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Moving On

*Whittier's Kinesiology Major
Gets New Focus,
but Retains Foundation*



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> CENTER FOR ENGAGEMENT WITH COMMUNITIES LAUNCHES
>> ALUMNI PERSPECTIVE: TOWARD HEALTH AND WELLNESS



JOIN THE POET PARTY...ONLINE!

WHETHER YOU ARE IN BOSTON OR MAUI OR LONDON—or somewhere in between—it is now easier than ever to stay in touch with the College and fellow alumni via social media networks. We encourage you to sign-up and join the conversation through any (or all!) of the following online channels.

The Whittier College (Official Page) on **Facebook**, www.facebook.com/whittiercollege, is a must-see for all members of the Poet community. Be sure to stop by to get the latest news and updates about the College, as well as info about upcoming events on campus. We encourage you to “Like Us” and then check-in regularly.

Facebook is also a great way to stay connected to fellow alumni. The alumni relations office has an official page on Facebook, www.facebook.com/whittiercollegealumni, as well as “fanpages” for nine regional alumni chapters. Visit the Wall and share what you are doing, post your stories, and interact with former classmates. Browse through photo albums and post your own.

Think of Whittier’s **LinkedIn** site as a virtual networking mixer, <http://www.whittier.edu/linkedin>. With more than 700 Whittier alumni members, as well as a Los Angeles specific sub-group, this powerful alumni group can be your go-to career resource. Join to discuss topics of interest, post or find jobs, and strengthen your professional connections.

And for those of you info-junkies who need your updates in short 140-character tweets—follow us on **Twitter**, www.twitter.edu/whittiercollege, to get the pulse of campus—news, athletics, events—throughout the day.

For a more in-depth perspective on the campus and the Whittier College experience today, keep up with our “**Poet Blogs**” written by students, faculty, and administrators at www.whittier.edu/blogs. President Herzberger’s blog is updated regularly with photos, musings, and campus news. Students are writing about internships and other experiences related to the Poet campus, as well as from their semester-abroad locales—most recently India, Costa Rica, and Denmark, to name a few!

From student concerts to commencement, via **YouTube**, www.youtube.com/whittiercollege, you have a virtual window to what is happening on the Poet campus. Moreover, starting in the fall, you can keep up with Whittier in real-time via the Internet. The College will be live-streaming athletic matches and important campus events—beginning with the Leadership Forum featuring General Pete Dawkins and businessmen Matt Espe MBA ’84, Edwin Keh ’79, and Don Herrema ’74 during Whittier Weekend on October 21. To see our full **Live Streaming** schedule go to: www.whittier.edu/live.



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

ALUMNI, PARENTS, AND FRIENDS:



READING THE ARTICLE ON WHITTIER'S NEW CENTER FOR ENGAGEMENT

with Communities and its plans to host this year's Convocation speaker Linda Biehl '65 (see page 37) led me to reflect on the wealth

of speakers visiting our campus over the last few years. And it reminded me too that these speakers often are brought to campus through connections with Whittier alumni, parents, or friends.

Imagine being a student whose musical and acting performance is critiqued by the Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Nilo Cruz and the Latin Grammy Award-winning composer Gabriela Frank. Think of being a young student given the opportunity to question Nobel Laureate Luc Montagnier about his discovery of the AIDS virus or invited to an eco-friendly dinner with environmentalist Bill McKibben. Envision yourself sitting with Justice Richard Goldstone to learn about the process of reconciliation in South Africa following apartheid. And just imagine being one of the 100 students chosen to question Dr. Henry Kissinger on any topic—no holds barred.

I was thinking about these experiences—enjoyed by so many Whittier students over the last few years—and decided to use this column to say thanks to you, our readers, whose networks helped bring these guests and many more to our campus for our students' benefit. And then I realized that here were many people whose work in behalf of Whittier launched stories in this issue of *The Rock*.

I must thank our Society alumni for the competitive spirit devoted to raising significant scholarship funds for Whittier students (see page 20). Congratulations to the Lancers for starting the competition by endowing a scholarship for Lancer actives in 2008. This year our first All-Society Challenge saw the Palmers and Ionians lead the pack, with almost half of their members (47.3 and 45.3 percent, respectively) contributing! The outcome will be more financial aid for Whittier students, as well as an increase in our important "rate of participation" in annual giving, which enhances Whittier's reputation and helps us secure gifts from foundations and other friends.

Let me also applaud so many others who have contributed gifts over the past year, much of which have helped create the wonderful opportunities for students highlighted throughout this issue of *The Rock*. At fiscal year's end, that list includes 30 percent of our faculty and staff, 52 percent of graduating seniors (a record, we believe), and our Poet Parents who, on top of the support they give to our students in so many ways, contributed nearly \$1 million in gifts! Special thanks are due to our growing group of "Faithful Friends" (now numbering 2,235) who give to the College year after year, boosting our participation rate, and

leading the way in demonstrating the value of giving back!

Many of you also share valuable expertise and advice. Because of you, students have participated in internships, practice interviews, job shadowing, résumé workshops, etiquette dinners, and our popular "Backpack to Briefcase" series. Just this past year, students interested in careers in medicine and health, international business, and not-for-profit leadership benefitted from your knowledge, with more to come in the months ahead.

Then there are the many people who host events off-campus for the College—events that bring small or large groups of Poets together in locations around the world; receptions that welcome new students and their parents to the Poet family, and encourage others to join us; and dinners for team members after athletic contests both on campus and on the road.

It does "take a village" to run a College, especially one as vibrant and eclectic as Whittier. And we have countless ambassadors who "work for" the College, serve our students, and make Whittier shine. Thank you all!

Go Poets!

Sharon Herzberger

P.S. I look forward to seeing so many of you during the events of Whittier Weekend 2011, October 21 through 23. Root for the Poets at the various athletic contests, stop by the popular Society Mixer, and hear great speakers such as our very own Matt Espe MBA '84, CEO of Armstrong World Industries, Inc., global entrepreneur Edwin Keh '79, and a special guest brought to us by our new Board Chair, Don Herrema '74: Pete Dawkins, U.S. Army Brigadier General (Ret.), Rhodes Scholar, former Heisman Trophy winner, and former vice-chair for Citigroup. And please join me for a walk around campus over the weekend; I promise not to take you up too many hills.

◀ As usual, I welcome your good advice (president@whittier.edu.)



ARTS...AND AMERICAN FOOTBALL

CHINESE UNIVERSITY PARTNERS IN INAUGURAL WHITTIER ARTS PROGRAM



Photos by Tatiana Shabelnik



▲ **ART IN THE CITY.** Joining the 96 students on the trip were the vice dean of the school of art design, vice director of international exchange and training, executive vice president of KEDE College, and chairman of the board of directors.

▲ **MAKING FRIENDS.** At top, KEDE students were led by Whittier students and coaches in a friendly game of flag football; at bottom, Whittier Professor Vanessa Raabe poses with a KEDE student.

ONLY A WEEK AFTER GRADUATION, the campus rapidly revived with activity as nearly 100 art students from China took part in the inaugural Whittier College Arts Immersion Course.

The students, who traveled with other faculty and administrators from their home campus of KEDE College of Capital Normal University in Beijing, participated in a week-long series of lectures and fieldtrips led by Whittier College faculty that focused on multicultural art and design in Los Angeles.

While here, the group visited a variety of iconic LA sights, including the St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Olvera Street, Disney Concert Hall, Mayan Theatre, Barnsdall Art Park, The Gamble House, and the Huntington Library, among others. In the classroom, students had a chance to learn about the unique legacy

of Whittier College alumnus and U.S. President Richard M. Nixon '34—a point of pride shared with China, not lost on the KEDE visitors. They were also able to experience some more “traditional” aspects of American higher education, including an intramural game of football taught by Whittier athletics coaches.

Established seven years ago as an affiliated college of Capital Normal University, KEDE College is well-known for its innovative educational model and interdisciplinary arts program. KEDE College has four schools (Art Design, International Business, Public Communications & Mass Media, and Performing Arts) and 42 areas of study within these programs.

Responding to educational needs and trends, one of KEDE’s goals is to

become a leader in developing overseas study programs that cultivate international art appreciation and enable their students to cultivate their applied art talents. Partnerships have been developed between KEDE College and universities in Korea, England, Australia, Canada, and the U.S. KEDE College has been invited to send more students throughout the year.

“This was an amazing week of helping to prepare KEDE’s students for leadership in this new world. Whittier’s founders—and, indeed, President Nixon—would be proud of the events of the last week. The continued partnership between our two great colleges and between the people of China and the United States is an exciting prospect,” said President Sharon Herzberger at the conclusion of the session.

>> NEW STUDENT IAN RAO '15 IS THE FOUNDER/CEO OF BOTH THE DISNEY PODCAST "MICE AT WORK" AND PRODUCTION COMPANY STU-JOHN PRODUCTIONS.

RISING STARS

17 RECOGNIZED BY L.A. EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION



BRIANNE KAMALADIN '12 was honored as a featured scholar at the 28th Annual TELACU Awards gala last May.

Kamaladin is pursuing a double major in political science and child development, with a focus on international child advocacy and international politics. Her interest in being an advocate for children stems from her own personal struggles and successes within the educational system.

Kamaladin, along with 17 other Whittier College students, received scholarships from TELACU in 2011. In fact, Whittier College students received more TELACU scholarship than students at any other private college in the U.S.

"It is great to see our students being recognized for their outstanding academic accomplishments, especially when they often carry a full course load, participate in extra-curricular activities, have one or two part-time jobs, and still excel and stand out academically," said Director of the Ortiz Programs Luz Galbreath, who works closely with students applying for this scholarship.

The TELACU Education Foundation provides scholarships to hundreds of college students from underserved communities in California, Illinois, Texas, and New York, and provides academic programs and guidance to approximately 1,500 middle and high school students, nursing students, and veterans.



SWEAR WORDS

LAW ALUMNI SWORN INTO U.S. SUPREME COURT BAR

ENTITLED. ▶
Back row, left to right: Taraneh Khorrami '05, Greg Larson '05, Paul Lee '92, Steve Garber '91, Jeff Stivers '00, Azzam Saad '03, James Rendleman '85.
Front row, left to right: Kathy Hurst '02, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs Judith Daar, Andrew Strait '03, Natasha Radwan '06, Stephen Kwan '02, Holly Harpham '05, Susan Gorman '03



Photo courtesy of Judith Daar

LAST WINTER, ASSOCIATE DEAN JUDITH DAAR JOINED nearly two dozen Whittier Law School (WLS) alumni in our nation's capitol as they were sworn in as the newest members of the United States Supreme Court Bar.

To be eligible for this honor, lawyers must be members of the bar in good standing of the highest court of their state jurisdiction for at least three consecutive years, present a certificate of good standing from that court, and be sponsored by two current members of the U.S. Supreme Court Bar. Once admitted, they become entitled to present and argue cases before the land's highest Court, and have a standing invitation to attend all oral argument sessions, which are otherwise closed for admission.

WLS alumni participating in this particular swearing-in ceremony spanned more than 20 years of graduating classes, with the most senior hailing from the Class of 1985, and the most junior from the Class of 2007.

After meeting with General William Suter, the current Clerk of the Supreme Court,

the group was ushered inside the stunning main courtroom.

"At precisely 10:00 a.m., we heard the Marshal's familiar call to assemble: 'Oyez, Oyez, Oyez.' One by one, eight of the nine justices entered the room to take their familiar seats," recounted Daar. "Subsequently, the oath was administered by John Roberts, 17th Chief Justice of the United States."

Jonathan Michaels WLS '95, founding member of the Newport Beach business law firm Michaels Law Group, was among the group being sworn in. "This is incredible—to become part of the community that has so significantly shaped our society...it's just such an honor."

"Following [the morning's ceremony], and despite the freezing temperatures and howling winds outside the Capitol, our group was in high spirits," said Daar, "though to be honest, there was much talk of returning with all deliberate speed to sunny California."

>> CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT JUSTICE CARLOS MORENO SERVED AS THE 2011 JOHN FITZRANDOLPH MEMORIAL LECTURER FOR WHITTIER LAW SCHOOL CENTER FOR CHILDREN'S RIGHTS.

LIVE...FROM THE GRAMMY!

WHITTIER COLLEGE PERFORMERS TAKE GRAMMY MUSEUM STAGE

A UNIQUE PARTNERSHIP with the Grammy Museum in downtown Los Angeles served to showcase Whittier College talent during a special evening event.

The program, *Songs of Our Time*, was organized by Jennifer Holmes and focused on vocal and instrumental selections written within the last few decades, as well as original work by students, artists-in-residence, and alumni.

Featured performers included the cast of the spring campus production of *RENT*; Vocé vocal jazz ensemble, accompanied by professor Stephen Cook; soloists Courtney Smith '12, Kelissa McDonald '11, Kelsey Philips '12, Wiliama Sanchez '13, and Seriah Antoun '13; artists-in-residence Eva Beneke and Melissa Landis; and alumnus Will Wyatt '10.



◀ **STAR POWER**
(L-R) Soloists Wiliama Sanchez '13 and Courtney Smith '12 performed Broadway standards, "On My Own" and "Something's Coming" respectively. (Below) The men of *RENT* pose with alumnus Will Wyatt '10.



SPIRITUAL CALLING

NEW CAMPUS CHURCH PROGRAM HELPS BUILDS COMMUNITY OF FAITH

WHAT BEGAN AS A KIND OF PERSONAL CRUSADE, prompted by a Biblical quote that resonated deeply—*Come to me all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.* (Matthew 11:28-30)—has resulted in a positive spiritual renewal on what was once a predominantly Quaker campus.

Mild-mannered math major, dual-sport athlete, and dedicated Christian James Oliver '11 notes the above passage has often helped him get through his college career. He sometimes felt isolated due to his spiritual beliefs, never for a lack of fellow Christians on campus, but rather due to a pervasive negative stereotype that can follow those living an openly Christian life, perceived as judgmental and anti-intellectual.

As a result, Oliver labored to shatter these stereotypes—writing honestly about Christian issues, working to build a positive and supportive Christian community on campus, and establishing the Christian Poets Club. And last fall, the club began hosting a weekly, multi-denominational Campus Church program of sermons delivered by local pastors, spiritual music, and time for social fellowship.

While the first program attracted only seven participants, with the support of Dean of Students Jeanne Ortiz and Interfaith Coordinator Deborah Lang, the numbers soon grew—including a group that traveled from nearby Biola University. At the end of the semester, about 50 Whittier students attended the final service.

Traditionally, college is a time for exploration, independence, and self-development. Likewise, Oliver sees the



Campus Church program providing a place for students to expand, strengthen, and develop their own personal faith, particularly when faced with a variety of difficult challenges and hard questions.

"College is a time when you go from being dependent to independent... a journey. [So too with spiritual growth.] You've been living your parents' beliefs, and now it's kind of like, 'How do I make my faith my own?' It's like starting all over."

In tandem with Campus Church, single-sex student-driven Bible study groups have formed this year, designed to create friendships and a solid support system.

"As college students we face a lot of temptations, but as Christians we have to make wise decisions," said Adrianna Davidek '13, a member of both the Christian Poets and Fellowship of Christian Athletes, who organized the women's group. "Because we are all together, it makes things a lot easier."

>> **THE WHITTIER COLLEGE SIFE TEAM HELD ON TO THE TITLE OF REGIONAL CHAMPIONS IN 2011.**



CAMERA-READY

POET DOCUMENTS STRUGGLES IN OIL SPILL RECOVERY

EARLY ONE MORNING LAST SPRING, theatre major Jennice Ontiveros '11 found herself on a crab boat in the Gulf Coast, interviewing a crab fisherman named Carla.

"We loaded all of our video equipment onto this little boat, which was being driven by her six-year-old son. It was 7 am, and ahead of us was a beautiful sight of water meeting sky," said Ontiveros.

A couple of days earlier, Ontiveros had flown to Louisiana to assist her older sister, who won a Pepsi Refresh grant to produce a documentary on the after-effects of the 2010 oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico—specifically, its continuing impact on small shrimp and crab fishermen who have worked in the industry for years, and often, for generations.

"I'm on the boat, and my sister hands me the camera and says, 'Here, take some shots.' And there I am, trying to figure out how to film and stay on this tiny little boat and not get thrown over by the waves."

Carla, a "crabber" and the subject of that morning's interview, is a clear example

of someone who has been in the trade for years. She works with her sister and her fiancé on their crab boat. Her young son is learning the trade. Her mother works in a local factory as an oyster-shucker. The fishing industry "is all they know." Unfortunately, the oil spill has the potential of causing long-term damage to the available crab and shrimp in the gulf.

"Our goal is to give a voice to the residents of Louisiana whose livelihoods were [deeply] affected by the oil spill," explains Ontiveros.

She was there a week filming and getting to know some of the people who live in this area. But it was getting behind the camera that made the true meaning of the project become clear.

"When Carla was telling her story, I almost started to cry. In that moment it made everything worth it and reaffirmed my belief that this documentary had to be done. I knew we were making a difference."

Ontiveros has been working closely with her sister since the very beginning of



the project. During summer 2010, she spent time in Chicago helping to get the online votes needed to win the Pepsi Refresh \$25,000 award.

As a result of this project, the young thespian now hopes to work behind the camera.

▲ ACTION!
To see a clip of the "Meet the Gulf" documentary, go to <http://bit.ly/ontiveros>.

ARTS EXPLORATION

NEW SEMINAR DELIVERS "BACKYARD" ADVENTURES

DISCOVERING THE MANY CULTURAL FACETS of Los Angeles via trips to museums, historical sites, murals, and the great outdoors was the goal of the first Los Angeles Integrated Arts Program (LAIAP) session that took place in May, under the thematic title "Transposing Borders: Exploring the City of Angels."

The interdisciplinary team-taught course, run through the Center for Collaborations with the Arts (CCA) coordinated by professor Jennifer Holmes, involved seven professors in the music, theatre, sociology, modern languages, psychology, education and child development, and biology departments.

"The grant money from Mellon has provided a solid resource to expand upon what we do well at this institution: bringing L.A. and

beyond to campus and taking our students into the learning laboratory of Los Angeles," said Holmes.

Twenty-two students enrolled in the inaugural LAIAP class. Topics covered ranged from how music is reflective of cultural and societal change to education reform to the relationship of social class, race, ethnicity, and power. Likewise, field trips traversed the geography of the city, going from the Museum of Tolerance and the Getty Villa on the west side to Placita Olvera and the Ahmanson Theatre in downtown to the Huntington Library and Gardens in the east. Students also explored their own backyard, the Whittier Hills, looking at how human immigration affects the climate, native plants, and animals.

A similar course will be repeated in Jan Term and next May.

>> INFO ON UPCOMING ART EXHIBITS AND ARTIST TALKS AT THE GREENLEAF GALLERY CAN BE FOUND ONLINE AT WWW.WHITTIER.EDU/GREENLEAF.



RUSSIAN PORTRAIT

RICHARD M. NIXON FELLOW HOLDS HISTORY IN HER HANDS



Photo by Ian Bradshaw Photography

Samarin, the 2010-11 Nixon Fellow, worked as an intern at the Nixon Presidential Library in the fall just as the library received boxes upon boxes of new material from Washington, D.C. that needed to be sorted, filed, and put away.

Fortunately for Samarin, her cataloging allowed her to add visual images to research she had been conducting on Nixon's legacy on human rights in the former Soviet Union.

Samarin points to photos of Nixon and Secretary of State Henry Kissinger meeting with then-Soviet general secretary Leonid Brezhnev in both Washington, D.C. and Moscow. According to Samarin, these historical meetings between the White House and the Kremlin, where various nuclear arms and mutual collaboration agreements were signed, were a predecessor to the Helsinki Accord—a wide-ranging series of agreements on economic, political, and human rights issues signed in 1975.

"There is an actual correlation between Nixon's foreign policy and human rights negotiations during the Cold War," explains Samarin, who spent more than a year researching this topic.

"It was because of his détente policy and foreign policy [in general] that this chain reaction of positive relations followed. This in turn enabled a series of negotiations to happen, and essentially allowed for human rights to be put on the radar of the international agenda during the Cold War."

Samarin's research really began across the Atlantic the summer before her senior year, where she spent a packed two months in the country that served as the nexus of her research. Immersing herself in the language, she took political science classes in

Russian, taught English, interned at the Hermitage Museum, and did research at the National Library of Russia.

Traveling one hour each way from her host family home to the historic campus of St. Petersburg State College, Samarin was able to soak in as much of the city as she could. Moreover, her ingenuity and basic Russian language skills put her at the information desk of the Hermitage Museum—the location of her internship—enabling her to become well-acquainted with the works of art within one of the largest and oldest museums in the world.

Self-starter that she is, Samarin also surpassed the notorious Russian red-tape to gain access to important documents at the National Library.

"It would literally take about 30 minutes to get copies of any document," said Samarin, who patiently waited, relishing the access to such unique documents.

"This was an amazing way to spend my senior year," said Samarin. "Traveling and living in Russia was just the best part for me, living in a foreign country, being able to blend in and experience the lifestyle is unforgettable."

Graduating as a Whittier Scholars international studies and Russian studies double major, Samarin will continue her studies on Russian and Eastern European politics at the University of Birmingham in England in the fall.

The Nixon Fellowship was created and endowed through gifts from friends, colleagues, and admirers of President Richard M. Nixon '34. For further information or to contribute to the Fellowship program, contact the Office of Advancement at 562.907.4219 or go online to www.whittier.edu/SupportWhittier/.

NEXT FELLOW. The 2011-2012 Nixon Fellowship has been awarded to Poonam Narewatt '12, who plans to study in China and spend a semester interning with the United Nations High Commissioner of Human Rights as part of her project.

