



PACIFIC OAKSSM COLLEGE & CHILDREN'S SCHOOL

June

"We have the power to create change in our world."

2013



Message from the President

Dear Alumni:

I am so pleased to congratulate our Pasadena and Watsonville graduates, who combined, served as one of the largest graduating classes in Pacific Oaks history. Both ceremonies were very special, and it was meaningful to see our graduates celebrating with their families, faculty and each other.

Pacific Oaks is doing well. I am delighted to share with you that our enrollment continues to grow. As a result, we have expanded our facilities in Pasadena and we now have a full-time Director and Admissions Recruiter for our Santa Cruz site.

Summer session is in full-swing, and we are preparing for the Fall semester. Many of our students hear about Pacific Oaks College through our alumni. Thank you for spreading the good news, and for serving as our advocates in promoting the unique educational experience Pacific Oaks has to offer.

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

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Alumni News...

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Dr. Ezat Pamia with Ruth Pearce Scholarship representative Carol Cole and student recipients



Dr. Bree Davis and African-American MFT student recipients and friends



Student Government Association donors

Pacific Oaks Scholarship Reception

A new tradition has been started at Pacific Oaks College. Hosted by President Ezat Pamia, a scholarship reception was held to honor our Fall 2012 and Spring 2013 scholarship students. Students representing all degree programs attended and enjoyed the students testimonials by Danielle Basit and Randy Bailey, and event hospitality.



Danielle Basit and Randy Bailey - student presenters



Sister Clarinda Idea, center, supported by the nuns in her parish



Faculty member Connie Destito with MFT student recipients

Faculty voice...

May 6, 2013

Dear Pacific Oaks Alumni,

In celebration of the Class of 2013 – the largest graduating class to date – we are excited to present our “**2013 Alumni Campaign,**” where we are asking all current graduates and all alumni to make a donation in the form of 2013, e.g. \$20.13, \$200.13, \$2013.00, etc. during this calendar year. You can select one of three projects to direct your support: faculty projects, scholarships, and the textbook fund. We asked core faculty member Cheryl Greer-Jarman to share her thoughts about student and faculty support:

One of the joys of my 35-year tenure at Pacific Oaks College and Children’s School has been the capacity to be **authentic**. Conventional, societal connotations of “authentic” tend to focus on such definitions as, “real, sincere, or truth.” While I would include those definitions, I am referring to a quality of practice, which I would liken to the word, “**congruence**.”

The nature of a “typical” work environment tends to promote compartmentalized living. When you approach the environment, many segments of your existence need to be left at the door. The goal is to acclimate into your “professional role,” take on the stated goals/mission of the job, compliance with a myriad of “rules” and confine socialization to your lunch break or happy hour. At Pacific Oaks, I have found a place where I get to actually **LIVE** my values. Yes, there are rules, norms, canons, areas of compliance, and other standards that exist in most institutions. Yet, a major difference at Pacific Oaks is those things happen within the context of **community**. And in order to have a community there needs to be a place/space for each individual -- a tie/connection/commonality/culture that is willing to dialogue, welcome diversified spaces, disagreements, yet, be willing to collaborate to promote the health of the mission and the practices. I have found my community.

A part of our mission /practice implies the concept of “caring.” Since we are a commuter college, many students come straight to class from work -- without having time to make/eat dinner, or simply relax. So, if there were funding available, one of the first things I’d like to see is a **student lounge**, activity center. This would be a space where students could relax, cook or eat, a bigger kitchen (with a stove), watch TV, play games, listen to music, surf the net, socialize or just “chillax.” We also need a **faculty lounge**, which could include kitchen items, a computer, music, a sofa or even have a space for cots/futons to take a quick nap. And as we grow, perhaps such things as a study hall, exercise room, massages or even a Jacuzzi could be included!

Thank you for considering a gift of \$20.13 to support our student and faculty projects. While some of these things appear to be non-essentials, in a caring community, we need to be constantly evaluating how we demonstrate care and support the needs of our community!

Best regards,
Cheryl Greer-Jarman
Core Faculty, Human Development



A Time to Celebrate and Share

I am delighted to share information with you in this issue regarding some key accomplishments for Pacific Oaks College and Children's School: one of our largest graduating classes to date, including ceremonies in Pasadena and Watsonville; key institutional signature events such as the Burgess Lecture, Living Legends luncheon and the Scholarship reception, and the launching of the "2013" campaign to support the College's priorities of faculty projects, scholarships, and textbooks support for students.

Since 1945, Pacific Oaks has been changing lives by creating opportunity. As we continue to expand our schools and build new programs and financial support, we look forward to expanding those opportunities for all. In the words of our Pacific Oaks motto, "We have the power to create change in our world."

Thank you for joining me in being an advocate and supporter of Pacific Oaks College.

Toni Arellanes-Miller
Director of Alumni and External Relations
Pacific Oaks College and Children's School

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of Alumni and
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Campaign 2013...

Pacific Oaks College Motto:
"We have the power to create change in our world."

