



NEWSLETTER

Fall 2017

Dear Distinguished Alumni and Friends,

Pacific Oaks College is truly grateful for the significant contributions you are making to create meaningful change in the communities, organizations, and individuals you serve. In that spirit, I ask that you think of your friends and colleagues. Who among them would you want to join you in changing our world for the better? We believe that now more than ever our world is in need of what our graduates have to offer and through your assistance we can achieve this by growing our learning community.



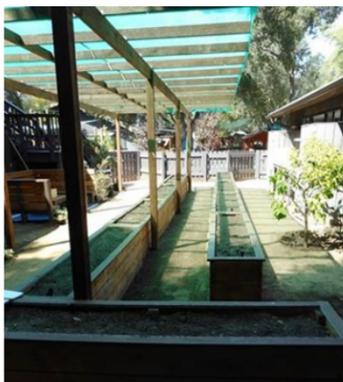
You can help by sending me your recommendations for the next generation of Pacific Oaks graduates who will combine their professional competence with their passion for equity, inclusion, and respect for all individuals. If you will send their names, contact information, and field of interest directly to me at president@pacificoaks.edu, I will be sure that we follow up with them with information on our programs and opportunities.

Thank you for supporting our community's growth and helping prepare others to face the challenges and complexities in front of us.

Warmest regards,

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

LATEST NEWS



CHILDREN'S SCHOOL OPENS AN OUTSIDE CLASSROOM

Through the generous gifts of parents, alumni and friends, the Children's School was able to build an Outside Classroom. Robert Boyman, Executive Director of the Children's School, shared that the it has been amazing how in one month, teachers and children have been heavily involved in using the garden space to grow herbs from seeds,vegetable. This project has created a vibrancy to the environment by adding bright colors to the landscape.

In the spirit of the Outdoor Classroom, Pacific Oaks continues to work towards enhancing the school community. Recently an initial phase of a bug garden installation has also begun. The bug garden will have plants and flowers that will attract butterflies, hummingbirds, and bees. Our outdoor environment is one of our "educators" and it speaks to our commitment to developing the whole child. The children are continuously encouraged to explore nature and science in an organic manner that promotes further questioning and testing of current understandings. Teachers facilitate these learning experiences by asking open-ended questions, providing guidance, and encouraging children to take risks in a safe environment.

PACIFIC OAKS LAUNCHES A NEW PROGRAM

B.A. and M.A. degree in Advocacy & Social Justice. Enroll by Spring 2018 for a 20% tuition reduction. [READ MORE](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS



Pacific Oaks Children's School is hosting its annual Music, Art and Craft Festival on **Sunday, November 19, 2017 from 10am to 2pm**. Join us for an exciting morning filled with DIY activities, live music, delicious food, and handmade goods from local artisans. There will be a petting zoo, trackless train ride and face painting as well. The event is open to the public and admission is free. Invite your friends and family and join us at 714 W. California Blvd., Pasadena. For more information, follow us on Facebook and Instagram: @pocsfallfestival



**Northern California
Alumni Networking Reception**
Friday, December 1, 2017
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
**1245 South Winchester Boulevard,
Suite 108, San Jose, CA 95128**

[CLICK HERE](#) TO RSVP TODAY!
LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Noel Ampel received his Masters in Education in 2014 from Pacific Oaks College. Although he is no longer a student, he continues to remain an active part of the PO community by being a member of the Alumni Association and being a mentor to students.



In June, Pacific Oaks College received a \$103,200.00 award from the [Fletcher Jones Foundation](#) to support student teaching stipends in the Masters of Education and Bachelor's in Early Childhood Education programs. Through this fund Pacific Oaks College will be able to provide students with additional funds that will aid them in completing their unpaid student teaching with less of a financial burden incurred. This is a critical step toward these students completing their degrees and becoming credentialed teachers. Joseph Swanson is one of the first student recipients to receive a student teaching stipend. He is currently teaching at Marice Sendak Elementary School in the Los Angeles Unified School District with Noel Ampel.