SPENDING A SEMESTER cataloging hundreds of photos related to the Richard M. Nixon presidency, Melissa Samarin '11 found that each of these historical images was a piece to the larger puzzle illustrating his administration.

"They say 'a picture holds a thousand words' and I've literally handled hundreds of these [images], so I feel I have a very complete history of Nixon's presidency by now."

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PITCH PERFECT

VIENNA SEMESTER TRAINS STUDENT IN MORE THAN JUST OPERA

WHERE ELSE BUT IN VIENNA could you come across an “opera bathroom” in a subway station?

Music major Kelsey Phillips '12 walked by this musical hotspot every day as she headed to class at the Palais Corbelli, an elegant 18th-century palace in the heart of the city that houses the IES Abroad Vienna Center.

“You walk around the streets and people are playing Mozart on the violin. Classical music was everywhere,” said Phillips, who studied abroad in Vienna during the fall 2010 semester. “My school was located right outside the opera house and opera music was everywhere.”

Phillips, an accomplished vocalist whose performances are ubiquitous on campus, took private voice lessons while in Vienna, challenging herself to sing in German.

“Before I went abroad, I was really bad at German—I butchered it... now it’s like night and day how much better I am able to sing it than before. My teacher demanded a lot from me. Now my practicing has become a lot more serious,” she added.

A bonus from her study abroad experience was a developing new passion for teaching.



◀ **PALACE.**
Kelsey Phillips '12 stands outside the Palais Corbelli, the starting point of her Vienna adventure.

While abroad, Phillips completed a music education internship, working with students ages 16-18 at a school for performing arts.

“I taught voice lessons twice a week. [At times] I was able to take over the class and really work with the girls—I found out I really, really enjoy teaching. You feel like you are sharing and making their passion stronger.”

Phillips also took full advantage of the city, exploring as much of Vienna as she could before returning home, indulging in a night-time 5K run in Vienna.

“It was dark; it was raining; it was 30 degrees outside; it was freezing, but it was one of the highlights of my trip. Especially being with the classmates and faculty I had become so close with.”

NEW WORLD ORDER

The National Endowment for the Humanities has awarded Whittier a grant to infuse global perspectives into 75 percent of Whittier’s first-year writing seminars, contributing to the creation of a “global learning ethic” and better preparing our students for globally interdependent lives beginning their first semester at Whittier. This program also will take advantage of partnerships with 11 leading cultural institutions in the Los Angeles Area (e.g., Getty, Huntington, Museum of Tolerance, L.A. County Museum of Art, Pacific Asia Museum, Autry), building upon the work already underway with Whittier’s L.A. Integrated Arts program, supported in part through the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

TRANSFORMING LIVES

NATIONAL STUDY UNDERSCORES WHITTIER STRENGTHS

A RECENTLY RELEASED NATIONAL REPORT indicates that compared to peers, Whittier students—measured from their first year to the end of their senior year—showed greater growth, moral reasoning, socially responsible leadership, psychological well-being, and awareness of and openness to diversity among others.

Whittier students also reported experiencing more “high impact practices” than students at other colleges. High impact practices—such as qual-

ity interactions with faculty, high expectations for students, and experiences with diversity—are known to produce greater levels of intellectual and personal growth over the college years.

The report reflects the results of the Wabash Study of Liberal Arts Education, a large-scale, longitudinal study investigating critical factors that affect the outcomes of a liberal arts education. The Wabash Study began in 2005 and includes 49 colleges and universities; Whittier College has participated over the

last four years, enabling the tracking of the full student experience, from freshman through senior year.

“I want to acknowledge the faculty for the excellent education they provide to our students and thank the staff for helping to create such a stimulating learning environment on campus,” said President Sharon Herzberger in response.

“We’ve always known that we are transforming lives; now we have more data to prove it,” she added.

>> **CATCH UP ON EVERYTHING GREEN AT WHITTIER COLLEGE ON THE NEW SUSTAINABILITY BLOG AT WWW.WHITTIER.EDU/GREEN.**



MOYERS APPLAUDS GRADUATES

WHITTIER COLLEGE CELEBRATES ITS 118TH COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

UNDER A BRILLIANTLY SUNNY SKY, they walked two by two into Memorial Stadium, wearing fragrant leis and their society's or affinity's colors, sporting whimsically decorated mortar boards, and some, wearing a special yellow stole to honor the beloved math professor who had passed away less than two months prior.

This was the final day for the Whittier College Class of 2011.

During the formal address, the nearly 300 graduates comprising both the master's and bachelor's programs listened attentively as award-winning journalist Bill Moyers urged them to "take one more walk around the campus" before leaving.

"Take it all in one more time, remember why you came, who you were, what you wanted and why," he said. "One day, those memories will come back to ground you when everything that is tied down is coming loose."

Speaking about the many challenges these new graduates will face in a very complicated world, Moyers assured them that they chose well in coming to Whittier College.

"Trust me, when you are my age looking back at a long line of hits, runs and errors, wins and losses, you will understand how these Whittier years forged your strength and shaped your destiny... a journey you could not predict, but for which you could prepare by learning to think for yourself and still work with others."

Moyers shared the stage with his spouse and professional partner Judith Davidson Moyers, a television producer and long-time education advocate. In her brief remarks, Moyers praised all Poets.

"It is a special college who cheers on its football team, its baseball team, its soccer team, all your fine athletes with 'Hit 'em high, hit 'em low; come on Poets, let's go!'"



QUOTABLE. Moyers' speech was quoted by media outlets both locally and nationally including the *LA Weekly* and the *Washington Post*.

"I have been cheering on poets and even making television out of poetry for years," she said.

Before delivering their joint address, Bill and Judith Moyers became honorary graduates, conferred with a doctorate of humane letters (L.H.D.) by President Sharon Herzberger.

Whittier Scholars major Mary "McCall" Schenthal delivered the student address.

"It takes a village to raise a child. Well, it takes an entire college to make a graduate," said Schenthal, reflecting on her Whittier experience. "Today we become the newest alumni class. We are the next ones to take the step forward, and we've earned the right to do so."

In her Charge to the Class of 2011, President Sharon Herzberger lauded the many accomplishments of the graduates sitting before her and challenged them to make the most of their Whittier education.

"Use fully all of your talents, the wisdom and breadth of perspective you gained through the guidance of our faculty, and the values you have assimilated as part of this venerable community. Remember that you were privileged to attend this College, and remember those who started you on your way."

NEW DIRECTIONS

NEW VICE PRESIDENT FOR ENROLLMENT TAKES REIGNS



FRED PFURSICH BEGAN HIS APPOINTMENT AS VICE PRESIDENT OF ENROLLMENT at Whittier College this summer. Pfursich is responsible for oversight of the admissions and financial aid offices and operations. He was attracted to Whittier's nationally recognized liberal arts curriculum, innovative interdisciplinary academic programs, and incredibly diverse student body.

For two decades prior to his appointment at Whittier, he served as Dean of Enrollment and then as Vice President of Admissions and Financial Aid at Whitworth University in Spokane, WA. During his tenure at Whitworth enrollment, academic profile, retention, and graduation rates all increased significantly. He is an enthusiastic proponent of Division III athletics, and will bring much experience in partnering with coaches on the recruitment of scholar athletes.

"Fred's strategic vision for enrollment, analytical penchant, work ethic, and collaborative nature bode well for a successful transition to Whittier. He brings a strong commitment to international recruitment and to diversity, and he is excited to be coming to a College that is a model for the nation in this regard," said President Sharon Herzberger.

Pfursich holds a B.A. in business administration from the University of South Florida and an M.Div. and Th.M. from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, CA.

>> 50 YEARS AGO SUSANNE HERRMANN '62 WAS A "FREEDOM RIDER" IN MONTGOMERY, AL; IN HER ACCOUNT TO THE LA TIMES SHE SAID, "WE WERE ALL PREPARED TO DIE."



MIDDLE EAST IN CONTEXT

FEINBERG LECTURER DANIEL C. KURTZER DELIVERS TIMELY PERSPECTIVE

BRINGING CURRENT EVENTS to the fore last February, former U.S. Ambassador to Israel and Egypt Daniel C. Kurtzer gave insight into the then white-hot political situation in Egypt and the status of peace in the Middle East as he delivered the 2011 Feinberg Lecture.

With a career in the United States Foreign Service spanning 29 years, Kurtzer had served as U.S. ambassador to Egypt from 1997 to 2001 before becoming the U.S. envoy to Israel. Additionally, he has known former President Hosni Mubarak for more than 30 years, and has deep experience with all facets of Egyptian society.

As such, Kurtzer gave an informed perspective on what occurred in the streets of Egypt and provided an analysis on the role that the Egyptian military and the Islamist group—Muslim Brotherhood—would likely play in the new post-Mubarak government.

“What we saw in Egypt was not a revolution, but a decapitation of the head of a regime,” he said. “What hasn’t changed in Egypt is the system of governance, the regime in which Mubarak acted as a leader.”

Moreover, he expanded on the relationship between Egypt and the U.S., calling it one of mutual collaboration and of great value to both countries. For its part, the U.S. invested \$70 billion over the course of three decades to improve the basic infrastructure of the country as well as its military. In turn Egypt has played a key role in the peace process.

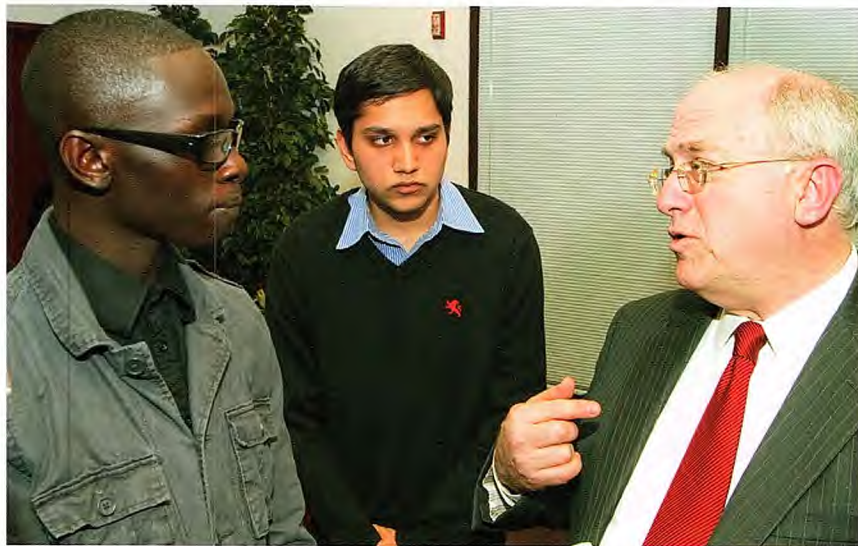
“[It has been] imperative for the Obama Administration not only to follow the sentimental route of supporting democracy but also trying to measure that off against the strategic imperative of maintaining our relations with an Egypt that was going to be friends with the United States. I think until now that the administration has done a reasonably good job. The question is going to be though, whether or not this can continue. And how much harder it will get as the impact of Egypt now spreads across the region.

“And what we do, or fail to do,” he cautioned, “carries tremendous consequences for our own national security and the wellbeing of people in the region.”

Since leaving government service, Kurtzer has authored numerous articles on U.S. policy, and is the co-author of *Negotiating Arab-Israeli Peace: American Leadership in the Middle East*. He served as an advisor to the Iraq Study Group, and currently serves on the Advisory Council of the American Bar Association’s Middle East-North Africa Rule of Law Initiative; as a member of the Board of Trustees of the American University in Cairo; and as a member of the New Jersey-Israel Commission. And, he currently holds the S. Daniel Abraham Chair in Middle East Policy Studies at Princeton University’s Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs.

Kurtzer’s appearance was part of the Feinberg Lecture Series that yearly brings prominent speakers to the College to discuss broad historic, religious, and political issues encompassed by Judaism and its role in a changing world. The Feinberg Lecture Series is made possible through an endowment established by the late Sheldon Feinberg, a former trustee of Whittier College, and his wife, Betty.

SAVE THE DATE. The 2012 Feinberg Lecture featuring Senator George Mitchell will be open to the public as well as streamed live on Tuesday Feb. 28, 2012 at 7:30 pm. Visit www.whittier.edu/live for more information.



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▲ PEACEFUL RELATIONS. Former U.S. Ambassador Daniel Kurtzer speaks with environmental studies major Mohamed Kabir Faal II '13 after he delivered the Feinberg Lecture, in which he discussed current issues in the Middle East.



>> LINDA BIEHL '65, DIRECTOR OF THE AMY BIEHL FOUNDATION IN SOUTH AFRICA, WILL BE THE NEW STUDENT CONVOCATION KEYNOTE SPEAKER ON OCTOBER 27.



PAPER TIGERS

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS OFFER STUDENTS CHANCE TO PRESENT, DEFEND RESEARCH



SCHOLARS. ▲

Reme Bohlin '11 and Shannon Jaime '11 (with Professor Wendy Furman Adams) presented cutting-edge approaches to the study of Milton's *Paradise Lost*.

STUDENT-FACULTY RESEARCH is a cornerstone of a Whittier education. And, with the recent growth in grant-funded fellowship programs and other professional opportunities, student research has taken center stage.

Each fall, Whittier College student-faculty projects are chosen for presentation at the Southern California Conference for Undergraduate Research, a regional event

that draws competitive submissions from students at both public and private institutions. In 2010, about two dozen Whittier students took part in the SCCUR program, "Riding the Crest of Discovery."

Last spring, Whittier held its 10th Annual Psi Chi Whittier Undergraduate Research Conference (WURC), open to students in psychology from Whittier and other area colleges and universities, who are invited to deliver research findings via oral and poster presentations. Whittier College alumnus and renowned child development expert Dr. L. Alan Sroufe '63 served as keynote speaker, and his address, *The Legacy of Early Experience: How Early Attachment Experiences Frame the Development of the Person*, dealt with his specialized work at the University of Minnesota's Institute of Child Development, where he also currently teaches.

Notably, this past April faculty organized Whittier's own multi-disciplinary conference to showcase the campus' breadth of scholarly achievement: Whittier College

Undergraduate Research, Scholarship, and Creative Arts (WURSCA). For this inaugural event, about 50 students applied and were selected to share work completed this year, via individual and poster presentations, creative arts explorations, and student panels. Submissions were varied, reflecting the span of academic disciplines, and topics ranged from reducing childhood obesity to John Milton's *Paradise Lost* to dung beetle species saturation.

Celina de Sa '11, a past Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellow, has been conducting research for the last two years on "Capoeira as a Black Atlantic Cultural Form," and she received an invitation to participate. Previously, she had presented her work at SCCUR, but noted that her approach varied somewhat in preparing for the Whittier event.

"It was just a matter of creating a fluid visual representation," she explained.

"And it was wonderful to have my work publicly challenged and appreciated," she noted about her experience. "I got a chance to inform my peers, as well as learn about

SUMMING UP

INTERNATIONAL MATH PROGRAM SHEDS NEW LIGHT ON STUDENT'S RESEARCH

MATH MAJOR ANGÉLICA GONZÁLEZ '12 spent the spring 2010 semester studying with some of the most prominent mathematicians in Hungary, as part of the Budapest Semesters in Mathematics (BSM) program.

The highly competitive program attracts math and computer science students from all the top colleges and universities in the United States. The courses, which range from Number Theory and Combinatorics to Topics in Graph Theory and Analysis, are conducted in English by pre-eminent Hungarian scholar-teachers, drawn primarily from the renowned Eötvös Loránd University and Mathematics Research Institute of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. A semester's curriculum typically encompasses three to four mathematics courses and one or two intercultural courses—all of which, according to the program's website, focus on "depth of understanding, rather than quantity of material."

"The classes were really challenging, but it was well worth it," said González. "A lot of the professors were 'Erdos Number 1,' which means they published with Hungary's famous mathematician Paul Erdos."

Critical to the BSM experience, too, is time for cultural immersion and experiences in the vibrant and storied city of Budapest.

"I had the best time of my life. I learned a lot of math, and Budapest is just amazing."

González' experience abroad will definitely influence her current research on the relationship between Sierpinski, Riesel, and Fibonacci numbers that is part of her Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship project.

"I am excited to continue my research this summer because Professor (Mark) Kozek got funding for a 'super computer,' so I will be able to run a lot of my programs, and hopefully get more results than I did last summer."

>> IN 1989, CHRIS SHEA '80 MADE IT ONTO HIS FAVORITE GAME SHOW—JEOPARDY!—WALKING AWAY WITH \$35,202, A TRIP TO THE BAHAMAS, KENTUCKY FRIED CHICKEN, AND SOME LEE PRESS-ON NAILS.



ACES HIGH

GRAD GIVES ODDS ON CASINO FUTURE

subjects relating to my particular topic, which was really rewarding.”

Math professor Mark Kozek has mentored students selected for both the WCURSCA and SCCUR meetings. He has also presented with students at professional conferences.

“There is certain accountability [in this kind of opportunity]. You have to come prepared—especially with mathematics; you have to have a problem to talk about. Moreover, it exposes students to a greater academic community,” he said.

“The most interesting part was the questions I was asked,” noted Juan Pablo Bustos ‘12, a current Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellow who, under the direction of faculty mentor Gustavos Geirola, prepared and delivered a paper at a professional conference earlier this year (see p. 26).

“I was prepared [to a degree],” he said, “but there were some questions that I had not even considered until they [were posed]. This was very helpful, because now this is something I keep in mind as I analyze my work.”

SCHEDULED.

The 2012 SCCUR Conference will take place on November 19 at Mt. San Antonio College. The URSCA and Psi Chi meetings are scheduled for spring 2012.

SPENDING SUMMERS IN A

CASINO might seem like good times, but for Robert Jacobo ‘11, it’s been purely business.

Over the last six years, he’s developed an extensive résumé and skill set, working his way up nearly every administrative level of the Avi Resort and Casino, located on his native Fort Mojave Indian Reservation. At first, he picked up cigarette butts in the parking lot, sold popcorn in the movie theatre, and catered weddings in the hotel. As soon as he was legally able to do so, he turned his attention to the primary casino operations, pushing to learn the programs that run the slot machines, table games, and even training new employees.



More recently, the business major moved into a position with the marketing and group sales department, a job he has undertaken full-time since his graduation last May.

Motivating his focused pursuit is a commitment to make a difference for his tribe and the 1,100 people that live on the reservation. It was the tribe that gave him a scholarship to study at Whittier College, awarded with the hope that he would bring back the knowledge he gained to help develop the casino and the surrounding reservation. It is a debt he fully intends to pay back.

“I want people to be able to say that the Avi Resort and Casino gives back to the community through children’s programs and other programs. I don’t want people to come into my casino and put their hard-earned money into my slot machines [thinking] it’s going to waste. [They should feel like they’re] winning, no matter what.”

Despite his age, Jacobo is confident that he has a lot to bring to the table. “I’ve earned my spot; I can definitely say without a doubt that I’ve earned every bit that I have right now. I [have] my bachelor’s degree; I’ll be getting a master’s while I work. It’s just that ambition, that desire that really sets me apart.

“I’m planning on going back and eventually running my tribe, being the council chairman and giving back to the people who have been deprived for so long. It’s time for someone to step into that driver’s seat.”



>> NEW POET CHLOE ALPERT '15 FROM NEW JERSEY WROTE AND PERFORMED HER OWN PLAY AT THE EDINBURGH FRINGE FESTIVAL IN SCOTLAND.



WORLD TRAVELERS

THREE HEAD FOR INTERNATIONAL DESTINATIONS THROUGH FULBRIGHT FELLOWSHIPS



▲ **BRIGHT FUTURES.** Mary Helen Truglia '11, Thomas Elliott '11, and Bryanna Benedetti '11 will travel abroad for a 10-month time period to conduct research and/or teach English.

2011 FULBRIGHT FELLOWSHIP

WINNER Bryanna Benedetti '11 is headed off to Sri Lanka this fall. While there, she will research youth organizations and the role they play in maintaining peace in a post-war society.

Joining Benedetti on the 2011 Fulbright winning slate are political science major Thomas Elliott '11 and history and English double major Mary Helen Truglia '11. Both Elliott and Truglia completed Keck Fellowships at Whittier, and all three conducted intense study abroad research that prepared them for the Fulbright contest.

Benedetti's proposed Fulbright research derives in part from her undergraduate project completed during her fall 2009 semester in Sri Lanka. As such, Benedetti has an established base of contacts and academic mentors which she will be working with in the fall. Moreover, she has continued her connection to Sri Lanka since returning from her study abroad experience.

"I served as the Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka in the Model United Nations of the Far West. In this role I briefed Model U.N. delegates

on national current affairs," explained Benedetti. "I have also found a Sri Lankan community in Los Angeles where I practice my Sinhala and gain knowledge about the country from the perspective of Sri Lankans now living in the U.S."

Elliott and Truglia were selected for the Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship award, which involves spending at least 20 hours a week helping teach English at their assigned foreign school. Both of them will head off to their respective assignment in spring 2012. Truglia will be in Malta,

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while Elliott will be in Brazil. Each will also conduct side projects.

Truglia previously studied in England and is looking forward to her new experience in the small Mediterranean country. In tandem with her teaching duties, she plans to work on two projects related to children's literature and culinary arts.

"I'm [looking forward] to learning from my Maltese students and from people I will meet in my day-to-day life," she said.

Elliot previously completed field-work within an Aymara/Quechua community near La Paz, Bolivia. He divided his time doing archival research in the city and attending meetings, rituals, and participating in the daily life of the community. "I got to dance in rituals that have been practiced since before the conquest and had to speak three different languages while there—Spanish, Quechua, and Aymara. I can hold my own in Quechua."