Pacific Oaks is a transformational experience. In celebration of the Class of 2013, one of the largest graduating classes in Pacific Oaks College history, we invite current graduates and alumni to make a donation in an increment of "2013" during this calendar year. Whether it's \$20.13 or \$2,013, your gift will help us transform the lives of our future students and faculty for years to come.

Your "2013" donation can be designated to benefit:

- Faculty projects
- Scholarships for First Generation Students
- Textbook fund

Faculty projects

Examples of faculty projects would include funding conferences for faculty and their presenting students to attend, including travel costs; academic research and technology that enhances the ways in which our faculty can deliver instruction to students; a new faculty lounge, and other special requests as needed.

Scholarships

First Generation students comprise 70% of the Pacific Oaks student body. Supporting students whose parents have not attended college enables these students to blaze a new trail of success in their families and communities.

Textbooks

The costs of textbooks continue to rise. Students have on average three textbooks per class. Support for this category will help offset these costs for our students.

To get started, please visit -- pacificoaks.edu/giving -- to make a gift and designate the project you would like to support.

Thank you for supporting Pacific Oaks College!

*Donors who give \$1,000 or more become a Pacific Oaks Associate and receive an invitation to the annual Associates Reception, hosted by the President of the College.

Pacific Oaks College participated in the 4th annual Pasadena Collegiate Field Tournament. Please join me in congratulating the PO team on their success:

Team Members:

Charlene Caracas
Gabriella Chapman
Laura Wallerstein
Jason Betts
Fabian Nino
Salma Korayem

Emily Tsurutani
Maria DeLuca
Cristina Diaz De Leon
Tim Sundeen
Trevor Dobbs
Nico Dobbs

Emma Solis
Alaina Clutters
Jesus Esparza
Ginny Mutton
Alice Cardenas
Jennifer McDowell

Joleigh Sherwood
Reyhanak Shafiiha
Joey Jackson

WAY TO GO TEAM!



Student
News...

Graduation 2013...

Faculty and students celebrate at the Pasadena Commencement ceremony



Dr. Ezat Parnia, President (L) with Dr. Michael Horowitz, CEO of the College, Denita Willoughby, keynote speaker and Dorothy Farris, chair of the Board of Trustees (R)



53rd
Commencement
Ceremony
May 4, 2013



"We have the power to create change in our world"

—Pacific Oaks College motto



Graduate Leslie Garibay,
Santa Cruz Cohort II



Graduate Corey Vestal, Santa Cruz II



Watsonville celebrates

Watsonville Commencement Ceremony • May 11, 2013



Dr. Pamia with Deborah Montenegro



(left) Lucero Gonzalez and
Denise Salisbury, Salinas Cohort II



Graduate Deborah Montenegro with
husband and daughter,
Santa Cruz Cohort II



Salinas Cohort II



Santa Cruz Cohort II



Combined graduates—Salinas II and Santa Cruz II



Honorée Maureen Carlson with event co-chair Priscilla Gamb

Honoring a Legend

The 2nd Annual Living Legends Award luncheon was held on April 9 in honor of Maureen Carlson. The Pacific Oaks College Living Legends Award celebrates individuals who have long-standing affiliation with Pacific Oaks and whose personal efforts and generosity have made a transformative impact on Pacific Oaks and the Pasadena community. Ms. Carlson is a former College faculty member and long-term Trustee and Children's School parent. All four of her and her husband Robert's children attended the Children's School and five of their eight grandchildren attended the Children's School.



Attendees Molly Munger and Larry Wilson



Co-chair Olin Barrett and supporter Adelaide Hixon

Evangeline Burgess Lecture

Renowned child psychologist and author Dr. Wendy Mogel was the keynote speaker at the annual Evangeline Burgess Lecture, held at the University Club on April 18. The Burgess Lecture series is named in honor of Dr. Evangeline Burgess, who served as the first president of Pacific Oaks College in 1959. Dr. Burgess had a clear vision of the role that early childhood education would play in the ensuing years. Pacific Oaks College was founded because she recognized the need for well-educated teachers for young children. The first lecture was held in 1958 and the tradition continues today. The sold-out crowd included Children's School parents, teachers and staff, Pacific Oaks college students, faculty and staff, alumni and community members.



Dr. Mogel at the lectern



Children's school parents and friends enjoy the reception



Dr. Ezat Parnia presents Pacific Oaks t-shirt to guest speaker Dr. Wendy Mogel



Guests are delighted to purchase autographed books by Dr. Mogel



Jayanti Tambe, PO alumnae and master teacher at the Children's School, greets PO Alumnae Gretchen Brooke



Dr. Mogel autographs one of the books for one of the parent attendees

Oasis Charter Public School

Job Description: Kindergarten Teacher

Introduction: Oasis understands that The National Association for the Education of Young Children, (NAEYC) defines young children as those between the ages of 0-8. Kindergartners are young children. Kindergartners are concrete learners and literal thinkers, needing many opportunities to make choices, investigate materials, interact with peers, engage in active dialogue about their experience, and represent those experiences through a variety of media. Based on this understanding, Oasis has a play-based kindergarten.