"My time at Pacific Oaks is marked by fond and transformative memories in the development of my emerging pedagogy. Allowing me to share experiences with my student teacher, Joseph, has been rewarding for both of us. I have the expectation that it will be a long, fruitful, and equally rewarding relationship."

-Noel Ampel, MA Ed.
Pacific Oaks College Alum

In addition to the award received, Pacific Oaks has opened a new fund so that others can contribute towards this project. To learn more [click here](#).

PO HIGHLIGHTS

PACIFIC OAKS HOSTS A HOUSEWARMING CELEBRATION
September 27th was a special day in Pacific Oaks College's history as we opened our doors to the Pasadena community to celebrate the purchase of our Pasadena campus. We welcomed over 165 guests and were celebrated by many of our local officials including Mayor Terry Tornek, Senator Anthony Portantino, and representatives from both Congresswoman Judy Chu's Office and Assemblymember Chris Holden's Office. We were given a performance from the Singing Huskies Ensemble from Eliot Arts Magnet School and the new space was blessed by SHINE Mawusi during the closing.



This event also held significance for Pacific Oaks as it was a symbol of the increasing outreach we are doing with the local Los Angeles community in effort to create more community partnerships and reestablish Pacific Oaks' reputation as a leading progressive institution.



ALMOST SUNRISE DOCUMENTARY SCREENING

Almost Sunrise, a film centering on the mental health of veterans, was shown at Pacific Oaks College on June 26. Panelists included Dr. Teri Davis, Dr. Bree Cook, and documentary cast member, Thomas Voss. The documentary follows the stories of veterans through their journey of healing. The footage from the film was both inspiring and insightful.

The event was filled with individuals eager to learn more about this important issue. Pacific Oaks recognizes the importance of mental health in the community of veterans and their families. We currently offer scholarships for those who have so bravely served in the U.S. Armed Forces and would like to pursue an education at Pacific Oaks College. This scholarship is also applicable to Veterans' direct dependents. If you would like to learn more, please contact the Admissions Office by [clicking here](#) to refer someone who might be interested in this opportunity.



ALUMNI SUMMER NETWORKING RECEPTION

On Tuesday, July 25, Pacific Oaks Alumni Association held a networking reception for alumni of both the College and Children's School. The event took place at Mijares Mexican Restaurant with over 30 guests in attendance.

The re-launched Alumni Association is focusing on meeting the professional needs of our alumni by creating more opportunities to build relationships with local organizations. Employer representatives were at the networking reception.

Over the summer, the association grew by over 20 members and it continues to grow. To join the Pacific Oaks College and Children's School Alumni Association [click here](#).

RECONNECT WITH PO



JOIN THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Become part of a growing network of professionals. Our alumni have achieved professional success while continuing to serve their communities, locally and globally. [Learn more](#).



ADD US ON FACEBOOK

We're all in this together. Join the Pacific Oaks Alumni Association Facebook Page to hear exclusive alumni news. Join by [clicking here](#).



ATTEND OUR EVENTS

Pacific Oaks College and Children's School hosts many events through the year. To view the calendar visit our website and stay tuned for the next Alumni Newsletter.

THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING



We have the power to create change in our world.

This fall semester we were able to award over 105 scholarships to students through the generosity of our alumni and friends. A gift of any amount makes a difference.

"There is nowhere like Pacific Oaks. There is no curriculum or program that is as intense, enriching, and life changing as the one I am in right now. Your scholarship allows me to continue in a program that I not only enjoy, but believe in! "

-B.A., Early Childhood Education Student

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This electronic newsletter is designed to inform friends and alumni of Pacific Oaks College and Children's School about news stories involving PO, and about the work and accomplishments of members of the community. Media releases and announcements are regularly posted on [PO's website](#).

Feedback

If you have suggestions for stories related to Pacific Oaks that you think might be good for any of Pacific Oaks communications efforts, please email alumni@pacificoaks.edu