While in Brazil he is looking forward to picking up a new language and immersing himself in a new culture.

"I lived in South America for nine months last year, and I loved it," he said. "I studied Spanish and local culture, and I am excited to return and live there a full year."

Elliott has yet to choose his side project but it will likely be focused on photography.

The Fulbright Program, established in 1946 by the late U.S. Sen. J. William Fulbright, is the flagship international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government. It is designed to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and of other countries.

FOR GREATER GLOBAL GOOD

TWO RECOGNIZED WITH NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL FELLOW



ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE MAJOR AMANDA EDWARDS '13 has been named a Newman Civic Fellow by Campus Compact—a national coalition of more than 1,100 college and university presidents committed to fulfilling the civic purposes of higher education to improve community life and to educate students for civic and social responsibility.

Candidates for the award are nominated by their respective college presidents, and final selection criteria is based on identifying inspiring college student leaders who have demonstrated an investment in finding solutions for challenges facing communities throughout the country.

As a student who inspires her peers and as an accomplished environmental scientist, Edwards is making Earth a healthier planet. Examples of her leadership on campus include founding an organic, sustainable community garden and working to acquire stainless steel water bottles for every student. These initiatives have already been recognized with a Student Life Community Service Award. Moreover, Edwards has transformed her personal interests into academic passion, conducting ecological field research on dung beetles in eastern Kenya that already has been presented at two undergraduate research conferences.

FOR HER PART, ALYSSA FLUSS '14 IS GETTING the opportunity to help Whittier College reduce its carbon footprint as a recently selected 2011 National Wildlife Federation (NWF) Campus Ecology Fellow.

Through the NWF fellowship, she will receive \$1000 to carry out a project—co-written by fellow students Melanie Peel '14 and Duncan Ketel '14, along with Professor Cheryl Swift—that involves replacing some of the grass on campus with a California native coastal sage scrub plant. Native plants require less tending to, thus reducing the use of natural resources and greenhouse gas emissions. She will also represent Whittier College at the NWF's inaugural Young Leaders' Assembly in Washington, D.C. next spring.



>> IN 1989, SEVEN STUDENTS ENROLLED IN "CURRENT TOPICS IN BIOLOGY" WERE TASKED TO TEACH A RED-TAILED HAWK TO FLY.



ROCK TALK

AMBER OROZCO '13, blogs about her experiences living in the Tana Forest near Kenya, while serving as a summer student researcher with Professor of Conservation Biology David Mbora.

"THE OTHER NIGHT, I WAS LYING IN MY BED, LOOKING AT THE CEILING OF MY TENT, WHEN ALL OF A SUDDEN I HEAR THESE SERIES OF VERY LOUD GRUNTS... THE NEXT MORNING AT BREAKFAST, DAVID ASKS EVERYONE AT THE TABLE IF WE HEARD THE LIONS."

Journalist **BILL MOYERS** gives the address at Commencement 2011, congratulating seniors on selecting a college that delivers such diversity of students, a faculty who believe in service teaching, and a dedication to social justice.

"THIS WAS THE BEST CHOICE YOU MADE EARLY IN YOUR LIFE."

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▲ COMMENCEMENT. Television producers Judith and Bill Moyers delivered the 2011 commencement speeches. The Venerable Miao Hsi gave the invocation.

Math professor **MARK KOZEK** describes the more somber event that took place in spring to celebrate the establishment of Whittier's first chapter of Pi Mu Epsilon (Mathematics Honor Society). Only one month prior, long-time math faculty and chair Sharad Keny unexpectedly passed away.

"THE FIRST PERSON WE INDUCTED WAS DR. KENY, AND WE DEDICATED BOTH THE CEREMONY AND THE CHAPTER TO HER MEMORY. HER HUSBAND WAS IN ATTENDANCE; HE SIGNED HER INTO THE CHAPTER BOOK AND ACCEPTED HER CERTIFICATE AS A CHARTER MEMBER."

Professor of Modern Languages **RAFAEL CHABRAN**, retiring last year following a 25-year career at Whittier College, offers seniors a final, valuable instruction during the Latino Graduates Celebration.

"NEITHER YOU NOR I ARE FINISHED. TELL EACH OTHER: 'I AM NOT FINISHED. I WILL PASS THE LIGHT...AND NOT JUST ANY OLD LIGHT OR CANDLE, BUT A HUGE BURNING TORCH THAT WILL REMIND US AND OTHERS OF HOW MUCH LIGHT WE NEED TO BRIGHTEN UP THE DARKNESS OF THE WORLD'S PROBLEMS."

Senior Manager of Service for L.A. Galaxy **LISA ROLLINS '98** counsels student participants in a Backpack-to-Briefcase event, focusing on careers in sports and sports management.

"[AS A NEW GRADUATE], IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT TO BE OPEN TO ANY JOB THAT MAY OFFER AN OPPORTUNITY TO BREAK INTO THE CAREER FIELD YOU WANT TO END UP IN. WHEN PEOPLE IN CONTROL SEE THAT YOU ARE WILLING TO PUT IN HARD WORK FOR THEIR ORGANIZATION, OFTENTIMES THAT WILL BE [ALL] THE CONNECTION YOU NEED."



EXPERT ANALYSIS. Alumnus and well-known psychologist Dr. L. Alan Sroufe '63 was the keynote speaker at the 10th Annual Psi Chi Whittier Undergraduate Research Conference.

COMMUNITY LIFE

DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION.

Grammy award-winning composer Gabriela Frank chats with student actors following a staged reading of her co-authored opera in-progress, *The Last Dream of Frida and Diego*.



BOHEMIAN. The Whittier College all-student cast of *RENT* gave a "no holds barred" performance of the musical's iconic number *La Vie Bohème*.

>> COMPETING IN THE 2011 NATIONAL WEIGHTLIFTING CHAMPIONSHIPS IN IOWA, ANTHONY POMPONIO '09 FINISHED FIFTH IN HIS 85 KILO WEIGHT CLASS.



BRUSHSTROKE. KEDE administrator Mr. Marlow Mar added the title on a painting done by artists and professor Hua Jing Peng for Whittier College.

CAROLINE GALVIN '08, assistant director of alumni relations, discusses the success of the first Worldwide Poets Day of Service, planned in conjunction with the College's annual Helping Hands Day.

"IN ALL, ALUMNI IN NINE STATES—FROM ALASKA TO VIRGINIA—VOLUNTEERED FOR APPROXIMATELY 40 SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS, RANGING FROM SHELTERS AND SOUP KITCHENS TO ANIMAL WELFARE AND HOUSING PROJECTS."

DANIEL KURTZER, former Ambassador to Israel and to Egypt, delivers the 2011 Feinberg Lecture in spring, on the heels of game-changing political unrest in Egypt and countries throughout the Middle East.

"THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT DETERMINE ALONE WHAT HAPPENS IN THIS REGION. BUT WE DO HAVE AN OVERSIZED ROLE, THEREFORE AN OVERSIZED RESPONSIBILITY."

All-American Cross Country athlete **MICHELE CALLAWAY '12** talks about her strong finish at the 2011 NCAA Championships, coming in 14th out of a field of 279 competitors.

"AS I CROSSED THE FINISH LINE I WAS SO HAPPY...SO MANY EMOTIONS RUSHED THROUGH MY BODY BECAUSE IT WAS THE BEST RACE OF MY CAREER."

In an article published in the *Whittier Daily News*, **THOMAS ELLIOTT '11**, one of three Poets to receive a Fulbright Fellowship this year, expresses gratitude for the training he received.

"I THINK THE FACT THAT THREE OF US WERE CHOSEN FROM WHITTIER COLLEGE SPEAKS TO THE KIND OF PROGRAMS IT OFFERS AND THE INTENSIVE WRITING WE LEARNED HERE... THEY WORKED US TO THE BONE, AND IT PAID OFF."

Student actor **WILIAMA SANCHEZ '13** talks about the inspiration he found in guest speaker and original *RENT* Broadway cast member, Adam Pascal.

"HE SAID THAT *RENT* WAS HIS FIRST REAL MUSICAL, AND BEFORE THAT HE WASN'T REALLY AROUND ACTORS. THIS IS THE FIRST MUSICAL I AM DOING, AND IT MAKES ME FEEL LIKE IF HE CAN DO IT, I CAN TOO."

MCCALL SCHENTHAL '11 sums up her college experience as selected senior speaker for Commencement 2011.

"IN TWO WORDS, GLEEFULLY STRESSFUL."



HONORS. The math department inducted the inaugural members of the Pi Mu Epsilon honor society in the spring.

▲ COMEDY. (L-R) Amy Palmer, Christian Mohn, and Jacquie Waldman as the Zannis of *Scapin*, in a 20th century adaptation of Molière's 325-year-old farce.

PAUL KJELLBERG, professor of philosophy and 2010 Nerhood Award winner, speaks plainly to the Honors Convocation audience during his keynote speech.

"I DON'T BELIEVE IN 'INTELLIGENCE.' PEOPLE ARE AS SMART AS THEY NEED TO BE TO DEAL WITH CHALLENGES FACING THEM, AND WE HAVE REAL CHALLENGES FACING US...AND THOSE CHALLENGES WILL BRING OUT GREATER ACCOMPLISHMENTS."



◀ USE YOUR NOGGIN. Seniors Sydney Gould and Filemon Bobadilla promote Brain Awareness Week outside of the Campus Inn.

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>> LOS LOBOS, BEST KNOWN FOR THEIR RENDITION OF LA BAMBA, POSED IN FRONT OF NAYLOR HALL FOR PUBLICITY SHOTS THAT RAN IN ROLLING STONE AND FRETS MAGAZINES.



BROADOAKS

NEW CREDENTIAL PROGRAM BENEFITS ALL STUDENTS

KATHLEEN KING '99, M.A. '03 HAS

SPENT ALMOST A DECADE in the classroom. She joined the Broadoaks faculty shortly after graduation and previously received her first hands-on classroom preparation at the primary school as an undergraduate student.

According to King, her passion for teaching has not waned over the years.

"What I like most about teaching is seeing a student's face when the light bulb goes on and they finally understand a concept they have been struggling with. To see their eyes light up and a smile spread across their face, there's nothing else like it in teaching. It's the best part of my job."

Therefore, when the opportunity came up to be in the first cohort of educators to earn an education specialist credential from Whittier College it was no surprise that King was the first to sign up.

"I was looking for more strategies and ideas to use that would help me work with the students in my classroom who were struggling," explains King.

"What has been surprising is seeing that the strategies I implement benefit all the students in my classroom."

Whittier's Graduate Program in Education officially began offering the Education Specialist Mild/Moderate Teaching Credential at the beginning of the spring semester. Broadoaks teachers were allowed to take classes towards the credential before the official approval—two teachers will receive their certification later this year.

"Broadoaks needs teachers who have all the credentials offered by the college in order to offer high quality and appropriately supervised field experiences for the college students completing field work and other assignments at Broadoaks," said Director of Broadoaks Judith Wagner.

"Moreover, other members of the Broadoaks faculty and the children will benefit as well because the methods and approaches emphasized in special education also enrich learning for students without identified special needs."

According to professor Heather Brace, program coordinator the new offering

is in response to a critical need for teachers with a background in special education at all levels of public and private education.

"K-12 education is becoming more and more inclusive and students with special needs are being educated in the general education classroom at increasing rate. As such, it is imperative that all teacher candidates leave Whittier College with the knowledge and skills necessary to support the needs of all students, including those with disabilities," said Brace

The Education Specialist Credential prepares educators for special education careers in K-12 classrooms with students with mild to moderate disabilities. The Whittier program includes two components: documentation of subject matter preparation and professional preparation. The credential is in addition to the already offered multiple subject and single subject credential and Masters of Arts in education. Classes offered in the evening make the program accessible to current teachers.

LAST SPRING Broadoaks students held a fundraiser Jog-a-Thon, their first as the inaugural children's chapter of OMEP-USA, to raise needed monies for Japanese schools and students in the areas most affected by the recent earthquake and tsunami. The Jog-a-Thon raised \$10,486.50. The money will be sent to OMEP-USA and then to OMEP-Japan, along with other donations from around the United States.



▲ **LEADING THE WAY.** Two Broadoaks teachers will be the first to receive the Education Specialist credential from Whittier College. This valuable training can have multiple applications in classes with mainstream and special needs students.

>> WORKING ALONGSIDE AN ABRAHAM LINCOLN IMPERSONATOR ON ARBOR DAY, BROADOAKS STUDENTS HELPED TO PLANT A TREE ON THE LAWN OF WHITTIER'S CITY HALL.



HERREMA ELECTED

COLLEGE WELCOMES NEW CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES



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▲ **NEW BOARD CHAIR.** Donald J. Herrema '74, at right, with President Herzberger and outgoing Chair Rick Gilchrist '68. (Right) Gilchrist was honored by the College for his 15 years of dedicated service.

BUSINESSMAN DONALD J. HERREMA '74 TAKES OVER as the new chairman of the Whittier College Board of Trustees this fall. Before his election as chairman of the Board, he chaired the Investment Committee, helping to steer the College's endowment through the recent recession.

Herrema, who has been on the board since 1995, is executive vice chairman of Kennedy Wilson and has more than 25 years of executive experience in the asset management and private wealth segments. At Kennedy Wilson he is responsible for the company's capital markets and fund-raising activities.

Prior to this, he founded BlackSterling Partners, LLC, served as CEO of Bessemer Trust, Loring Ward, Atlantic Trust (subsidiary of Invesco), and was Head of Private Wealth Management at Morgan Stanley. He is also the Director of TD Bank Asset Management USA Funds and Lepercq, de Neuflyze and Co and also serves as a Senior Advisor to Stone Point Capital. He began his career at Wells Fargo Bank, where he ultimately served as both President of Wells Fargo Securities and Head of the Mutual Funds Division.

He has a strong track record of growing businesses both strategically and via acquisitions, including introducing unique investment offerings.

Herrema majored in economics at Whittier. Excelling in the major, he was awarded an Ahmanson Foundation scholarship during his senior year and was given full-tuition to study at the University of Southern California where he earned an M.A. in economics.

He has also served on several boards, including Cedars Bank, Christ Church (NY), USC's Entrepreneurship Program, and is Past President of the Bank Securities Association.

RICK GILCHRIST '68, EXITING BOARD CHAIRMAN, was awarded the Rayburn S. Dezember '53 Distinguished Service Medal this past May. The medal recognizes those whose extraordinary leadership permanently enhances the welfare of the College and significantly shapes its future. Gilchrist has served on the Board of Trustees for the past 15 years and was chair from 2003-2011.

"From the first moments of my presidency, I knew I would have an articulate partner, one passionate about Whittier

College, and obviously someone who would represent the school superbly to the public," said President Sharon Herzberger.

As board chair, Gilchrist's accomplishments were many, including key leadership throughout a presidential search and transition, completion of funding and construction on both Wardman Library and the Campus Center, and initiation of the current Graham Athletics Center project, among others. Moreover, during his tenure the College has seen growth of the Law School, the largest first year and transfer class in memory at the College, record number of athletes winning more competitions, and record number of alumni contributions and largest gifts ever from a single donor.

Gilchrist and his wife Nina (Newsom) '69 met at Whittier College and are part of a large extended Poet family including their sons, Brian '06 and Bradley '07. Nina's father, Roy Newsom '34, a long-time chemistry professor and dean, was the College's 10th president.

Gilchrist is president of the Irvine Company's Investment Properties Group, and considered one of the industry's most versatile and highly respected executives. He was previously president and CEO of Maguire Properties and president and CEO of Commonwealth Atlantic Properties, where he managed an 11 million square foot project, Potomac Yard.

He earned a B.A. in political science from Whittier College and his law degree from UCLA. As a Poet he played basketball and is an Orthogonian.

MORE NEWS.
Long-time trustee Ruth B. Shannon was named board secretary and trustee Vincent Daigneault '85 will serve as treasurer.

PAST DEZEMBER MEDAL RECIPIENTS INCLUDE:
Rayburn Dezember '53, C. Milo Connick, and Roberta Veloz '57.

>> A LEADERSHIP FORUM, MODERATED BY DON HERREMA '74 AND WITH PANELISTS GEN. PETE DAWKINS, MATT ESPE MBA '84, AND EDWIN KEH '79 IS SLATED FOR OCT. 21 DURING WHITTIER WEEKEND 2011.



ATHENIANS



PALMERS PLAY TO WIN

YEARLONG SOCIETIES' FUNDRAISING CHALLENGE ENDS

LAST WHITTIER WEEKEND, President Herzberger issued a challenge to all society alumni to increase their individual participation in giving back to the College through support of scholarship and the Whittier Fund. What transpired over the ensuing nine months was a lot of good-natured ribbing and hard work in an effort to capture the top slot, with new leaders and new funding projects emerging, as well as creative appeals made in print, by web and social media, and by old-school telephone calls.

The winner of this first-ever full-scale competition was the Palmer Society, motivated not only to earn the grand prize—\$1,000 for the Palmer actives and rights to host their 90th anniversary brunch at Wardman House during Whittier Weekend—but also to increase their Palmer Scholarship Fund to a formal and sustained Scholarship Endowment. Through their efforts, the women surpassed their goal of 40 percent overall participation (47.3%), and raised almost all of the money needed (\$50,000) to secure the endowment.

Securing a second place finish were the Ionians (45.3%), with the Lancers close behind (38.8%) and giving the strongest showing for the men. The Lancers, also intent on raising money for their endowed scholarship, brought in more than \$11K overall to their cause.



▲ **PALMERS.** Spelling out their affection for sisters about to graduate, the Palmer actives and alumnae could be easily spotted among the Commencement crowd in Memorial Stadium.

SOCIETY SNAPSHOTS



1 PENNS. Notably, there were Penns on the field, in the stands, and performing on the stage for Commencement this year, cheering the loudest of all societies present in support of their brothers.

2 SACHSENS. Sachsen pride and fellowship was never so evident than at the reception following this year's graduation, as six members of the group bade farewell to the Whittier campus.

3 THALIANS. An instant hit with her tablemates, Thalian Patricia Becerra '03 happily served as an alumna host for the Class of 2011's Alumni Association Induction Brunch. Becerra was also joined by keynote speaker and Penn alumnus, Ireneo Reus '03.

4 ORTHOGONIANS. A legendary "O"—Jack Mele '43—escorted wife Earlene '43 (Athenian) to the annual "For Love of the Poets," an alumni event to celebrate couples who met as undergraduates. The Meles are a legacy family of Whittier, but also within the Orthogonian Society; Jack's son John is also an O.

5 LANCERS. Joined by alumnus Ted Horton-Billard '77, JD '84, the young Lancer tribe chose to volunteer at local St. Mattias' soup kitchen as their Helping Hands/Poets Worldwide Day of Service activity. Lancer alumnus Robbie Robinson '62 also spearheaded a service project in Florida.

6 ATHENIANS. Ladies evermore, the well-dressed Athenians decorate the stands at graduation, handbags in hand, and cheer for their sisters' achievements.

7 METAPHONIANS. Award-winning independent film producer Diana Romero '94, a Met alumna, discussed her circuitous route to a career in the entertainment industry during a Backpack-to-Briefcase workshop.

>> VOLUNTEERS APPRECIATED! LAST SPRING, MANY OF OUR PARTICIPANTS FOR THE POETS WORLDWIDE DAY OF SERVICE WERE SOCIETY ALUMNI (THANKS, GUYS & GALS)!

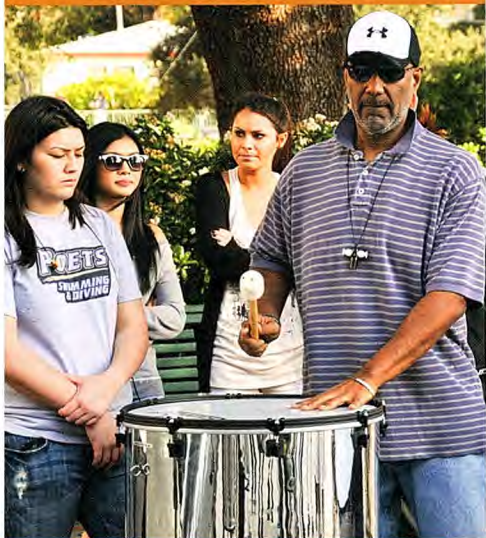


CALLING ALL SOCIETY SISTERS AND BROTHERS!

This Whittier Weekend, many of our society alumni will be working—or playing!—at our new Poet Family Carnival, slated for Saturday afternoon following brunches. Don't worry! We are still hosting our popular All-Society Mixer, but this year, we will be adding a family-friendly component on the adjacent Lower Quad, complete with a sponsored dunk tank (Lancers), "big glove" boxing ring (Orthogonians), Football Throw (Metaphonians), Frisbee Barrell Toss (Franklins), and Tic Tac Toss (Thalians), and many other games sponsored by ASWC, HIC, Whittier Scholars, and BSU, and Alianza de los Amigos, among others. Come support your alumni and actives, and have a good time, besides!

>> THE ALUMNI BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS SEEKING A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE FOLLOWING SOCIETIES TO SERVE AS MEMBERS ON OUR AFFINITIES COMMITTEE: METAPHONIAN, FRANKLIN, ORTHOGONIAN, AND PENN. CONTACT US AT ALUMNI@WHITTIER.EDU.

To the Beat of a Different Drummer



◀ **BANDLEADER.** Professor Danilo Lozano gets hands-on during a jam/training session outside of Arnold Hall.

MUSIC PROFESSOR DANNY

LOZANO'S 2011 JanTerm course introduced about 60 students to Brazilian percussion instrumentation with the goal of creating a Poet Pep Band. And in fact, the Percussion Pep Band made its official debut in the Graham Athletic Center at a "PAC the GAC" event.