Our Ideal Candidate: We are looking for a teacher with extensive understanding of child development who loves children, is passionate about teaching and believes deeply in the mission and vision of our school. The ideal candidate will be familiar with our school's charter and have an understanding of its guiding principles and practices.

The ideal candidate will be knowledgeable in the field of child development have excellent communication skills with both children and adults, and hold appropriate credentials. The successful candidate will be able to demonstrate an understanding of the unique developmental needs of children of this age and how they learn best

The successful candidate will be expected to be; collegial and collaborative with all members of the school community including parent volunteers, be excited about children and have a tendency to be reflective, imaginative, and playful. We are looking for someone with an innovative creative and flexible teaching style, who is able to actively participate in a team teaching situation.

General Position Description: Teacher for the Oasis Charter School, a partnership of diverse and committed families and faculty providing a Constructivist and Student Centered-inspired K-8 public education, which empowers children to discover their gifts, enjoy a full and enduring childhood, and to pursue lifelong learning.

Primary Function: Provides a sound educational experience to all students, making knowledge accessible in academics, the arts, environmental studies and physical education.

Reports to and is evaluated by: Superintendent/Director

Terms of Employment: This position is a full-time, salaried position, with benefits, subject employment contract.

Work Schedule: 10 months/40 hours a week (August until June)

Compensation: \$35,000 – \$55,000+ annually dependent upon education and experience.

Contact: Jane Meade-Roberts at sandbox202@gmail.com

Join the Kinder Circle Preschool team as an experienced and caring teacher!

We are seeking educators who are:

Knowledgeable or interested in learning about Jewish religious practice, customs and culture, have a minimum of 12 ECE units, and are loving, creative, energetic, reliable and FUN!

Candidates must be committed to building Jewish community. A bachelor's degree in the field of Child Development is preferred, as well as Judaica knowledge, but not mandatory. Familiarity with synagogue life is a plus; the ability to work well with others and enjoy a people-oriented organization is essential.

Duties will include planning and implementing curriculum for a class of 2-5 years old and have the ability to deliver curriculum and facilitate the classroom effectively with compassion, high energy, attention to detail, and problem solving strategies.

E-mail your resume and a brief description on your philosophy of learning and formal background. **Contact** Executive Director Meirav Finley at resume@ohrharoh.org.

Explore the World—Employment Opportunities in China

Several Training Centers in China are seeking experienced students and alumni from Pacific Oaks College to teach at their facilities. Employment opportunities include English instructors for primary and middle school age children and early childhood teachers. Employment packages and benefits may include free housing allowance, assistance applying for work visa, paid vacation, etc.

Family Box Early Childhood Training School Job Title: Early Childhood Teacher Recruit Number: 6

On Board Date: June 15, 2013 **Employment Status:** Full Time

Organization Introduction: We are an educational and recreational center for children aged between 0-8 years. We are seeking to employ experienced teachers who are creative, caring and dynamic; eager to support the development of children in a stimulating and exciting environment. Our training school has 3 training centers in Beijing; each of them is around 1,000 square meters with about 600 kids.

Job Description: Teaching a variety of classes and interactive activities including creative movement, arts and crafts, music and cooking for children. Planning and developing our learning modules based off the UK Early Years Educational framework. Ensuring effective communication through regular interaction with both students and parents.

Job Requirements:* Teaching experience in early childhood is preferred* English native countries nationality is required* Teacher with patience flexibility and enthusiasm* Teacher who love kids and love to spend time with kids* Teacher who love to live in China

Package and Allowance: Monthly Salary: Competitive salary and bonus (negotiable)Visa application assistance Accommodation allowance Generous benefits

Job Location: Beijing, China **Contact Info.:**Jessica Lee Tel: +86 10-6569 6850 Fax: +86 10-6569 6862 Email: jessica@chinahomestay.net

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Pacific Oaks College 2013
Events...

June 22 9am-10am
Breakfast Breakout Session

Would you like to learn how to begin your educational journey at Pacific Oaks College? Come speak with Admissions Counselors to hear about academic programs offered, scholarships, enrollment information, and financial aid. A light breakfast will be provided.

July 13 10am-1pm
**The Pacific Oaks Experience—
An Information Day**

Join us for this informative event including a faculty-led activity, faculty breakout sessions, Admissions and Financial Aid sessions, and campus tours.

Enjoy PO raffle prizes and lunch with alumni and current students. This is your chance to learn about the history and philosophy of PO, the academic programs, and the thriving community of students.

The application fee is only \$25 if you apply for admissions at either event (\$30 savings).



A free workshop
CREDIT 101
with our partner
E-Central Credit Union

We are hosting a free workshop – Credit 101 – to all faculty, staff, students and alumni with our partner E-Central Credit Union. The presentation will cover all the main factors that affect a person's credit score. Participants will also learn how to manage their credit and why it's important to develop good credit habits.

Free lunch and raffle prizes, too!

FRIDAY, JULY 19, 2013
12:00–1:30PM

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