Mifflintown. Matthew is an accountant at Miller-Gentry CPA, also in Mifflintown. They are planning an October 2010 wedding.

Rebekah J. Anderson '07 and Jesse C. Utoh are engaged. Rebekah is a clinical specialist with St. Jude Medical, Neuromodulation

Division. Jesse is pursuing his master's degree through the University of New England's teaching institute. A December 2010, wedding is being planned.

Ashley Barton '08 and **Jarrold Krenn '08**, both of McDonald, Pa., are engaged. Ashley is a substitute teacher and tennis coach at Chartiers Valley High School. Jarrod is a customer accounts executive for Comcast in Washington, Pa. They are planning a June 2011 wedding.

Lauren Tomasiak '05 and **Doug Finke '06** are planning a July 2010 wedding. Lauren, of Belle Vernon, Pa., is a special education teacher in the South Park School District. Doug is working as an environmental consultant for PSI in Greentree, Pa.

BIRTHS

Shannon Hevia Wyratt '04 and **Brad Wyratt '04** are the proud parents of a baby girl, Zoie Lee, born Jan. 9, 2010. **Erin Hevia '08, '09** is the child's godmother.

Brad Fields '09 and his wife, Julie, welcomed a baby girl, Madelyn Isabella Fields, on Jan. 16, 2010.

Deana Dziezgowski Tobiczky '92 and her husband, John, announce the birth of a son, Nathan John Tobiczky, on Feb. 18, 2010.

Hannah VanHorn Garcia '02 and her husband, Dominic, welcomed their first-born, Nathan Hamilton Garcia, on March 6, 2010.



Jamie Lynn Blosser Kamp '01 and her husband, Jody, of Farmington, Pa., celebrated the birth of their daughter,

Olyvia Jo, on October 5, 2009. Olyvia weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces.

IN MEMORIAM

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- Bonnie Ann Bitz '78
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- Jay Henderson '93
- Merrell E. Holman (emerita professor, Elementary Education)
- Gloria Gallo Horn '45
- Daryl A. Horne '95
- Alan H. Krueck (emeritus professor, Modern Languages and Cultures)
- Timothy J. Labuda '89
- Arthur L. Long (emeritus professor, French)
- Virginia "Ginny" Balaban Martin '78
- Dorothy Matsko '95
- Angela Marie Ropele '99
- Janine M. Salvio*
- Michael "Jay" Schlesinger '90
- Catherine E. Sethman '33
- G. Ralph Smith II (emeritus professor, English)
- Judith M. Smith '66
- Nicole R. "Nikki" Sosnak-McCroy '97
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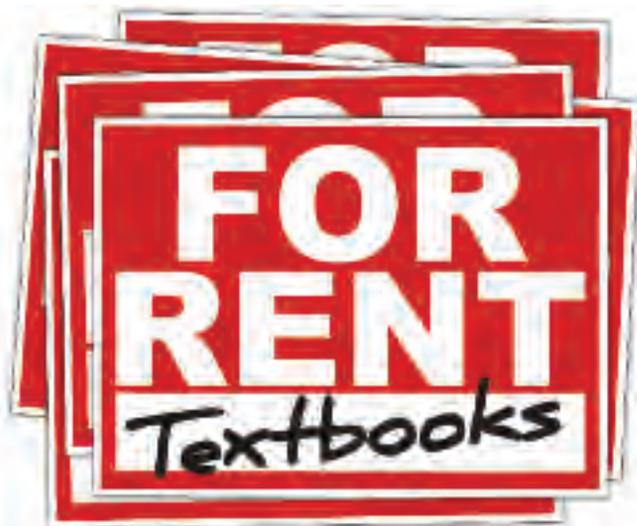
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