"It was fantastic; some people had never heard a pep band of this nature. It created a wonderful atmosphere," said Lozano about the band's first public outing.

He will teach the course again in the fall with the goal of training about 30 students for public performances. Lozano's goal is for the pep band to make weekly appearances at different athletic events, including football and basketball, as well as become a regular fixture at Commencement.

"We want to create a buzz on campus," said Lozano. "We want people to know there is something happening here."



ONWARD & UPWARD

FACULTY TRAVELS, PUBLISHING, AND PRESENTATIONS



▶ Music professor **STEPHEN COOK** is currently working with R&B artist Mary J. Blige to prepare her for her role in an upcoming biopic, in which she portrays jazz singer/pianist Nina Simone. Cook also co-wrote two short Baroque-style guitar concertos for inclusion on an album for the stock music library company MEGATRAX and is working with co-writer Dave Feinman on a score for a short movie produced by the California Department of Parks and Recreation. He continues performing with Broadway actress Susan Egan in concert.

▶ Professor **JOYCE KAUFMAN** is working on two books already signed for publication: co-authoring *Challenging Gendered Norms: Women and Political Violence Versus Women Working for Peace*, and writing *An Introduction to International Relations: Theory and Practice* (working title). Over summer, she presented "Exploring the Linkage Between the Security of Women and the Security of States" to the United States Agency for International Development.

▶ Spanish professor and new Whittier Scholars director **DOREEN O'CONNOR-GOMEZ** published the article "Skinheads on the Spanish Stage" in the *Proceedings of the 14th International 'Culture and Power' Conference* and presented "¿El enemigo está dentro? The theatricality of terror and 11-M" at the 2011 Modern Language Association annual meeting in Los Angeles.

▶ Director of the Cultural Center **JOY HOFFMAN** successfully defended her dissertation, earning her Ed.D. from California Lutheran University.

▶ **ANDY WALLIS**, chair of the faculty and French professor, published a new book in 2011, *Traits-d'union: l'anti-roman et ses espaces*.

▶ Assistant professor of Library Studies **JOE DMOHOWSKI** contributed a chapter, "The Pre-Political Years, 1913-1945," to *The Companion to Richard M. Nixon*, and attended the related conference at the Nixon Library, "Studying Richard Nixon and His Era."



▶ Professor of French **MARIE-MAGDALENE CHIROL** published a monograph, a critical study on the films by Gaston Kaboré, prominent African film director. She

also wrote the article "Figures de style cinématographiques dans moi et mon blanc de Pierre Yaméogo," in *Figuration et mémoire dans les cinémas africains*.

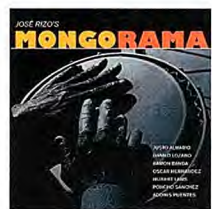
▶ **REBECCA ROMBERGER**, director of the Counseling Center, received the 2011 Las Distinguidas Award from Greater Whittier Branch of the American Association of University Women.

▶ Art professor **DANNY JAUREGUI's** work is featured in a new exhibit, "Pissed Elegance," a group show of abstract work at the Stephen Cohen Gallery in Los Angeles.

>> **ORGANIST AND PROFESSOR EMERITA FRANCES NOBERT HAS BEEN PRESENTING "MUSIC, SHE WROTE: ORGAN COMPOSITIONS BY WOMEN" TO PROMOTE WOMEN'S MUSICAL WORK.**

► Vice President and Dean of Students **JEANNE ORTIZ**, Assistant to the Vice President **FRANCES ROMO**, and Associate Dean of Students **ANDRE COLEMAN** presented, “Developing an Early-Alert Program on A Shoestring” at the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators meeting in Philadelphia. In addition, Ortiz accepted the invitation from Wiley Periodicals to serve on the advisory board of the publication *Student Affairs Today—Best Practices and Strategies for Student Affairs Professionals*.

► Biology professor **SYLVIA VETRONE '99** received an award from the Department of Homeland Security for her research project, “Toxicological Investigation of Nanoparticles Using *c. elegans* as a Mammalian Model.” The grant will allow her to continue her collaboration with colleagues at Michigan State University and support student research.



► Music professor **DANILO LOZANO** promoted his latest collaboration, “MONGORAMA” a new, nine-piece,

latin-jazz ensemble formed by KJazz radio personality Jose Rizo, exploring the early Mongo Santamaria *charanga*-jazz material of the 1950s and early 60s. As flautist and musical director, Lozano extends the *charanga*/jazz tradition, following in the footsteps of his fellow flautist father, Rolando Lozano, an important member of the early Mongo Santamaria bands that originated the sound.

► In New York, Albert Upton Professor of English Language and Literature **TONY BARNSTONE** received the Poets’ Prize Award for the best book of poems published in the past two years, *Tongue of War: From Pearl Harbor to Nagasaki*. Barnstone was also a featured “Poet of the Week” on PBS NewsHour online.



► The University of Redlands’ “LEarNing Spatially (LENS)” project invited

sociology professor **JULIE COLLINS-DOGRUL** to participate in a four-day “Mapping Migrations Institute” in June. The Institute is designed to promote “intellectual group think,” in order to create new opportunities for faculty and undergraduate students to use maps, mapping, and spatial perspectives in their teaching, learning, and research.

► Psychology professor **LORI CAMPARO** presented her research “Developmental Differences in Children’s Event Memories: Enhancing Narrative Quality with the Narrative Elaboration Procedure” at the Biennial Conference for the Society for Research on Child Development in Canada; she also delivered a presentation on statistics education at the summer workshop at Wesleyan College’s Quantitative Analysis Center. Camparo co-authored the chapter, “Interviewing Young Children: Connecting Research to Policy and Practice” for *Protecting Children: Issues and Strategies in Family Court Cases Involving Alleged Abuse or Violence*.

► Theatre professor **GIL GONZALEZ** directed the original production of *Shared* by David Hill for the Association for Theatre in Higher Education, and played the role of Egeon in *The Comedy of Errors* at Shakespeare Orange County. In addition, Gonzalez is conducting archival work for the International Dialects of English Archive.

► **DAVID HUNT**, professor of philosophy, received a “Big Questions in Free Will: The Theology of Free Will” fellowship from the Templeton Foundation. The grant will provide him a year’s paid leave, which he will use to complete a new book begun during his current sabbatical. The fellow-

ship includes a semester in residence at Florida State University, which has the premier philosophy program in free will and action theory in the U.S.

► Two of English professor **WENDY FURMAN-ADAMS’** recent essays, “Ecofeminist Eve” and “The Fate of Place,” are slated for upcoming publication. Two other articles “Illustrators of Milton, 1688-1996” and “William Blake,” will appear in the forthcoming Milton Encyclopedia.

► Economics professor **GEETHA RAJARAM** published the article “Teaching Econometrics using Formative Assessment” for the Summer 2011 issue of Journal for Economic Educators.

► History professor **NATALE ZAPPIA** presented “Food Frontiers: How Native Consumers, Producers, and Pathways Forged the Early American Republic,” at the 2011 Society for Historians of the Early American Republic Annual Conference, and “Native Histories and Interregional Identity in Early California,” at the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association’s annual meeting. He was a visiting scholar for the National Endowment for the Humanities’ Landmarks of American History and Culture Workshop for K-12 teachers.

► Political science professor **MIKE MCBRIDE** was in New York and Geneva much of the summer working with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and attending meetings of the UN’s Economic and Social Council.

► Associate Professor of Chemistry **CHARLES REEG** retired last spring after teaching for 40 years on the Whittier faculty. While Reeg intends to come by campus often, he will be spending much deserved down time in his Michigan lakeside cabin.



GEETHA RAJARAM



CHARLES REEG

Photo by Steven Burns Photog

>> HISTORY PROFESSOR JOSE OROZCO, AN EXPERT ON THE ORIGIN OF TEQUILA, WAS INTERVIEWED BY THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS ON THE RECENT ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARGARITA MACHINE.



DIAMOND DREAMS

PROFESSOR SINGS ANTHEM AT 100 MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL STADIUMS ACROSS THE U.S.



▲ **NO MINOR FEAT.** During his six-month Anthem Tour, Price met up with a number of alumni and friends across the U.S., some planned, some by happy coincidence. At left, at a game in Asheville, NC, Price met up with Dean Kahl '64, now a professor of chemistry at Warren Wilson College, who just happened to be at the ballpark that day. At right, Price hams it up with Rocky Redbird, the Memphis team's mascot.

ON OPENING DAY of Minor League Baseball season, Professor Joe Price found himself in Viera, Florida, singing the national anthem to 4,777 fans of the Brevard County Manatees. This performance kicked off Price's Anthem Tour, which would take him to 40 different states and over 100 minor league baseball games over the course of six months.

"The pre-game ceremonies featured a parachute specialist flying the American flag as he descended into centerfield and a color guard of Vietnam veterans presenting the flag on the pitcher's mound. Then while the teams stood on the baselines and the flags flapped in the strong wind, I sang the anthem," wrote Price in the blog he kept throughout his travels recording his experiences, accounts of meetings with new and old friends, and general impressions of his various stops.

The Anthem Tour stops extended from Manchester, New Hampshire,

to Lake Elsinore, California, and from Everett, Washington, to St. Lucie, Florida—coming full circle, his last stop was on Labor Day weekend in nearby San Bernardino, California.

Price was joined by his wife Bonnie for most of the journey. Together they logged approximately 15,000 miles in their new RV taking in the "incredible panoramas of the American landscape."

"What I most looked forward to was singing the anthem traditionally almost every night during the spring and summer. I also enjoyed the ambiance created by the different ballparks, meeting fans in various communities, and observing how baseball serves to unify them," he recalled.

Price, who has written extensively about the intersection of sports and religion, has been a baseball fan since childhood.

"One of my earliest memories of reading is of the newspaper report

about Don Larsen's perfect game in the World Series in 1956," he recalls. "In a way I sensed a connection between the perfection of his performance and my family's religious standard that aspired to perfection. If baseball could have a perfect game, I thought, then surely it must be good. At that point, I got hooked on baseball."

Price also holds the distinction of being invited to sing the national anthem for more than 30 Major League games in stadiums throughout the country, including Wrigley Field, Comiskey Park, Candlestick Park, Coors Field, Dodger Stadium, and Angel Stadium, among others.

Resulting from his sabbatical, Price will reflect on his travels in writing *Perfect Pitch: The National Anthem for the National Pastime*, a book on the history and performance of "The Star Spangled Banner" at professional baseball games.

ALONG THE WAY
Price garnered local media attention including local ABC, Fox, and NBC affiliates, the Los Angeles Times, ESPN, Chicago Tribune, among others.

>> **PROFESSOR CHUCK HILL WAS QUOTED IN USA TODAY ON THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR UNMARRIED COUPLES WHO LIVE TOGETHER AND THEN SPLIT UP.**

GRANTED

FOUR EDUCATION FACULTY WIN GRANTS TO SUPPORT INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS

Professors **Judith Wagner, Heather Brace, Shannon Stanton, and Ivannia Soto-Hinman**—all faculty in the Department of Childhood Development and Education—were awarded Whittier College faculty development grants.

Wagner's grant will focus on her project "Leadership in Global Childhood Policy, Advocacy, and Multi-National Research." Brace will research the experiences of culturally diverse families who are raising (or have raised) children with autism, contributing to the existing dialogue regarding barriers to service accessibility as well as levels of stress and caregiver satisfaction experienced by families. Stanton's work is related to the after-school program: Uniting Passion and Literacy for Individual Focus and Transformation (UPLIFT). She was also awarded a Haynes Grant to work with UPLIFT.

Working with classrooms in Norwalk La Mirada Unified School District and collaborating with film studies professor Rich Cheatham '68 and his students, Soto-Hinman will develop classroom video clips of academic language development strategies, introduced in her book *ELL Shadowing: Creating an Urgency for Change*. The video clips will be used to disseminate the content of the book, both in presentations and online.



TEACHING EXCELLENCE

BREMME EARNS NERHOOD

THE 2011 NERHOOD AWARD FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE was given to Don Bremme, professor of childhood development and education, and director for the Whittier College 5th Dimension program—a critical partnership with the local Boys & Girls Club. Following are remarks excerpted from Dean of Faculty Charlotte Borst, made during the presentation:

Our winner this year is a beloved professor, and we received many letters from present and past students attesting to this professor's devotion to students and to academic excellence.

Among the student nominations, some noted: "He always encourages collaboration of ideas as part of a collective team...He does not assume students are empty vessels, rather he challenges [them] to think critically and to question their own assumptions."

His colleagues wrote that he "epitomizes the Whittier ideal of excellent teaching... There is no sitting in the back row [in his classroom]; he forces the students to engage with material both inside and out."

Perhaps even more affirming was the praise for Professor [Bremme's] work by the *Chronicle of Higher Education* earlier this year. As the reporter noted, "So the Fifth Dimension lures them (kids) up from the basketball courts and game tables

downstairs by offering computer games, a story line based on the mysterious, unseen wizard, and the chance to work through the games with wizard's assistants—confident, caring college students who know the kids' names, praise them regularly, and create a sense of community in which the kids help each other out and applaud each other for every success."

Don Bremme's work with the Fifth Dimension exemplifies his teaching philosophy and commitment to students. As his colleagues wrote, a "major tenet of (his teaching philosophy) is that students engage in meaningful activities with others, and through these actions, transform their learning." Don gets students to connect to the theoretical, the text in the classroom, and the text in their lives. Students will talk about "situated learning" or "guided peripheral participation" and "socio-cultural approaches"—and these are more than just terms they learned in Don's classes. Rather—they are theories and concepts that Don helped them to think critically about, and more importantly, to animate in their daily work with children.

Professor Don Bremme—it is an honor and a privilege to award you the 2011 Harry W. Nerhood Teaching Excellence Award.

SCHOOLED. ▶

Professor Don Bremme and the Whittier Fifth Dimension were the subject of two recent news articles in the *Whittier Daily News* and the *Chronicle of Higher Education*.



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>> THE PRINCETON REVIEW NAMED WHITTIER COLLEGE AS ONE OF "THE BEST 376 COLLEGES" IN THE NEW 2012 EDITION OF ITS ANNUAL COLLEGE GUIDE.



NEW DIRECTIONS

WHITTIER SCHOLARS PROGRAM UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

PROFESSOR DOREEN O'CONNOR-GOMEZ will take the helm of the Whittier Scholars Program (WSP) starting in the fall of 2011.

An active scholar whose research includes Spanish literature and culture with a focus on Golden Age Spanish narrative and drama, O'Connor-Gomez has developed an expertise in Latin American women writers and 20th and 21st century Peninsular theatre. In addition, she has taught Spanish language at all levels, including specialized courses for business majors, health professionals, and native speakers, as well as courses focusing on cultural and literary trends of Spanish-speaking countries.

"In general, my research is interdisciplinary and focuses on cultural studies that encompass politics and sociology as well as the humanities, specifically contemporary theater. I look forward to sharing my passion for research in the area of cross-cultural studies and commitment to the liberal arts for the



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global future with our WSP students and to working with them to share their own original research interests with a broader audience, via presentations at undergraduate conferences, or through appropriate undergraduate publications."

During her 20 years at Whittier College, she has taught a number of courses within the program and served

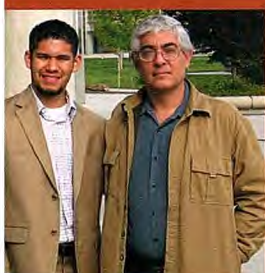
on the WSP Council. Among her many College activities, O'Connor-Gomez was faculty master of Hartley House, vice-chair of faculty, and has served on several key committees, and her teaching prowess earned her the 1995 Harry W. Nerhood Teaching Excellence Award.

"Thanks to the leadership and energy of professors Joyce Kaufman and Ria O'Foghludha, the WSP is a rigorous and vibrant program on our campus. I look forward to building on its current strengths and to tapping into the enormous talent of our alumni database, working closely with them to showcase their accomplishments and connecting them with our current students," said O'Connor-Gomez.

Via alumni connections, O'Connor will seek to create internship and job shadowing opportunities for WSP students. Moreover she will pursue funding opportunities to support student development.

PROFESSIONAL PORTFOLIO

FACULTY PREP STUDENTS FOR CONFERENCE SHOWINGS



HAZEL COOPER

JORDAN Professor of Humanities Gustavo Geirola and Mellon-Mays Undergraduate Fellow Juan Pablo Bustos '12 attended the conference "Orientalisms and the

Asian and Arab Disporas: Imaging the 'Oriental' in the Americas and the Iberian Peninsula" at the University of California, Merced. At the conference, Bustos presented the paper "Articulating Identity among Diverse Asian-Latin American Communities," while Geirola presented "Los espejos del deseo: Ruben Dario y las

sorpresas del objeto". According to Geirola, Bustos impressed the participants so much that he was invited to submit a paper for next year's conference, to be held in Fez, Morocco.

With psychology professor Lori Camparo and adjunct physics professor James C. Camparo, Allyson Yuen '11 had the opportunity to collaborate and co-present the trio's research, "The State Multipole Method for Analyzing Likert-Scale Data," at the Western Psychological Association Convention in Los Angeles.

At the Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD) Biennial Meeting in Montreal, Canada, two professors in the Department of Childhood Development and Education involved a total of eight

student researchers in their professional work.

Under the direction of Kay Sanders and for the poster presentation "Does it Matter to Preschool Childhood Outcomes if Environments are Culturally Sensitive?" Ley Ung '12 and Jade Hernandez '11, helped with the analyses and final preparation, while Brianne Kamaladin '13 and Mark Juaton '11 attended and co-presented the project with Sanders.

Working with Anne Seban on the research project "Social Predictors and Academic Outcomes of Latinos' School Connectedness After the Transition to Middle School," were Jessica Matias '12, Yvette DeAlba '14, Lilia Hole '11 and Stephanie Hui '11—the latter two attending the Canadian conference with Seban.

>> WHITTIER COLLEGE WILL CELEBRATE THE 40TH ANNUAL TARDEADA ON OCTOBER 23 IN THE CAMPUS CENTER COURTYARD.



ADVENTURES IN CHINA

PROFESSOR BLOGS FROM ABROAD



In spring 2011, chemistry professor Devin Iimoto was selected as the inaugural Whittier faculty member to teach at Lingnan University in China, part of an ongoing partnership agreement between the two schools. While there, Iimoto taught his signature course on AIDS that emphasizes both the biological basis of the disease with its societal impact around the world. In addition, as it was his first visit to the country, he took the opportunity to travel and explore China.

The following are excerpts from his blog:

ON MY ARRIVAL: Seeing the mountains of Hong Kong's islands as the plane landed filled my heart with excitement and joy to start this new adventure. I quickly discovered that many...did not speak any English, making it a little frustrating at times just to order food...The biggest step was learning how to count in Cantonese because then I could just say the number of the meal off of the menu.

ABOUT MY CLASS: It has been an interesting experience in seeing the differences between the students here and at Whittier College...the university system in Hong Kong is based on the British system and as a result, students are not evaluated very often. Students were a little shocked

because I gave three mid-term exams, a final, a project, and a bunch of homework assignments. There was some grumbling which I did not expect.

DIFFERENCES IN CULTURE: Today I visited Guangzhou, my first foray into mainland China. It was a city of contrasts. There were very wealthy people driving around in their BMWs and Mercedes while others were riding bicycles and some people were begging in the streets. The biggest difference is that the beggars were usually elderly people—it was a little heartbreaking to see the older people having no other means of supporting themselves in the twilight of their lives.



TO READ MORE about Prof. Iimoto's experiences in China, visit www.whittier.edu/news and click on the "Blogs" icon.

OUT OF AFRICA

BIOLOGISTS, STUDENTS
CONDUCT FORESTRY FIELDWORK



THE TANA RIVER FORESTS are located in the southeastern region of Kenya, and are included in the East African Coastal Forests biodiversity hotspot.

This means that this area is one of the top 25 areas in the world, containing 6 percent of Earth's biodiversity. There has been continuous disruption to the forests of the Tana reserve. Poaching in the 1970s nearly depleted the area of elephants, and forest disturbances are placing endangered species in perilous situations.

David N. M. Mborara, conservation biologist and professor of biology and environmental science, has been working in the Tana River forests since 2000, conducting studies of two primate species and of different ecological processes in the forests. He has also been working with the communities surrounding the forests throughout his research, as not to obstruct any right that they have to the land or inhabit/conduct studies on the land without their consent.

This past year, Mborara's work has involved the assistance of student researchers Amanda Edwards '13 and Amber Orozco '13. Both spent a portion of their summers residing in the Tana encampment, along with Mborara's team of scientists, conducting critical fieldwork and blogging about their respective experiences and observations as part of this professional team. Information about the Tana Project can be found at www.web.whittier.edu/tanaproject, including links to the student blogs.

>> NEW POET SCOTT JACKMAN '15 HAS APPEARED IN VARIOUS FILMS, INCLUDING A SUPPORTING ROLE IN THE MAJOR MOTION PICTURE "LUNATICS, LOVERS, & POETS."

FALL SPORTS

Men's Cross Country (Conference 3-4; SCIAC: 5th Place) **Women's Cross Country** (Conference 6-1; SCIAC: 2nd Place) **1 Football** (Season 2-7; Conference 1-5; SCIAC: 5th Place) **2 Men's Water polo** (Season 13-21; Conference 4-6; SCIAC: 6th Place) **3 Men's Soccer** (Season 10-8-1; Conference 8-5-1; SCIAC: 3rd Place) **4 Women's Soccer** (Season 6-10-2; Conference 2-9-1; SCIAC: 6th Place) **Volleyball** (Season 7-22; Conference 2-12; SCIAC: 7th Place)



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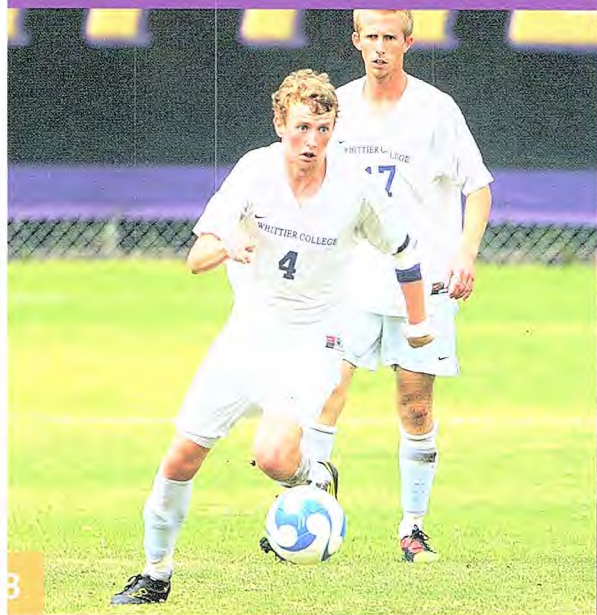


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SPRING SPORTS

5 Baseball (Season 16-23; Conference 8-20; SCIAC: 7th Place) **Softball** (Season 23-19; Conference 11-13; SCIAC: 4th Place) **Men's Tennis** (Season 12-7; Conference 3-5; SCIAC: 5th Place) **6 Women's Tennis** (Season 8-8; Conference 6-4; SCIAC: 4th Place) **Men's Lacrosse** (Season 4-7) **7 Women's Lacrosse** (Season 6-12; Conference 2-7; SCIAC: 5th Place) **Women's Water Polo** (Season 13-19; Conference 4-6; SCIAC: 6th Place) **Men's Track & Field** (Conference 2-5; SCIAC: 6th Place) **Women's Track & Field** (Conference 2-5; SCIAC: 6th Place) **Golf** (SCIAC: 5th Place)

INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE & HONORS



WINTER SPORTS

Men's Basketball (Season 12-13; Conference 7-7; SCIAC: 5th Place) **Women's Basketball** (Season 12-13; Conference 6-8; SCIAC: 6th Place) **Men's Swimming & Diving** (SCIAC: 5th Place) **Women's Swimming & Diving** (SCIAC: 5th Place)



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► **MEN'S LACROSSE:** Robert

Bazlen '12 ranked among the top goalies in the country all season and was named All-American by the United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association (USILA)—the first time since 2005 a Poet has captured this honor in this sport. The USILA also selected defenseman **Riley Myrick '11** to play in the North-South College All-Star game. In all, 64 student-athletes were chosen, with Myrick, who played for the South team, and was the only athlete invited from California schools. Myrick also received honors from the National Strength and Conditioning Association: an All-American Strength and Conditioning Athlete of the Year award, recognizing a student athlete's dedication to strength training and conditioning.

► **WOMEN'S LACROSSE:** Midfielder **Carolyn Mukai '13** was recognized by the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association (IWLCA) as an All-West Region first-team selection. **Mukai** and **Katie Clinnin '11** (defender) were named to 1st Team All-SCIAC, and midfielders **Shaina Denny '14** and **Amiya Moretta '14** earned 2nd Team All-SCIAC.

► **BASEBALL:** Right fielder **Andrew Vallejo '12** was honored by the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference as the Male Athlete of the Week for his performance for the week ending April 18, while two Whittier honorees earned all-conference honors: 1st Team All-SCIAC outfielder **Andrew Vallejo '12**, and 2nd Team All-SCIAC infielder **Dan Gleiberman '11**.

► **MEN'S BASKETBALL:** The Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference announced its 2010-11 all-conference teams and for the second time in as many seasons **Damon Perry '11** landed on the second-team.

► **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL:** In conference honors, **Kourtney Zilbert '12** earned her fourth consecutive selection to the all-conference team, named to 2nd Team All-SCIAC, while teammate **Tina Merlino '11** was the recipient of SCIAC's Ed Baldwin Memorial Award. Merlino also was recognized by the National Strength and Conditioning Association with an All-American Strength and Conditioning Athlete of the Year award.

► **MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY:** For their 3.18 cumulative GPA, the team was named an All-Academic Scholar Team by the USTFCCCA. Runner **Travis Airola '11** was named to the SCIAC All-Conference Team.

► **WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY:** The Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference named **Michele Callaway '12** its Female Athlete of the Week for the week ending November 1, following her win as Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Individual Champion.

► **FOOTBALL:** Defensive back **Travis Driskell '12** and tight end **Richard Hoover '12** were among a group of 39 student-athletes honored as members of the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference All-Academic Team, qualified by a 3.4 GPA coupled with outstanding athletic performance. Six players earned seven spots on the all-conference teams of the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference: **John O'Malley '11**, **Kimble Tillman '13**, **Josh Ollison '11**, and **Josh Porotesano '11** earned 1st Team All-SCIAC, while 2nd Team All-SCIAC included O'Malley, **Tyson Schilling '11** and **Aaron Alonzo '11**.

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INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE & HONORS *(Continued)*

- ▶ **GOLF:** Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference honored **Doug Kennedy '12** as a 2nd Team All-SCIAC selection.
- ▶ **MEN'S SOCCER:** Captain **DJ Covarrubias '11** was a co-recipient of The Brine Award for Distinction from the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. Earning 1st Team All-SCIAC was **Adolfo Santos '12** (forward); named to 2nd Team All-SCIAC were **DJ Covarrubias** (midfielder), **Brendan McWalters '11** (defender), **Shea Harwell '11** (defender), **Francis Maxwell '14** (midfielder), and **Srdan Jovanovic '13** (forward).
- ▶ **MEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING:** **Tyler Aisner '12** won the 1-Meter Dive at the 2011 SCIAC Championship Meet and was named to the All-SCIAC team for this event. Chris Evans earned All-SCIAC in 100 Free and 100 Back.
- ▶ **WOMEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING:** **Erin Bartholomew '13** became a three-time SCIAC Champion, the Poets earned all-conference honors in five events, and the Whittier women's swimming & diving team broke 12 program records concluding its season at the 2011 SCIAC Championships. Bartholomew won the 500 Free, the 1650 Free, and the 400 IM. **Haley Von Schottenstein '14** earned All-SCIAC honors in the 50 Free and 100 Breaststroke.
- ▶ **MEN'S TENNIS:** **Julian Seneviratne '13** and **Patricio Carregha '11** earned 1st Team and 2nd Team All-SCIAC honors each, respectively.
- ▶ **WOMEN'S TENNIS:** **Liliana Serylo '14** (No.1 Singles) and **Adrienne Hamada '14** (No.2 Singles) were named to the All-SCIAC second-team.
- ▶ **MEN'S TRACK & FIELD:** **Kevin Curbelo '14** earned All-American honors and a fourth place win in the 400 meter sprint at the 2011 NCAA Division III Track & Field Championships; Curbelo broke the Whittier school record in this event previously set by Henry Ellis in 1962. In addition, Curbelo and **Alex Jungsten '14** (110 Meter Hurdles) were named to the SCIAC All-Conference Team.
- ▶ **WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD:** **Molly Litherland '12** captured the conference championship in the 800 Meter Sprint and was named to the SCIAC All-Conference Team, along with **Kashima Patridge '11** (long jump), **Michele Callaway '12** (1500 meter sprint) and **Christine Verduzco '13** (5000 meter sprint).
- ▶ **MEN'S WATER POLO:** **Erick Gonzalez '14** (attacker) was selected as Newcomer of the Year by the Western Water Polo Association (WWPA) and named to the WWPA Freshman Team, while **Rilesh Desai '11** (attacker) earned All-WWPA honorable mention. In conference honors, Desai was named to 1st Team All-SCIAC, and Gonzalez and **Chad Evenrud '12** (goalie) were named 2nd Team All-SCIAC.
- ▶ **MEN'S BASEBALL:** **Andrew Vallejo '12** (outfielder) was named to 1st Team All-SCIAC, while **Dan Gleiberman '11** (infielder) earned 2nd Team All-SCIAC.
- ▶ **WOMEN'S SOFTBALL:** **Brenda Thompson '12** (catcher) and **Molly Yriarte '11** (1st base) took conference honors, named to 2nd Team All-SCIAC.



WATER LOG

WHITTIER COLLEGE AQUATICS SENSATION

ERIN BARTHOLOMEW '13 faced the elite swimmers of the country after qualifying for the Division III Championship held at the Allan Jones Aquatics Center at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

"This [was] a great opportunity for our program to get exposure on the national level," said head coach Justin Pudwill. "I was excited for Erin to get the chance to compete with the best, and I believe that getting our swimmers to nationals shows that our program and athletes are doing great things."

Bartholomew, a Midlothian, Virginia native, proved herself as one of the top swimmers in the highly competitive Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference by winning three individual conference titles at the 2011 SCIAC Championships.

"Qualifying for nationals was really exciting," said Bartholomew. "It is very rewarding to work hard during the season and then to participate in a national competition."

Bartholomew posted a 5:04.12 and set a new school record in the 200 Free during her debut at the national championship. She finished 24th in the 500 free at the National Championship.

In all, Bartholomew has totaled 11 schools records which includes seven individual marks.



>> PRESIDENT SHARON HERZBERGER BEGAN HER FOUR-YEAR TERM ON THE DIVISION III PRESIDENTS COUNCIL AFTER THE 2011 NCAA CONVENTION IN JANUARY.



COACHES' CORNER

AFTER A NATIONAL SEARCH of nearly three months, Director of Athletics Rob Coleman has announced **Kirk Jellerson** as the next head coach of the Whittier football program. Jellerson, who has served as the Poets' defensive coordinator over the past two seasons, was tagged as the interim coach at the conclusion of the 2010 campaign. He is the 19th head coach in the history of Whittier football and fourth since 2000.

Jellerson brings to Whittier 24 years of coaching experience that includes stops at DII school Western Washington University, where he took his team to a 2008 Rotary Bowl Championship, and DIII schools Utica College, Kean University, Plymouth State College, and Chapman University, among others—all of which he guided consistently top-ranked conference defensive teams. Jellerson also previously served the Poets' roster as defensive coordinator, special teams coordinator, and linebacker coach at Whittier from 1993-1994.

Joining Jellerson on the 2011 football staff is **Todd Stratton**, who has been appointed assistant head coach and offensive coordinator for the Poets. With nearly two decades of coaching experience at institutions including Southern Utah University, University of La Verne, Citrus College, and most recently Ventura College, Stratton brings a solid history of training top athletes. At Ventura, his quarterback was named all-league and all-state; at Citrus, his team earned the conference championship as well as a berth in the 1990 Southern California Bowl. In addition to his coaching career, Stratton is also president and CEO of the Elite Air Academy, where he has helped develop a number of powerhouse Division I players.

Former WUSA athlete **Monica Gerardo** has been named the Poets' new head women's soccer coach.

A University of Notre Dame graduate and four-year letter winner with the Fighting Irish's soccer program, Gerardo comes to Whittier College with an impressive history as both player and coach. Competing on the field, she spent three seasons with the WUSA Washington Freedom, during which she was instrumental in the team's bid for the 2002 Founders Cup Championship, and played in the 1999 Women's FIFA World Cup for the Mexican National Team. Her coaching career has been equally impressive, having staffed the United States Naval Academy team to an undefeated season, as well as stints with the University of Pittsburgh and Saint Mary's College in California.

Shea Harwell was appointed head coach for men's soccer, following the departure of Paul Walmsley and a subsequent national search. For the past seven years, Harwell has coached soccer at multiple levels, from youth camps to high school, college and club sports, in addition to private instruction. On the field, Harwell played for Peninsula College in Washington, Hermosa Beach Soccer Club, and recently, for the Poets in seasons 2009 and 2010. A non-traditional student who had interrupted his college program to pursue his professional interests, Harwell completed his undergraduate degree at Whittier College this past spring.

Staci Williams will helm the women's lacrosse team as head coach for the 2011-12 campaign.

Williams holds a B.A. in Art History and an M.S. in sport administration from Canisius College in New York. While an undergraduate, she was a three-year member of the women's lacrosse team, during which she was named the team's most valuable attack player. Following her playing career, she became the head women's lacrosse coach



at Buffalo State College and later, assistant coach at Division I Villanova. Other past coaching posts have been with Virginia's Nansemond Suffolk Academy and Hampton Roads Lacrosse Chapter, a division of U.S. Lacrosse, and most recently with the Thousand Oaks Lacrosse Club Team.

▲ FIRST STRING. Gerardo, Harwell, and Williams all began their tenures as head coaches this fall.



PACK MENTALITY. By compiling a team grade point average of 3.22, the women's cross country team earned Division III All-Academic status from the United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association.

To qualify for this honor, a team must achieve a cumulative GPA of 3.10 or better, and have compiled a score (finished at least five runners) at the respective NCAA regional championship.

The Poets finished the 2010-11 season in third place at both the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and the West Regional Championships. Seven runners continued on to Nationals in Waverly, Iowa. Less than 5 percent of NCAA DIII Women's Cross Country runners advance all the way to the NCAA Championships.

>> GO POETS! THE POET HOMECOMING GAME WILL BE PLAYED AGAINST CLAREMONT ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22.



KEEPING TRACK

MICHELLE CALLAWAY '12



DUAL-SPORT ATHLETE MICHELLE CALLAWAY, reigning Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC) Individual Champion, crossed the finish line first for the Poets at Nationals and 14th overall out of the 279 runners who competed this year. She was also named All-American, All West-Region, and All-SCIAC.

Moreover, the brainy runner, a biology and psychology double major, also received both team (cross country) and individual all-academic honors for the 2010-11 season.

TR: You are a dual-sport athlete at Whittier, competing in cross country during the fall and track and field in the spring. Who or what would be your biggest motivator?

MC: My sister is long distance runner, does half marathons and marathons, so in high school to get more conditioned I started running, too—I wanted to kind of feel the run with her.

TR: Of the two sports at Whittier you compete in, which event or course is your favorite?

MC: I have fun in cross country, but I also love doing the 5k and the 1500... so I like them all equal. But I do like the 5k, just because I'm more of a long distance runner. I don't really have speed, so I'm not very good at sprinting. I have more endurance.

TR: Thus far at Whittier, what is your favorite Poet memory?

MC: When we were at cross country regionals, and they were counting up the scores. When they said that Whittier took second place for the women, all of the girls started screaming and jumping and our coach was just so happy. That was a really proud moment.

TR: Running is a very mentally demanding sport. Is there a specific technique or pre-meet preparation ritual you use to stay focused before and or during meets?

MC: The night before a race I dream about it sometimes—what my strategy will be. I just try to keep calm. I motivate myself and tell myself I can do it, and plan where I'm going to be in the race.

TR: What things go through your mind during a race?

MC: I mainly just tell myself to "Just keep going, push through it, you are almost done."

TR: Running distance some runners experience hitting a "wall". How do you personally overcome that challenge?

MC: I train harder and just kind of change what happens in the race... maybe take it a little bit easier, and then that way I have more energy towards the end.

TR: You already have a long list of honors and awards under your belt, recognized for performing exceptionally in both athletics and academically. Is there one achievement in particular you value or are most proud of?

MC: I'm really proud of being All-American in cross country this year.

TR: What are your goals for next season?

MC: For cross country, I'm hoping to go to nationals again, and I want to win SCIAC and regionals. For track, I want to win the 5k and make it to nationals. And get All-American for both.

TR: What is the key to your success in regards to the consistency and growth you have shown as a top-flight runner over the past three years?

MC: Just keeping motivated, that is a big thing...keep running, and keep making my goals bigger and bigger.

>> BASEBALL PLAYERS MIKE RUEDA '12 AND ANDREW VALLEJO '12 SPENT THE SUMMER HONING THEIR GAME WITH THE DANVILLE DANS, A PROSPECT "WOODEN BAT" TEAM IN EASTERN ILLINOIS.



ALUMNI SPORTS SHORTS

MICHELLE CALLAWAY '12: THE STATS

HOMETOWN: Gilroy, California

MAJOR: Dual, biology and psychology

CROSS-COUNTRY ACHIEVEMENTS:

Whittier College Individual

► **Athlete of the Year:** 2008-2009, 2009-2010; MVP: 2008, 2009; All-SCIAC: 2008, 2009

► **All-West Region:** 2008, 2009

► **NCAA Qualifier:** 2008, 2009, 2010

► **USTFCCCA DIII All-Academic Team:** 2008, 2009, 2010

► **USTFCCCA All-American:** 2010

► **SCIAC Athlete of the week:** 2010; week ending Nov. 1

► **SCIAC Individual Conference Champion:** 2010 @ Prado Park 112 competitors

► **First female to win individual title in Poet program history:** time-22:57.59

TRACK AND FIELD ACHIEVEMENTS:

► **School All-time Records:** 5000M (17:16.05/2009); 1500M (4:37.91/2009); 3000M (10:13.87/2011)

REAL TALK SPORTS NETWORK will provide broadcasting and video/audio coverage for six games on the 2011 Whittier College football schedule.



THE TENNESSEE TITANS of the National Football League have named **Jim Skipper '73** its new running backs coach. Skipper joins

the Titans after spending nine seasons as the running backs coach and assistant head coach for the NFL Carolina Panthers. A coaching veteran, Skipper has totaled 23 seasons in the NFL and another nine in the college ranks. Before joining the Panthers, Skipper spent four years with the New York Giants (1997-2000), one year with the XFL San Francisco Demons (2001) as the head coach, and one season with the Arizona Cardinals (1996). He began his NFL coaching career with the New Orleans Saints and spent 10 seasons (1986-95) with the team as the running back coach. Skipper coached two Pro Bowlers for the Saints — Rueben Mayes and Dalton Hilliard.



In February, Whittier Poet and Brooklyn Dodgers infielder **Tony Malinosky '32**, the oldest living former Major Leaguer, died

at age 101. Malinosky attended Whittier alongside future president Richard Nixon. After graduation he served in the United States Army and saw combat at the Battle of the Bulge. As a Dodger, Malinosky saw action in 35 games in 1937, when he was 27 years old. He hit .228, collecting a pair of doubles and driving in three runs while playing third base and shortstop.

"We had a lot of fun in those days," he told the Associated Press in 2009. "Of course, it was a lot different than today. The players nowadays have to have a truck to haul away their money. When I played, you could put it in your pocket."



Tom Vessella '06 is currently pitching for the San Francisco Giants Class A affiliate, the San Jose Giants, located out of California. In 2006, Vessella was an 11th round draft pick of the Houston Astros, and has subsequently spent the last five seasons playing minor league ball, mostly within the Eastern and Southeastern affiliate leagues, including a notable shutout game.

RANKED. The final Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) rankings were released over summer, and the Poets came in at No. 9 in the West Region. Additionally, **Julian Seneviratne '13** and **Patricio Carregha '12** ranked in the Top 20 in the West. Seneviratne finished the year at No. 15 while Carregha garnered the No. 18 position.

This season was full of firsts for the Purple and Gold as the team cracked the ITA Top 30 for the first time in program history, ranked as high as No. 26 in the country.



>> FORMER POET WIDE RECEIVER GIOVANNI STANLEY '10 SIGNED WITH THE SAN DIEGO CHARGERS AS A FREE AGENT

COMMUNITY FOCUSED

LATEST CENTER OF DISTINCTION LAUNCHES, GETS NEW HOME



Photos by Steven Burns Photography

NEW HOME. Professor Joyce Kaufman and Hanna Whitehurst '12 outside Hanover House.

Ask almost any student or graduate of the College and they will tell you that community engagement is a hallmark of a Whittier education. From early collaborations with the YMCA dating back to 1915, to current flourishing partnerships with dozens of local community agencies—service has never been simply a buzzword at Whittier, but rather a way of life.

Taking it a step further, the new Center for Engagement with Communities (CEC) will now have a physical location that is designed to bring the campus and community together under one roof. This new home, Hanover House—located next to Ball Residence Hall—is centrally located and accessible to all.

"Because the Center is so community-focused, it is important to have an identifiable location for the campus and community partners to come to," said Center Director Joyce Kaufman.

The CEC is a direct outgrowth of the College and Community Program (C&C), established 10 years ago as a pilot project involving one department with external funding from the Hewlett Foundation. Success with that project led to the expansion of community engagement across the campus, with external funding provided by the B.C. McCabe Foundation, BCM Foundation, Skyrose Chapel Foundation, and California Campus Compact, among others.

Proof of the C&C success: During the 2009-10 school year, the service work was performed by a quarter of the campus, involving 27 courses in nine departments, led by 31 faculty, and with the participation of 317 students. The College also led an extracurricular student mentor program with local high schools; coordinated dozens of student internships at public service and non-profit organizations; and organized a community partners workshop series, attended by members from 24 civic and non-profit organizations. All said, these projects touched the lives of thousands of underserved children and adults in the local community.

Along with numbers and energy, commitment is a key element in creating lasting change within the community. Whittier has established strong and long-lasting partnerships that will be further enhanced within the CEC.

"I am extremely excited about building and institutionalizing a program that I think is important to the College and City and one that I have been working on for years," said Kaufman. "The creation of the Center is enabling it to grow in a systematic way."



GLOBAL. Alumna Linda Biehl '65, co-founder of the Amy Biehl Foundation in South Africa, will be the inaugural Center for Engagement with Communities Fellow.



LOCAL. President Sharon Herzberg is joined by alumna Deb Arroyo '90 and members of the Whittier Fifth Dimension at the Boys and Girls Club.

"The creation of the Center is enabling it to grow in a systematic way."

-Joyce Kaufman

RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE

Recognizing the College's dedication to service, Whittier recently received three special honors from outside agencies. The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) honored Whittier College as a leader among institutions of higher education for their support of volunteering, service-learning, and civic engagement. As such, Whittier was admitted to the 2010 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll with distinction for its strong institutional commitment to service and compelling campus-community partnerships that produce measurable results for the community.

"This is a wonderful recognition of Whittier College's proud history of partnering with communities—those surrounding the College and beyond," said President Sharon Herzberger. "Every year, with the guidance of a faculty devoted to service-learning, our students carry out innovative and meaningful projects that make a real and substantial impact in the greater community—from teaching PE to elementary school children to creating a marketing plan for a local non-profit to creating sustainable gardens that help to feed the homeless."

In addition, Whittier became one of only six California colleges and universities to receive the prestigious 2010 Community Engagement Classification from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. The classification recognizes Whittier's commitment to community service and service-learning.

According to Carnegie President Anthony Bryk, this classification—given to 115 institutions nationwide—is designed to encourage colleges "to become more deeply engaged, to improve teaching and learning, and to generate socially responsive knowledge to benefit communities."

"We were delighted to have received this status because we [know] we're doing some wonderful things here," said Kaufman.



GARDEN. Ginger Maneske '13 and Hanna Whitehurst '12 worked on the community garden in front of Wanberg Hall this past summer.

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KEY COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

- **FIFTH DIMENSION**, an after-school program operated within the Boys & Girls Club for 17 years, and involving scores of child development and education majors.
- **FAMILY LITERACY PROJECT** for Spanish-speaking parents at Lydia Jackson Elementary that is part of an interdisciplinary child development and social work course.
- **A SUMMER THEATRE and LITERACY PROJECT** for children at the Boys & Girls Club run through the Ruth B. Shannon Center for Performing Arts.
- **A PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND CHILDHOOD OBESITY AWARENESS PROGRAM** at Ocean View School run by the kinesiology and nutrition science department.
- **MENTOR PROJECT** with the Whittier Union High School District that matches Whittier College students with high school juniors who are first-generation college students to encourage and guide them through the college application process.



"They will be introduced to our Quaker values, and the idea that one individual can make a difference."
-Joyce Kaufman

FIRST-YEAR EXPERIENCE

Kicking off its first official year, the Center is adding a global perspective to the idea of community. The first-year experience—coordinated this fall by the CEC—will focus on the idea that an individual can make a difference.

Alumna Linda Biehl '65, co-founder of the Amy Biehl Foundation, will be the 2011 CEC Fellow. As part of her fellowship, Biehl will be the keynote speaker for the 2011 New Student Convocation, where she will share her experiences working in South Africa.

In 1993, Biehl's daughter Amy was killed by political radicals in South Africa, while she was there as a student. Linda and her late husband Peter turned the tragic death of their daughter into action by creating the Amy Biehl Foundation. The work of the Foundation in Guguletu, South Africa, has had a direct impact on the lives of the people there, and serves as a lasting model for social action. And for her exemplary work, in 2009 Biehl was awarded South Africa's highest honor, the Order of Companion of O.R. Tambo, presented to her by President Thabo Mbeki. The President's office cited her "outstanding spirit of forgiveness in the wake of the murder of her daughter and contributing to the promotion of non-racism in post-apartheid South Africa." Past recipients of this award include former U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan and posthumously, to Indian leader Mohandas Gandhi.

Students have been preparing for Biehl's lecture via summer reading assignments that introduced them to issues in South Africa and to the writings of former South African president Nelson Mandela. Throughout the year, these readings will serve as the curricular platform for all first-year writing courses.

"Freshmen will be inculcated early on to the importance of service and giving back," said Kaufman. "They will be introduced to our Quaker values, and the idea that one individual can make a difference."

In fact, all first-years will be making quite a difference during their first group community service project at Whittier, slated for early October. This event will accomplish two main goals: helping the students get to know the local community, and more importantly, demonstrate that even small actions make a big difference.



COLLEGE & COMMUNITY. Elizabeth Rifant '10, who volunteered at the Oralingua School for the Hearing Impaired in Whittier, explains her project to a community partner at the "5th Annual College & Community, Community & College" expo.

Moving On

Whittier's Kinesiology Major Gets New Focus, But Retains Foundation

Whether a student's interest is physical therapy, sports management, nutrition counseling, or coaching—one of the most popular majors on the Whittier College campus is delivering critical training for some of the most in-demand professions today.



Photo courtesy of Whittier Daily News

WHEN I SAY JUMP... KNS Prof. Kathy Barlow works with local elementary and college students for a lab course in how to teach P.E.

IN FACT FOR SOME TIME, NOW, THE KINESIOLOGY DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN GROWING AND ADAPTING its curricula in response to the national trends fueling growth in this applied science—both to meet the wide-ranging interests of students today and to best prepare them to succeed in a diverse and rapidly shifting professional field. In the last three years alone, the department has totally revamped its sports management program and, more recently, traded the “leisure science” aspect of its academic program for a new focus in “nutrition,” to become the more appropriately directed Department of Kinesiology and Nutrition Science (KNS).

Today, KNS remains popular among those intending to pursue a career as a elementary/

secondary physical education teacher or coach, and it still teaches the core mental, motivational, and sociological aspects of the field as well as the physical science. What has significantly expanded, however, is the spectrum of training and academic courses offered. In its new iteration, the KNS major now points to the breadth of related professions available, from more hard science tracks to those in business, education and advocacy; majors in Whittier’s program are able to train for graduate work and careers in physical therapy, exercise science, sports management and marketing, and now, nutrition, as well as the traditional athletic performance and teaching. In fact, the approximate breakdown for current majors is 30 percent pursuing a track in teaching/

coaching, 30 percent in sports management, and 40 percent in pre-physical therapy.

But more curricular track options were needed, says Professor Trish Van Oosbree, who has been department chair for the last six years and has guided the recent growth and development of the major.

“At the moment,” she notes, “two prevalent national trends are drastically impacting our field—on one end you have an aging population, Baby Boomers who are advancing to a pre-geriatric phase and subject to the related physical issues, limitations, and traumas. On the other end, you have an increasingly overweight/obese population, especially troubling as noted in adolescent and children populations.



PAD SQUAD.

Kinesiology major Anthony Bennett '12 spent the summer interning with the MLB San Diego Padres working on promotions and in-game entertainment.

“In both cases,” she continues, “graduates in our discipline have the potential to play a critical role in both treating and preventing these crucial issues, as well as others related to health and wellness.”

Van Oosbree’s assessment is both apt and timely; recent reports conducted by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) indicate that over the last 25 years, the United States has seen a significant spike in adolescent obesity and diagnosed diabetes in both youths and pre-geriatrics—and not surprisingly, a related decrease in physical

activity among all populations. And, despite that fact that a fast-food dinner is still the choice—and within the budget—of many, there is a growing awareness of the need to improve dietary habits to avoid debilitating diseases. As such, a demand for dietitians and nutritional experts will be strong in the next decade, especially in outpatient care facilities, offices of physicians, and food service management.

Anticipating these types of trends and their impact, therefore, and being able to be strategic about constructing a cross-functional and flexible curriculum has been the KNS faculty’s challenge and mandate.

“A prime example as to how we can help change the landscape,” says Van Oosbree, “is that nutrition education can really make a difference in preventive care, not only in the ways in which people are making food choices, but also in the ways they are combining both nutrition and fitness.”

Adding a departmental focus in nutrition, therefore, was essential to keeping Whittier’s program both relevant and competitive. And beginning this fall, students will be able to minor or pursue an emphasis in nutritional science; the long-term plan is that it will become its own major with an accredited program in which students will not only train but be able to apply to become registered dietitians.

OFFERING MAJOR SUPPORT

Kinesiology Alumni Offer Perspective on Whittier’s Program

Whittier’s kinesiology alumni are engaged in a gamut of sports industry professions, from physical therapists and trainers, to coaches and athletes on the field at all conceivable levels of play, to sports agents and marketers, to entrepreneurs in the fitness, health, and wellness industries, and everything in between. And not surprising by Whittier standards, not all opt to enter the industry directly, but rather some apply their acquired skills and education in a more interdisciplinary fashion, bringing lessons gleaned in biomechanics or sports psychology into the boardroom or marketplace, for example.

Following are a few comments from alumni who have chosen a more “traditional” career route for kinesiology majors, but who nonetheless know the wisdom in their selection of academic program and its inherent application in profession—and life.

“*Training and working as a physical therapist, you spend quite a bit of time with your patients, trying to decipher not only the root physical problem, but how and to what extent you can help. So you have to be able to interact easily with people at all levels, cultures, and experiences, as well as negotiate with a range of physicians. Whittier’s pre-PT program is delivered through a liberal arts lens, so early on, I developed critical thinking skills and a flexibility in approach that have helped me achieve success with my patients’ therapies.*”

— **MARSHALL LEMOINE '05**, DPT OCS, is a clinical specialist with Kaiser Permanente, where he is also currently completing a second orthopaedic fellowship, focusing on spinal rehabilitation

KINESIOLOGY IN THE SCHOOLS


In a large outdoor field and basketball court Whittier College students put local grade-schoolers through paces. The children run sprints, do sit-ups, attempt to get a ball through the hoop, and, in general, get their bodies in motion.

This is the scene at Lydia Jackson Elementary School, where Professor Kathy Barlow teaches the lab portion of her course, *Movement and Elementary School Physical Education*, to a dozen kinesiology majors. The students go to Jackson three times a week to teach a half-hour P.E. class to first- and third-graders.

"At first the kids resisted the program and didn't want to participate, but after a while they were really excited about it," said Richard Duran '11, who was the team leader at the Lydia Jackson site. "Now they say 'I love P.E.' They really love the attention."

Barlow adds that the class is not just about "throwing balls around," but rather it is a structured course designed to meet state standards.

The course teaches basic P.E. instruction skills and is also part of a partnership with the city's "Activate Whittier" campaign, created to encourage residents to exercise and adopt healthy habits. This campaign started in response to the fact that more and more local schools have had to eliminate physical education classes due to budgetary and other competing concerns.



“ Graduates in our discipline have the potential to play a critical role in both treating and preventing issues related to health and wellness.”

This change of direction within the schools has subsequently affected students in the major. While traditionally, kinesiology trained coaches and physical education teachers, the dearth of positions within public schools has diminished this emphasis.

"Students can still go through the program and get their credential, but it's much more difficult to find a teaching position, at least in the State of California," says Barlow.

And while the career outlook may look grim for the more traditional P.E. teacher track, jobs in professional coaching and fitness training are expected to increase by 25 percent within the

next 10 years, according to the U.S. Department of Labor statistics. There is also a potential for growth in recreation jobs within civic and social organizations such as the YMCA and the Boys & Girls Clubs, as well as nursing care facilities, due to sharp demographic increases in both youth and elder populations.

Moreover, the recent national emphasis on prevention and treatment of childhood obesity has created privately funded wellness programs. Such is the case for recent graduate Duran, who now uses his teaching skills to run a grant-funded physical education program through a local community organization (see p. 43).

“ Getting this degree from Whittier College was my biggest springboard into my early career. In Southern California there are a lot of high school coaches from Whittier College's program, and it has a good reputation and helped me get my first job. In the NFL, I find that the experience I had at Whittier taught me that as a coach, it's equally important to train a player's mental game, and the lessons I took from the classroom I now apply in working with my players.”

— **JIM SKIPPER '73**, who began as a high school coach and has subsequently had a 30+ year career coaching for the National Football League, currently serving as Running Backs Coach for NFL Tennessee Titans

“ I had started out at Whittier as just a business major, but then switched to a recreation and sports management with a minor in business. I chose to go this route to not only get the business side of the working world, but also to understand the kinesiology side, which included motions of the body, muscles, etc. This really helped prepare me to work alongside elite athletes, as I have a more sophisticated understanding of the body and movements, as well as the sport.”

— **ASHLEY PAPENBROCK '08**, Olympic Development Events Manager & World University Games Manager at USA Water Polo

“ After graduation, I became a high school and college swim coach. I found my kinesiology training extremely valuable as I was able to better understand the muscles being used by the swimmers, how to deal with stroke mechanics to improve performance, and how to take care of any injuries they might incur. I am also a State Park Peace Officer, a Lifetime Fitness instructor for a police academy, defensive tactics instructor and academy instructor and coordinator. I was constantly evaluating the body of the officers to help them perform their jobs safely.”

— **ALFONSO PEPITO '80**, State Park Superintendent III, Retired

LEADER. Professor Trish Van Oosbree has been department chair for the last six years and has guided the recent growth and development of the major.



Photo by Ian Bradshaw Photography

PHYSICAL THERAPY

While teaching and coaching careers are facing a transition, according to Van Oosbree, physical therapy is a smart option.

“Even in this time of recession, physical therapy positions are still abundant, particularly addressing the needs of an aging population. Many of our alumni who complete a physical therapy degree or certificate program are finding they have their pick of job offers—often multiple offers.”

Indeed, the need for trained physical therapists is expected to grow by 30 percent in the next decade. This is due to a number of factors, including medical and technological advancements that increase the number of people surviving traumas and disabling conditions that ultimately require treatment involving physical therapy.

About 40 percent of Whittier kinesiology majors are enrolled in the pre-physical therapy emphasis that involves taking courses in biology, chemistry, anatomy/physiology, physics, psychology, as well as several courses related to biomechanics, exercise, and movement within the major.

Recent graduate Conny Joel '11 is one of these students. Joel got firsthand experience in

the field while interning with USC professor and doctor of physical therapy Jason Cozby, DPT.

Joel logged several hours working at Cozby's clinic, and subsequently based part of her senior thesis on her experience examining the antecedents, processes, and outcomes of a total knee arthroplasty (total surgical replacement of the knee joint).

As an art and kinesiology double major, she combined her dual interests in her senior project for art, in which she created a piece that explored the human skeletal anatomy and composition.

SPORTS MANAGEMENT

Just as in physical therapy, the sports management industry seems impervious to the lagging economy in terms of job prospects.

“Sports still seem to endure,” says Barlow. “And if you stay in it long enough, you can work your way up the ladder. Sports management is definitely an emphasis our students are excited about, and [because of the strong number of career opportunities in this area], it excites me.”

In response to burgeoning opportunities in the field, and with an eye toward likely future trends, Whittier's sports management program

has been carefully and strategically reconstructed to prepare graduates for careers as athletic and compliance directors, sporting event and venue managers, sports agents, marketers, and promoters, as well as for positions in public and community relations—all relevant aspects, and potentially expected skills, characterizing employment within the field. Further, those students interested in taking this KNS emphasis track are highly encouraged to combine it with a minor in business administration.

To ensure Whittier's program is delivering the right kind of academic training and preparation for graduate work, Barlow connected with the leadership for the University of San Francisco's sports management program—one of the top programs in the field—and secured their commitment to examine Whittier's current curriculum and interview students currently enrolled in the related courses.

“Following USF's audit of our program, they reported being very impressed with our students and overall lauded our program,” said Barlow. “As a result of this relationship, two of our recent graduates have been accepted and plan to enroll in the USF master's program this fall.”

GOING THE DISTANCE

KNS GRAD KEEPS EYE ON THE PRIZE

ACADEMICS + ACTION = SUCCESS

But like other departmental faculty, the KNS professors know that a critical component to the ultimate success of their students is actual hands-on experience. And this faculty has of late, become even more aggressive in advising and helping majors to jump into sports internships early, and when possible, often.

As a result of their work, the faculty can proudly tick off numerous names of students who have completed competitive sports internships while undergraduates, and who have continued their education at top schools in the sports management and physical therapy fields—like Duran, and Joel, and senior Anthony Bennett.

Over the last three years, Bennett has interned with WNBA Los Angeles Sparks, Minor League Baseball's Rancho Cucamonga Quakes, and the MLB San Diego Padres. His ultimate goal? To be president of the NBA Los Angeles Lakers organization. And at the rate he is going with the assist of professors like Barlow and Van Oosbree, this is not simply a pipe dream.

During his one-year internship with the Sparks—an organization that now offers two internships each year to Whittier students—Bennett gained hands—on experiences in all aspects of community relations, including player appearances, community events, silent auction management, academic and basketball skills clinic organization, as well as general promotional experience.

As Van Oosbree sums up, "This is perhaps one of the most exciting aspects of our KNS program as a whole; we're starting to see more and more students in a professional 'pipeline' by their sophomore year at least, and some, as early as their freshman year. This is so important, especially as they go through the different areas of curricular emphasis.

"Ultimately, that's really reflective of our overall goal," she adds, "to get each of our kinesiology students to understand all the prospective career paths open to them, help them hone in to their passion and interests and decide the route they want to take, and then help them achieve just that."



NOT ONE TO LET THE GRASS GROW UNDER HIM, kinesiology major and scholar-athlete Richard Duran '11 began his first professional job a full semester before his graduation from Whittier.

As the Physical Education Director for the Boys & Girls Club of Whittier, Duran oversees a new grant-funded program, designed to help grade-school and middle-school children improve their overall physical fitness and nutritional habits, as well as teaching them active and healthy lifestyle skills. He works both in the office and on the court directly with the children.

In many ways, he's been training for this position from his freshman year, taking on leadership roles on and off campus. For four consecutive years, he served as the strength and conditioning coach for his nearby *alma mater*, Schurr High School. Last summer, he interned directly under the adult and career coordinator for the Los Angeles Unified School District. And on the Whittier campus, he was elected ISC co-chair and Orthogonian president, in addition to playing Poet football for four years.

And despite a shaky start, Duran credits the Department of Kinesiology (KNS) and its faculty for really helping him stay on track, hone his interests toward a viable professional path, and learn how to seize a good opportunity—and turn it into employment.

"I was almost scared away after receiving a 'C' in *Movement Anatomy*, the introductory kinesiology class," he recalls. "After a discussion with my advisor Prof. Barlow, though, I realized that if I ran from this challenge, it would not be the last time I'd opt for the easier path. No matter how difficult a task may be, I now realize it is my job to finish what I start."

With renewed focus, Duran redoubled his efforts and went on to earn not only a spot on the Dean's List for four semesters, but also earning "distinction in the major" honors at the completion of his degree.

And he also took Prof. Barlow's advice about finding opportunities to heart. Last fall, Duran enrolled in a course taught by Barlow that involved teaching physical education to about 90 students at Lydia Jackson Elementary School, and leading about 200 children through rigorous fitness testing at the Boys & Girls Club. Duran was selected student coordinator, and it was this experience that opened doors and led to his current position.

Duran says his ultimate goal now is to become a NCAA Division I athletic director or conference commissioner. But for now, he is content and focused on the road just ahead.

This summer, he began a graduate program in sports management at the University of San Francisco's Southern California satellite campus. He plans to stay with the Boys & Girls Club until the completion of his master's program in 2013.

"Being able to see the transformation in a child's life – from attitude to physical appearance," he said. "It's one of the most rewarding things and makes all the effort worth it."

▼ DURAN AND KIDS in his Boys & Girls Club program.



Photo by Steven Burns Photography

Moving Towards HEALTH & WELLNESS



HOW TO PLAN A HEALTHY BREAKFAST

with Kristen "Krissey Krash" Adolphi '05, Health & Nutrition Coach and Roller Derby Skater with the Orange County Roller Girls

Your mom wasn't lying to you. Breakfast truly is the most important meal of the day. It sets you up with great morning energy and will lead to better choices throughout the rest of your day.

So how do you make that happen?

First and foremost, know that a healthy breakfast should provide vital nutrients; provide the body with stable energy; and be protein-based and complimented with fiber and essential vitamins.

So now you may be asking, HOW DO I PREPARE A HEALTHY BREAKFAST?!?!?!?

- 1. PREPLAN.** Don't wait until breakfast to realize your kitchen is bare.
- 2. CHOOSE A PROTEIN.** Eggs, lean meats, greek yogurts, and soy.

3. CHOOSE A WHOLE GRAIN.

Oatmeal (not the instant kind!) and whole grain cereals.

4. CHOOSE A FRUIT OR VEGGIE

Berries, apples, and green veggies are best!

5. PUT THEM ALL TOGETHER

Try various combinations and *voilà*, healthy breakfast. One quick option is a healthy shake with soy milk, protein powder, and frozen strawberries.

6. LAST, ALWAYS REMEMBER TO PLAN AHEAD!

Make sure you have a week's worth of breakfasts and have all the ingredients in your fridge and your cupboards at the beginning of the week. One great tip is to have a breakfast buddy; make breakfast with a significant other, roommate, workout buddy. And finally, commit to it! It takes 21 days to form a habit; start now!

THOUGHTS FROM OUR ALUMNI. For this issue, we consulted with a few alumni “experts” who are passionate about healthy eating and staying fit to get the low-down on how you can improve your lives with just a few small changes.

HOW TO TONE YOUR ABS WITH PILATES

with Cassey Ho '09, Instructor and Owner, POP Pilates & Blogilates, and Designer, oGorgeous



There are no magic secrets towards getting flat abs. A combination of healthy dieting, exercise, and persistence will get you there. I always like to say that abs are made in the gym but shown in the kitchen. So let's get you started on the toning part of this journey. Here are five of the most effective Pilates moves to strengthen your core in no time.

1. TORSO TWIST. Targets the obliques.

Balance on your tailbone with back tall, knees bent, and ankles crossed. Now hold your hands together and bring your elbows wide. Inhale and try to touch your right elbow to the mat. Exhale and lift back towards center. Inhale and take your left elbow down to the mat. Exhale to center. Modification: Keep your heels down. Try 12 of these!

2. CORK SCREW. Targets the lower

abdominals. Rest on your elbows and tailbone with legs extended and heels pressed against each other, toes pointed. Make sure to keep

your chest open with your shoulders back and away from your ears. Now imagine that there's a clock in front of you. Keeping your legs straight, take your feet from 12 to 3 to 9 then back to 12 to complete 1 circle. Then reverse and go counter clockwise. Breathing: Inhale as your lower and exhale as you lift. Modification: Keep knees bent at a 90 degree angle as your circle the “clock”. Try 10 of these, alternating between clockwise and counter clockwise motions.

3. CRISS-CROSS. Targets the transverse

abdominals. Lie on your back and place your hands on the nape of your neck behind your head. Keep your elbows wide! Now lift your shoulders off the mat so that your upper abs are engaged. Bring your left knee into your body as you lift your right shoulder towards that knee. Hold for two seconds, then switch! Breathing: Exhale as you reach and hold and inhale to switch. Try 12 of these.

4. SIDE PLANK. Targets the obliques. Come

onto your side and place your palm right underneath your shoulder with legs extended along the edge of your mat. As you come into your side plank, try to actively push your hips upwards to really engage the obliques. Hold for at least 15 seconds! Then switch sides. Modification: Go onto your elbow and knee.

5. TEASER. Focuses on your total core

strength. Begin lying on your back with arms extended behind you and legs elongated in front of you. Take a big inhale through your nose and on the exhale, squeeze your abs and lift up into a “V”. If this is difficult, don't be discouraged! Simply go as high as you can and bend the knees if you need to. You'll get stronger with time and practice. Try to hold your teaser for at least 10 seconds.

GREAT JOB! Now try this whole sequence three more times to complete your Pilates Abs workout. Be sure to measure your progress weekly, and keep up the good work!



HOW TO SURVIVE YOUR FIRST YOGA CLASS

with Tamara Walker '98, MS, ATC, RYT, Athletic Trainer, Exercise Physiologist, and Owner, The Body Defined

Congratulations on deciding to attend a yoga class! First, be sure to choose carefully where to have this experience. Smaller studios have fewer students which may be less intimidating and you will get more personal attention. Next, if possible, find a friend that has a yoga practice to go with you. (You may want to ask him or her about a favorite yoga spot.) Involving friends increases your level of commitment and may make you more comfortable.

So now, just a few more tips to help you on your way...

1. WEAR COMFORTABLE, SNUG CLOTHING. Trust me on this. Also, don't wear a watch. This is your time for yourself. Honor it.

2. BRING YOUR OWN MAT, A TOWEL AND WATER.

However, know most studios will provide mats, if you do not have one.

3. ASK THE INSTRUCTOR WHICH PROPS YOU SHOULD BRING TO YOUR MAT. Let them know that this your first time and if you have any injuries that they should know about.

4. ORIENT YOUR MAT TOWARDS THE FRONT OF THE ROOM, WHERE THE INSTRUCTOR WILL BE STANDING. Make sure that you can see the instructor. Don't hide in the back... you will have a harder time following.

5. TAKE A SEAT ON YOUR MAT. You do not need to warm-up like some of the other people in the room. The instructor will build the practice to keep you safe. Instead, close your eyes and take a deep breath.

6. FOCUS ON YOUR BREATH. This is your primary goal in yoga, not the poses. Don't worry about what people are doing around you. They have their own practice, abilities and limitations. Your goal is to stay with long, deep, even smooth breaths.

7. BE KIND TO YOURSELF. You do not have to do anything during your practice. If it hurts or you are uncomfortable, stop. Yoga is about being present which means recognizing exactly where you are at in this moment. It may change so be mindful and gentle.

8. ALL CLASSES END IN SAVASANA! This a period of rest allowing for your body to reset and a bit of meditation, if you choose.

Now that you've made it through, take a moment to acknowledge your practice, that you have done something good for yourself today. Notice the effects of your practice before you get up and return your props. Then, immediately book your next session (stay committed!), and finally, go out and celebrate. You've survived. Namaste!

HOW TO GET MORE OUT OF COMPETITIVE ATHLETICS

erspective from Shea Harwell '11, Poets' Head Soccer Coach and soccer athlete



Whether you are a weekend warrior who counts the minutes until the big match or just enjoy a pick up game with your friends, competitive athletics can provide fun and healthy environment for those who appreciate what it has to offer. Here are a few in and simple ways that you can get more out of your athletic experiences.

1. LOVE TO COMPETE. We participate in athletics because it is fun right? YES! Somewhere deep down all athletes enjoy the challenge presented by pushing themselves to see what they are capable of. This doesn't always mean winning, but it usually amounts to more fun, as well.

2. EMPHASIZE THE PROCESS.

Results like wins and losses are great aids to measuring success, but they are not the bottom line. Athletics are filled with human errors, poor judgment calls, and disagreements with referees or officials, so it would not make sense to invest all your energy toward just the result. You must also appreciate the process, the build up of a play, and individual performance.

3. LEARN THE LESSON IN LOSING.

Losing can be one of the richest learning experiences in athletics. So many athletes dwell on the result and ignore all the good stuff that occurred in the game or event. Reflect on the things that you can improve, the parts you were in control of. These are the things you can take away and change for next time. Focusing on these positives will not

only improve your confidence and performance, but it will also make the game more enjoyable, win or lose.

4. REMEMBER IT'S GOOD FOR YOU.

So get out there and play one more game, go the extra mile, and push just a little more. What you're willing to put into athletics is usually what you get out of it.

5. ENJOY THE FRIENDSHIPS.

Athletics is a great way to engage with others is a socially accepting environment, especially team sports. Relying on each other's performances creates a bond and friendships that will transcend the playing field.



HOW TO FIND LIFE BALANCE IN EIGHT EASY STEPS

with Cora Poage '03, Life & Health Coach and Owner, Sexy Soul Wellness



In our hectic and busy lives it is important to stop every once in a while to take a deep breath and be present. Here are a few tips to help you on your road to finding balance and clarity.

1. HONEST REFLECTION AND ASSESSMENT.

To begin, list all the activities you spend time doing in the average week and the approximate amount of time that you spend on each activity. Be honest! Now you can draw a pie chart of sorts to see where you are spending the most time. You can also clearly see if there is balance between your various activities.

2. MAKE A LOVE LIST. What do you absolutely ADORE doing in life? Try to make the list as long as possible. One trick is to remember what you used to love doing as a child and add THAT to the list. Now look at your pie chart. How much time are you spending doing what you LOVE? How can you add MORE of these activities to your life?

3. DE-CLUTTER YOUR LIFE. What are you doing in your life that does NOT bring you joy? How can you spend less time or better yet, NO time in these areas? Life is short. Follow your heart's bliss and trust that everything else will fall into place.

4. ADD A DAILY ACT OF SELF-CARE.

Do something for YOURSELF every day. They don't have to be huge, but acts of Self Care replenish our energy stores, meaning we have more to GIVE. Remember, self-care is NOT selfish.

5. PLAY EVERY DAY. As children, we were given recess every day to revitalize us. As adults, we have to give ourselves our own unique version of the same.

6. JUST SAY NO. Learn to say NO to what does not bring you joy. Before saying YES to anything, ask yourself if this opportunity makes your heart sing and brings joy to your life! Then respond.

7. KEEP IT OPEN & FLUID. "When we make plans, the Universe laughs." Keep the schedule open and magic, miracles, and synchronicity will be everywhere!

8. SPIRITUAL PRACTICE. Finally, allow at least 10 minutes per day for connecting to your center through meditation, journaling, or weekly church services. Turn off the computer, don't answer the cell, and just listen and BE. Your life will feel much more balanced almost immediately!

FOR MORE TIPS AND INFORMATION, GO TO: WHITTIER.EDU/HEALTH&WELLNESS



A GOOD YEAR FOR WHITTIER COLLEGE

DONORS KEEP FUNDRAISING GOALS ON TRACK



RECORD YEAR FOR SUPPORTING STUDENTS THROUGH ANNUAL SUPPORT

As the fundraising year ended on June 30, the Whittier Fund opened a figurative bottle of champagne to celebrate its record year, with more than 3,000 alumni, parents, friends, faculty, staff, and others contributing in excess of \$1.5 million. This continued generosity and support—particularly from a number of our Faithful Friends—represents more than just an impressive dollar figure raised in a single year. What it truly means to the Whittier College community is opportunity—to provide a world-class and competitive education, to enhance the learning experience for both students and faculty through research projects, internships, and fieldwork abroad, and to ensure our physical campus and resources can grow in tandem with our increasing student population.

VISIT the Martin Ortiz '48 Memorial Fire Pit and Plaza located behind the Dezember Alumni House.

ORTIZ MEMORIAL COMPLETED, SET TO OPEN

Last spring, the College broke ground on a special project honoring the life and work of a true Whittier icon. And thanks to more than 100 organizations and individuals who rallied in support and contributed funds, the Martin Ortiz Memorial Fire Pit and Plaza has been completed and will be dedicated at the 40th Anniversary of Tardeada on October 23, during Whittier Weekend 2011. Physically commemorating Dr. Ortiz' early life as a "hobo" who rode the rails and shared many a meal—and

story—around a campfire setting, the plaza and fire pit stands as a visual reminder of the light he provided as a passionate pioneer in building and advocating for the Hispanic community at Whittier College. Central to the execution of this project has been the support of Alianza de los Amigos, an organization comprising alumni across generations whose lives were indelibly touched by Dr. Ortiz, as well as a critical lead financial gift from former College Trustee and Ortiz mentee, Alfred J. Villalobos '65.



SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIPS GROW

Matching the Lancer Society's ambitious initiative, the Palmer

Society undertook a plan last fall to establish an endowed scholarship just in time to celebrate the organization's 90th anniversary. Starting with a generous challenge grant from fellow Palmer sister and Trustee Barabara (Ondrasik) Groce '57 and her husband David, the dedicated committee of Palmer alumnae and students led by Sandy Johnson' coordinated

>> ACCOMPLISHED TRUMPETER AND ARRANGER FRANK NELSON '40 WAS HONORED IN THE SPRING BY THE COASTAL COMMUNITIES CONCERT BAND IN CARLSBAD.

The highly successful fundraising drive in conjunction with the College's All-Society Challenge, not only capturing the highest percentage of donors in the Challenge, but also raising nearly the entire needed amount for scholarship endowment (\$50K). Not to be outdone, the Athenian Society has launched a similar scholarship initiative this past spring in the hopes of having funds in place to give the award to a deserving Athenian in the near future. Initial recipients of Palmer Scholarship monies are Gabriela Gutierrez '12, a biology major/chemistry minor, and Elle Foran '11, a psychology major/religious studies and gender and women's studies double-minor, while this year's Lancer Scholarship was awarded to Andrew Kim '12, a major in business administration.

TRANSFERRING SUCCESS

The Teagle Foundation awarded a pilot grant to USC, Loyola Marymount, and Whittier to assess factors promoting transfer students' success. The Teagle Foundation has been impressed with Whittier's commitment to transfer students, and is looking to Whittier and Loyola Marymount to help create a model for other colleges and universities that smoothes the process of transferring and ensures a timely graduation. Given excellent work by USC's Center for Urban Education in this area, JSC will provide consulting and assessment support.

EDUCATOR AND PAST PARENT ESTABLISHES SHIRLEY M. HOLE SCHOLARSHIP

John Wesley Hole ("Jack"), proud father of Karen Hole '82 and grandfather of Julia '11 and Natalie '13, established an endowed scholarship at the college this

past year in honor of his late, beloved wife Shirley M. Hole. Jack's transformative gift of \$500,000 will create a legacy of opportunity for generations of Whittier students to come, particularly those interested in the important fields of science and healthcare.



FOUNDATIONS RALLY FOR WHITTIER

Recent economic turmoil has taken a toll on private Foundations nationwide. Many have seen huge losses in their endowments resulting in a reduction in their grant-making. Even in the face of this national trend, Whittier secured more than \$1.3 million in grants this year. This includes first-time awards from the Thatcher Foundation and Margo Marsh Biodiversity Foundation.

Whittier also received a "first-time" award from the Gates Foundation, receiving part of a grant supporting 40 prestigious liberal arts colleges to create "blended courses" that will incorporate high-quality online modules to supplement the face-to-face instruction that we do so well. Created by Carnegie Mellon's Open Learning Initiative and based upon the latest cognitive science research on how students learn, these supplemental modules together with the traditional classroom experience has been shown to improve retention and achievement and to produce "deeper learning" that carries over into subsequent classes.

POET LAUREATE SOCIETY GAINS NEW MEMBERS

Trustee Barbara (Ondrasik) Groce '57 and her husband David became members of the College's prestigious Poet Laureate Society, representing those

individuals and organizations who have made charitable commitments totaling at least \$1,000,000 to Whittier College. Barbara and David's significant philanthropic commitment to the College parallels their meaningful volunteer commitments, with Barbara serving as trustee and member of the John Greenleaf Society Committee, Palmer Scholarship Committee, and Corporate Leadership Council, among others.

PLANNED GIFTS BUILD SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT

This past year the College received over \$2 million in gifts from Philadelphians, generous individuals who included Whittier in their estate plans. The College will recognize its 272 Philadelphians this fall during Whittier Weekend at its annual Golden Anniversary Club Luncheon, Friday, October 21.

FAITHFUL FRIENDS DRIVE ALUMNI PARTICIPATION

This year, alumni connected their philanthropy to their love for their alma mater with many first-time donors contributing to the College, as well as loyal alumni who had supported the College years ago and generously rejoined the ranks of current donors. Despite an ongoing, difficult economic climate, this philanthropy translated into a record year of 22% participation for the College. This success was driven by the special support of Faithful Friends, those loyal supporters who recognize the importance of giving each and every year. The number of Faithful Friends climbed to a new record of 2,235.

>> AFTER A FOUR-YEAR ABSENCE, "FRIDAY THE SQUIRREL" HAS RETURNED TO THE WHITTIER COLLEGE BOOKSTORE!



JOHN GREENLEAF WHITTIER SOCIETY (JGWS)

IN 1923, WHITTIER COLLEGE ESTABLISHED THE JOHN GREENLEAF WHITTIER SOCIETY (JGWS) for leadership donors, honoring a man, who, as a lifetime activist, gave so much of himself for the betterment of others. To this day, JGWS recognizes those individuals and organizations that serve as the cornerstone of Whittier College through their generous, annual support.

JGWS members comprise the inner circle of the Whittier College community and enjoy unique benefits with frequent invitations to campus events such as The Feinberg Lecture Series and VIP Dinner Event, and Whittier College's Choir Holiday Dinner, as well as other exclusive opportunities to witness exploration, discovery, debate, and enlightenment throughout the academic year.

Annual gifts from JGWS members make scholarships possible, ensure the preservation and enhancement of Whittier's historic campus, underwrite the needs of our athletic teams, and fund summer internships and professional research projects that allow students to develop meaningful, personal relationships with the College's world-class faculty. These essential gifts sustain an atmosphere of collaboration and exploration where students acquire skills, and form attitudes and values appropriate for leading and serving in a global society.

John Greenleaf Whittier Society (JGWS) members set the standard for annual charitable contributions to Whittier College through their generous giving, and we proudly recognize their leadership support.

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FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

GREETINGS FELLOW POETS!



WHITTIER PRIDE. ▲

Steve Weston '83, trustee and president of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, flashes the "W" as he exits this year's commencement exercises.

IN MAY OF 2010, the Alumni Board of Directors unanimously voted to make radical changes to its structure, with a plan to more closely align its ongoing work with the goals of the College in general, and the Alumni Relations Program specifically. As a result, several new working committees were formed to address six targeted needs.

Over the past several months, our Board has made much progress in each of these areas, and I'd like to share with you a few updates regarding this work, ask each of you to consider joining our efforts—either as a Board member or committee volunteer—and to give us your feedback on ways we can further improve our service to the alumni community-at-large in the year ahead, in line with our six strategic initiatives.

- **Alumni-to-Alumni Career Networking.** This past year, we've implemented a new online web chat for young alumni exploring topics such as "Starting Your Own Business" and "Getting Ahead: Health & Wellness." We have plans to organize a monthly, regional-based networking coffee, and will also be hosting a new event over

Whittier Weekend: the Career Networking Power Hour on Saturday morning.

- **Alumni-to-Student Mentorship.** Integrating more alumni presence on campus and online mentorship, we successfully brought together approximately 26 alumni professionals who shared their expertise in career-focused workshops, connecting with more than 175 students.
- **Volunteer Development & Recognition.** This year saw the implementation of two key activities related to this initiative. In February we held the Worldwide Poets Day of Service, asking alumni across the globe to volunteer in their home communities on one coordinated day. From Alaska to Florida to the UK, we had tremendous response and more than 40 service organizations benefitted from our collective volunteerism. This spring also marked our first-ever Volunteer Recognition Dinner, at which more than 100 Whittier volunteers were feted by President Herzberger at a lovely Wardman House affair. (See opposite page for details.)
- **Regional Alumni Chapter Development.** As more alumni are asking for local connections, this has been a priority program to develop. As such, we now have chapters started or starting in Hawaii, Washington State, D.C., Boston, New York, Atlanta, San Francisco Bay Area, Sonoma/Napa, San Diego, Portland, and the U.K. (all of which have Facebook fanpages, for those of you who want to connect online!). Throughout summer, a number of mixers and activities took place, with more to come this year.
- **Bridging Alumni Affinity Networks.** As we progress in identifying and connecting our various alumni networks, we perceive the importance of engaging

affinities—societies, clubs, and other cultural or interest-based groups—that maintain an alumni connection. Important in our upcoming focus will be to target these groups for involvement in the related Alumni Affinities Committee of the Alumni Board of Directors, and also special activities planned on the Saturday of Whittier Weekend 2011, including the new All-Alumni Festival, Poet Athletes Halftime Parade, and Casino Night.

- **Alumni Communication & Outreach.** As this continues to be a challenge given advancements in technology, fast-shifting trends in information delivery, and multi-generational preferences, we are attacking this initiative on several levels, increasing electronic communications and social media efforts to connect with our more mobile alumni, while making a concerted effort to preserve such traditional mailed items, such as *The Rock* magazine, formal event invitations, and the return of our Whittier Weekend "brochure."

Again, I hope you are as pleased as I am with the progress noted above, and that you will give some thought as to how you can become part of our alumni volunteer corps and share the benefit of your skills and experience to better our community. Having participated in many of these activities and events over the last 12 months and witnessed the positive effect these involved alumni have on students, on families, on each other—I can guarantee that the time, energy, and service you contribute will be of enormous value to all! GO POETS!

Sincerely,

Steve Weston '83

Alumni Association Board President

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VOLUNTEER DINNER

CELEBRATING DEDICATION TO SERVICE



37 YEARS AGO, A UNITED STATES PRESIDENT

urged the establishment of a dedicated holiday to not only recognize the commitment and action already taken by many in the service of others, but also to call attention to the need to grow the ranks of volunteerism in local communities. In his executive order, this president aptly called charitable service “a hallmark of American life.”

It may come as no surprise that the president was Whittier College’s 1934 alumnus, Richard Nixon, and the initiative he set forth in April of 1974 matches the very heart of Whittier’s own mission. Now in its 37th year of celebration, Nixon’s “Volunteer Week” proclamation has since been renewed by every successive president, many of whom have added their respective remarks about the virtue of volunteering as a way to renew America, improve communities, and better humanity.

This past April during National Volunteer Week, Whittier College celebrated its own “Volunteer Recognition Dinner” at Wardman House, honoring the various volunteer corps and leadership groups—comprising more than 300 alumni, students, parents, trustees, and friends—who have given valuable time, energy, and service to the College over the past year. Close to 120 attended the dinner, representing 16 of the 18 different volunteer organizations that operate annually in support of Whittier initiatives and programs.

On behalf of the Whittier College campus community and wider alumni family, both President Sharon

Herzberger and Alumni Association President Steve Weston ‘83 expressed gratitude for this service and dedication in their respective remarks.

“I am so proud of every one of the volunteers here tonight, as well as the many others around the country and the globe who elect to keep Whittier College an important part of their lives, despite competing interests, geographic location, and demanding professional and personal commitments,” said Weston. “In my role with both the Alumni Board and Board of Trustees, I have witnessed first-hand this kind of fierce loyalty, as I have the privilege of serving alongside an immensely active, intelligent, and enthusiastic leadership team. I am awed by how much they have accomplished already and how hard they are working to achieve the ambitious goals we have together set forth in support of the College.”

“Every year, 62 million Americans undertake some form of volunteer service, at an average of 52 hours

per person, per year—or one hour per calendar week,” said President Herzberger. “An amazing number, when you consider that among all the volunteers present tonight that represents—at minimum—roughly 4,525 hours of invaluable service given to Whittier College, the Ruth B. Shannon Center for the Performing Arts, and Broadoaks Childrens’ School, each year. And among our entire volunteer corps, that number more than triples.

“Today, we honor your own individual legacies of giving back to our community through service. I salute you, the tireless work you do, and the genuine love you have for Whittier College. Each of you leads by example, and I thank you for giving our extended Poet family—the students, the faculty and staff, fellow alumni, families, friends, and others—such an impressive and heartfelt example of what Whittier College means to you.”

VOLUNTEER SHOUTOUT. Our 2012 Recognition Dinner is set for April 20th during National Volunteer Week, so save the date and plan to join us!



Photo by Steven Burns Photography

◀ HAPPY GIVING BACK. Dedicated alumni Vincent ‘69 and Penny Fraumeni ‘68 pose with John E. Poet and President Herzberger.

>> POETS COME BACK. IF YOU’D LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS TO THE ALUMNI HOUSE PROGRAMMING, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE OF ALUMNI RELATIONS, 562.907.4222.



RUNNING FOR A DREAM

POETS RAISE GOOD MONEY FOR A GOOD CAUSE



▲ **PICTURED.** Members of the Whittier Team (left to right): Team Captain Caroline Galvin '08, Anthony Galvin P'99, '05, '08, Nancy Galvin P'99, '05, '08, Cindy Bessler P '01,'05, Lisa Bessler '05, and John Bessler '01. Not pictured: Ann Gronewold, Julie Aldama (Admissions Office), Joey Aldama '11, Ana Lilia Barraza (Communications Office), Juliette Cagigas (Development Office), Mateo Cagigas, Ana Gutierrez '96 (Alumni Office), Kenneth Nelson (Campus Safety), John Peel P'10, '13, Laurie (Welsh) Peel '84, Sarah Peel '10, Anthony Stubbs (Campus Safety), and Minya Surbatovic.

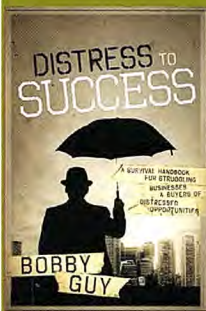
IN JUNE, THE WHITTIER COLLEGE TEAM once again took part in the local Relay for Life, organized by the American Cancer Society. The 24-hour marathon relay event was created to raise funds, but most importantly to raise awareness, about a disease that continues to plague the global community and the simple steps that can be taken to prevent or reduce the risk of becoming another of its statistics.

The Whittier College community has taken part in this campaign for a number of years, and investment by our staff, faculty, alumni, family, and friends remains high. This year, the College's representative to walk the Survivors' Lap—which signals the start of the event—was Ann Gronewold, longtime administrative assistant for the Office of Alumni Relations and recent survivor of breast cancer.

ON THE SHELF ALUMNI BOOKS ENTERTAIN, ADVISE, AND INSPIRE

DISTRESS TO SUCCESS

By Bobby Guy '91



Authored by Nashville attorney Bobby Guy and written for executives, *Distress to Success* is about how to save struggling companies early so they can avoid bankruptcy, and for hedge funds/companies, about

how to find and buy distressed businesses. According to the publisher, the book offers "a roadmap to early intervention when good options are still available: it presents business executives with a new paradigm for thinking about financial distress, takes them on a crash

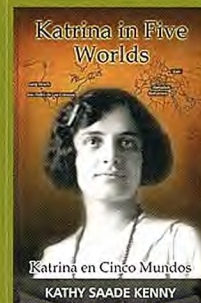
course through what to expect, and then arms them with strategies for achieving a confident recovery." Classified as an economics text, the book has been praised as "groundbreaking" and "transformational."

In connection with the launch of the book, law firm Frost Brown Todd and partner Guy have launched a new blog at www.distressto-successblog.com which focuses on distressed investing, events in the acquisition markets, and restructuring issues.

KATRINA IN FIVE WORLDS

By Kathy Saade Kenny '69

From the publisher: This is the inspiring true story of Katrina Sa'ade, a Palestinian Christian woman of the early 20th century. Written

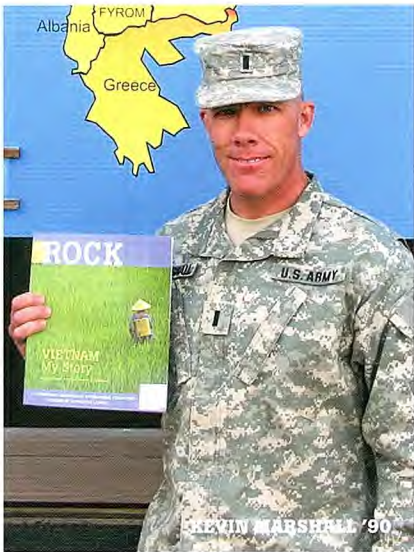


and researched by Katrina's granddaughter, this dramatic emigrant woman's tale explores the historical upheaval that thrust young Katrina from a comfortable life in Ottoman-ruled Bethlehem into the turmoil of pre-revolutionary Russia, an arranged marriage during the Mexican Revolution, a traumatic return to Palestine in the 1930s, and fulfilling years as a mother and businesswoman in California. In these far-flung places, she overcame loss, crossed cultural divides, and made courageous choices that changed her life and that of her family forever.

>> WHITTIER WEEKEND 2011 IS HERE! TO SEE A FULL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS, GO TO WWW.WHITTIER.EDU/WHITTIERWEEKEND2011.



POETS IN THE MILITARY



ON JANUARY 2, 2009, I BEGAN what I thought was going to be a short nine-month deployment to a place I never heard of before...Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo. That nine months has turned into 27 months, and I have six more months on my current orders. Don't feel sorry for me, though. Actually, if you love to travel like I do, you may be envious.

During my six-month logistics training course, I was notified that immediately following the course completion, I was going to be called to active duty and mobilized with the 40th Infantry Division on a NATO peacekeeping mission. "OK, never did this before," I said to myself. So, on December 19, 2008, I drove from Fort Lee, Virginia back to sunny Los Angeles and spent nine days with family and friends before departing to Camp Atterbury, Indiana. After a two-week stint, we flew to Camp Albertshof in Hohensfel, Germany for follow-on training. Three weeks later, we were headed for Camp Bondsteel in Sojevo, Kosovo.

Since being deployed, I have returned home three times, and traveled to the following places for wonderful sightseeing adventures: Athens, Greece; Sofia Bulgaria; Dorian, Macedonia; Prague, Czech



Republic; Istanbul, Turkey; Vienna, Austria; Vilseck, Germany; Heidelberg, Germany; and Garmish, Germany.

I have held two different positions here since being deployed. When working with the 40th Infantry Division, I was tasked with the Executive Officer role in command of over 300 soldiers. My current position as the AST Safety Officer deals more directly with safety-related issues on

Camp Bondsteel to include Soldier/civilian hazard mitigation and reducing equipment accidents. The opportunity to really excel in my career field has blossomed and I look forward to the remaining six months of my tour. Who knows, maybe I will stay another year? GO POETS!!!

Pro Deo Et Patria,
1LT Kevin H. Marshall '90

◀ AT EASE. AST Balkans Safety Officer CPT (P) Ean P. White '00, featured in the center-middle, poses with his brigade legal office at COB Adder, Iraq. White is the Brigade Judge Advocate of the 4th Sustainment Brigade from Fort Hood, Texas, and was promoted in July to the rank of Major in the U.S. Army. He is looking forward to coming home next year to his wife, Leanna N. (Wilson) White '01, and their two children and future Poets, Thomas (6) and Teagan (2).

IN GRATITUDE...

Our thanks to Kevin Marshall '90, who made an excellent suggestion to feature, in our "NOTABLE ALUMNI" section of the College website, the men and women currently serving our country in the military or in some other capacity. We agree that it's a tremendous idea, and plan to add to this list, accordingly.

But for more widespread recognition in our alumni community, I'd invite all alumni on active military duty to please send us a photo from wherever you are (with *The Rock*?) and an update on your activities (as much as you are able), to be published in the next issue of *The Rock*. We admire your courage and are grateful for your service, so we'd like to recognize you appropriately!

>> POETS IN CYBERSPACE. JOIN OUR ALUMNI ONLINE COMMUNITY TODAY BY LOGGING ON TO WWW.POETALUMNI.NET OR "FRIENDING" US @ WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/WHITTIERCOLLEGEALUMNI.



FORMAL AFFAIR



NOW OFFICIALLY "KICKING OFF"

Senior Week, the annual Alumni Association Induction Brunch continues to gain popularity among graduating seniors. This year, more than 100 students attended the champagne celebration, which included a formal welcome given by Alumni Association Board member Ireneo Reus III '01, special recognition of the seniors involved in the Student Alumni Board and Senior Class Gift Campaign, and an invitation issued by Caroline Galvin '08, assistant director of alumni relations, to join all upcoming GOLD activities and get involved in the various new regional alumni chapters starting across the country.

Serving as alumni table hosts were Shannon Merrill Siracuse '07, Lia Kozatch '05, Magaly Perez '10, Patricia Becerra Gale '01, Amber Robinson '01, Scott Robinson '04, Katie Galvin '05, Ana Gutierrez '96, Ireneo Reus III '01, and Caroline Galvin '08. Also participating was Caden Robinson, Class of 2032 (prospective).

U.N. AGAIN

ALUMNI PARTICIPATE IN 61ST MODEL U.N. CONFERENCE

EASILY DRAWN BACK to their days as Model United Nations representatives, a group of alumni answered the call from mentor and MUN advisor Mike McBride, who offered a lucky few the chance to participate in this year's spring conference, the 61st Model United Nations of the Far West. This was Whittier College's eighth time hosting this affair, this time serving as co-host with Heidelberg University. The theme selected was 'People on the Move: Urbanization, Migration, and Forced Displacement,' focusing on subjects such as internally

displaced people, environmental refugees, urban refugees and migrant civilians. Thirty-three schools and close to 600 students took part in the four-day conference, located in San Francisco.

In all, five alumni joined the 2011 Whittier class, taking on a variety of roles and responsibilities. Pictured here (left to right) are: **Steve Adezzio '09, Melissa Carvey-Papen '02, Mike McBride, Andrea Barber '99, Katie Hunter '05, and Caroline Cox '10**, who served as co-Secretary General.



>> IN THE EARLY PART OF THE 1900S WHITTIER COLLEGE BOASTED A VERY POPULAR FEMALE UKULELE CLUB.



MIDSTREAM

TRANSFER ALUMNI "EASE THE WAY" FOR STUDENT COUNTERPARTS



◀ Alumni pictured here at the Spring 2011 Orientation Dinner are (left to right): Cory Johnson '96, Kristine Mariscal '10, Nicolette Davis '08, Arianna Enriquez '09, Tresha Marshall '96, President of the Alumni Association Steve Weston '83, and Adam Arzate-Vayda '00.

IN THE PAST TWO YEARS, Whittier College has increased its strategic outreach to a number of local two-year colleges in order to increase its transfer student applicant pool and ensure that programs begun at another institution adequately prepare an incoming student for the rigorous curriculum at Whittier.

As a result and in just one year's time, the College has seen its number of transfer students more than double. For the 2010-2011 academic year, close to 100 enrolled

as sophomores and juniors, joining athletic teams and clubs, taking on leadership roles in student government and student media, and in general, bringing a new energy to the campus community.

As a way to welcome these new Poets, the Office of Alumni Relations and Dean of Students have partnered to establish an event scheduled during spring and fall Orientation programs, that brings together these incoming students with alumni who also began their Whittier careers as transfers.

Last year, approximately 125 incoming Whittier College transfer students connected with 17 transfer alumni at these special "Transfer Dinners"; serving as table hosts, the alumni engaged students and their families by sharing personal stories of their initial Whittier year, made suggestions on how to comfortably integrate into the student community (get involved!), and served as positive role models for what the transfer experience can offer.

LOVE LINGERS ON... Last spring, about 25 alumni couples joined together—including **David '61** and **Sandy (Sorenson) Rhone '62**, pictured here—to celebrate the "For Love of the Poets" event, honoring couples who met as undergraduates at Whittier College. Organized by the Office of Alumni Relations and hosted by President Herzberger and David Herzberger, this now-annual gathering has taken root in the heart of the Poet family. This year, guests were treated to a special slideshow of their submitted photos and stories, a champagne reception and tickets to see the Theater Department's production of "Rent: The Musical," and a token to take home—a silver photo frame engraved with the prophetic words "Perfect Poet Pair."



>> CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK FANPAGE @ WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/WHITTIERCOLLEGEALUMNI!

POET → TO POET

BIRTHS & ADOPTIONS

To **Deana (Shively) '94** and Justin Miller, a son, Cade Ryan, February 11, 2010. → To John and **Gina (McMahon) Bartok '96** a son, Riley Quinn, November 11, 2010. → To **Cameron '00** and **Kelly (Lynch) Carty '00**, a daughter, Charlotte, April 22, 2011. → To **Erin (Regan) '01** and Darrin Kaminski, a daughter, Catherine June, February 25, 2011. → To Erik and **Sarah (Brown-Wagner) Lima '03, M.A.'08**, a daughter, Daphne Frances, March 18, 2011. → To **Scott '04** and **Amber (Morgan) Robinson '01** a son, Caden Daniel, February 13, 2011.

MARRIAGES & COMMITMENTS

Katie Feetham '05 and Luke Sanwick, January 30, 2011. → **Jessica Robledo '05** and Peter Will, July 3, 2011. → **Bobbie Roy '07** and Matt Cukro, June 18, 2011. → **Erasmio Fuentes '08** and Margarita Soriano, September 4, 2010. → **Alicia McConnell '07** and Chad Severson, July 2, 2011.

CLASS NOTES

'40 Class Agent
CLASS AGENT NEEDED

Frank Nelson was honored in early June by the Coastal Communities Concert Band. Under the direction of Bob Fleming, the band paid homage to its former colleague by performing arrangements that Nelson has written during a long and storied career. Carlsbad's Museum of Making Music also presented Nelson with a special award for his achievements.

REUNION '41 Class Agent
CLASS AGENT NEEDED

Grace Koopmans hopes to see other classmates attending this year's Whittier Weekend—the class' 70th Reunion celebration!

'45 Class Agent
CLASS AGENT NEEDED

Lorna (Goodin) Hudson is enjoying retirement in Cambria with her four daughters and two grandchildren. She enjoys going to church, volunteer work and gardening.



Webster's Rock 'N' Roll photography exhibit was recently on display at the Museum of Ventura County. It featured more than 60 Webster photos, including rarities and never-before seen shots. You can view some of his work at www.guywebster.com

Watch a video interview with Webster at www.youtube.com/whittiercollege.

WHITTIER GRADUATE'S PHOTOGRAPHY ROCKS THE WALLS OF LOCAL MUSEUM.

Celebrity photographer Guy Webster '62 has captured the images of some of the most iconic figures of the world of rock music including Bob Dylan, a very young Mick Jagger and Keith Richards of The Rolling Stones; Jim Morrison and The Doors; The Who, Jimi Hendrix, Janis Joplin, Simon & Garfunkel, The Byrds, The Mamas & The Papas, The Beach Boys, and more.

'50 Class Agent
CLASS AGENT NEEDED

Floralie (Rogers) Anthony enjoys being a part of the Whittier alumni community. She especially likes attending alumni events and seeing the old and new additions to the Whittier campus. Some of her favorite memories of alumni gatherings are the years when the WWII veterans returned.

'53 Class Agent
Mrs. Florence (Albarian) Morrison
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Jamul, CA 91935-0130

In late June, **Ray Dezember** received the inaugural Bill Thomas Citizens' Award in Bakersfield, CA. Sponsored by the Kern County Young Republicans, the award is designed to honor locals who have spent their lives trying to improve the community and is named in honor of former Bakersfield Congressman Bill Thomas.

REUNION '56 Class Agent
Dr. Stu E. Gothold
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Larry Kirchmann and wife Olivia live in 29 Palms, outside Joshua Tree National Park; the pair enjoys hiking and mountain biking, traveling to Nevada and Arizona and spending summers at Mammoth Lakes. Larry retired in 1994 from the Morongo Unified School District, but sits on the boards of the 29 Palms Historical Society and the Morongo Basin Mental Health. "I count my blessings for the many joys of life which include my three wonderful grandchildren."

'57 Class Agent
CLASS AGENT NEEDED

F. Lynn Blystone writes: "After six months of retirement, I formed Roya Resources, LLC to drill oil and gas wells in California and Golden Star Capital LLC to help raise overseas capital for U.S. capital starved 'lift off' projects. Roya is a Persian word for 'beautiful dream' as I am still looking to hit 'The Big One.'"

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Rowena C. Anderson lives in Dana Point close to family and friends and enjoys retirement life in her beach community. She volunteers in activities for children in Long Beach. She worked for the Long Beach school district, serving as a K-8 teacher, a counselor, and a principal for 33 years. → **Bernard Berger** completed two triathlons last summer. He is semi-retired and still sees patients in his dermatology practice three days a week. He has had over 25 articles on Lyme disease published in peer reviewed journals, and lives in East Hampton with wife Phyllis. → **Lorna (Curtis) Reeder** lives in Tiger, GA, with husband Tom; both children are college professors. A loyal Metaphonian, she enjoyed a mini-reunion recently in Palm Springs, with classmates **Gerri Foye, Donna Koster, Marion Harlen** and **Judy Sights**. → **Joan (Folland) Perkins** lives in Whittier with husband Jerald. She is still an educator and this will be her 53rd year on campus. Granddaughter **Jenna Montoya '10** graduated from Whittier last year. → **Marilyn**

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(Gore) Vassos and husband Angelo live in Irvine and love to travel. In 2010, they visited Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, and Kenya. Her hobbies include fabric wearable art, cycling, and walking on the beach.

→**Mary Ann (Hoskinson) Parker** reports that her husband Billy Joe Breshears has passed away. Over her career she worked in real estate and taught as well as wrote music. "I have fond memories of Choir and Poet musicals!" →**Sylvia Joiner** and husband Hank live in Whittier and have 16 grandchildren. "I taught for 25 years, and I love being close to the College and the 'Poet Family!'" →**Sam Lalaian**, a pastor in Georgia for 35 years, live in Loganville with wife Lily. He notes a special career highlight was a mission trip to Armenia where he ministered to eight different churches. →**Jim**

Peter and wife **Ann (Larson) '59** have been married almost 52 years and live in Solana Beach. He taught chemistry at Cerritos College for 36 years, and went on a Fulbright Teacher exchange in London in 1975-76. He notes his hobbies include reading, travel, and "working in my workshop." →**Francine (Roy) Reilly** notes "life is good and happy" with husband Al. The pair live in Oxnard. →**Diane (Selvala) Sheldon** served as a 6th grade teacher for 32 years in Pennsylvania. "I enjoy reading, volunteering, church, and travel, and my family includes 30 step and great grandchildren!" →**Jerry Stanfield** lives in Redlands with wife Janet. "I spent 34 years as a litigation attorney and retired in 1996. The last 14 years I've spent interacting with my youngest son, now a student at UC Riverside." His hobbies include skiing (until he fractured his hip), road biking, sailing, investing, and cooking →**Clark Staples** loves reading, traveling, and "trying to grow old as gracefully as possible." He worked in education as a teacher, coach, counselor, administrator, and district consultant. He also owns a small piece of a local restaurant and lives in San Diego. →**Bob Zable** lives in Covina with wife Lucille. As reported: "Bob had a massive stroke in 2005 but his mind is still sharp. He taught at Ynez School in Monterey Park for 38 years, and started a Math Club that attracted over 200 students, many of whom went on to successful careers and come back often to see him. He remembers his Whittier coaches fondly, as well as his fellow Lancers."

'60

Class Agent

Miss Daunn Lovejoy
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Brenda (Bateson) Ryan notes that she and Larry still enjoy their Airstream travels, and they became members of an Airstream Park in the White Mountains of Arizona. Son Karl owns a business in Santa Cruz and has two adorable grandsons. Son Bill lives in Colorado Springs and has three grown children, all now college-educated and doing well.

'60

Class Agent

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Celebrity photographer **Guy Webster** has captured the images of some of the most iconic figures of the world of rock music including Bob Dylan, Mick Jagger and Keith Richards of The Rolling Stones; Jim Morrison and The Doors; The Who, Jimi Hendrix, Janis Joplin, Simon & Garfunkel, The Byrds, The Mamas & The Papas, The Beach Boys, and more. Webster's *Rock 'N' Roll* photography exhibit was recently exhibited at the Museum of Ventura County, featuring more than 60 photos, including rarities and never-before seen shots.

'63

Class Agent

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Well-known child development expert **Dr. L. Alan Sroufe** was the keynote speaker at the 10th Annual Psi Chi Whittier Undergraduate Research Conference (WURC) that took place April 16-18. Sroufe's address, *The Legacy of Early Experience: How Early Attachment Experiences Frame the Development of the Person*, dealt with research he's conducted at the University of Minnesota's Institute of Child Development where he also teaches.

'65

Class Agent

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Susan (Clough) Wyatt's memoir, "Arabian Nights and Dazes: Living in Yemen with the Foreign Service", was published in September 2010. It includes a postscript about the challenges facing Yemen today and why it has become a haven for terrorists. Susan may be contacted at scwyattnm@msn.com for order information. She and her husband live in Eugene, Oregon and winter in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

'69

Class Agent

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Kathleen Kenny writes: "Quite a few of my Whittier classmates knew my Palestinian grandmother, who lived in Long Beach, and probably remember her for her easygoing manner, and her wonderful stuffed grapeleaves. I've just published a bilingual (English

and Spanish) book, a biography of my grandmother, called *Katrina in Five Worlds/Katrina en cinco mundos* I will be doing a series of book readings in the Bay Area and Mexico this fall. I've also co-written *Crossing the Waters*, a feature-length film script based on Katrina's life story."

'70

Class Agent

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Vicki L. Edwards writes, "I am closing on 25 years with the Los Angeles County Health Department as a management and organizational consultant and analyst in the Department's headquarters. For three years, I used my BA in geology/chemistry as a field geologist, then moved into Human Resources and performance-oriented work, aided by a master's degree in Public Administration (USC) I earned mid-career. Although my MPA has been useful over my county career, I've long recognized it was Dr. Albert Upton's *Design for Thinking* that gave me the tools to work with confidence in challenging environments. Little did I know 40+ years ago how valuable Whittier's freshman English class would be!" →**Sheikh Fahad Yousef Zahid** is the owner of Zahid Tractor & EVP., the only Caterpillar dealer in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and considered one of the biggest Caterpillar dealers in Middle East and worldwide.

'72

Class Agent

CLASS AGENT NEEDED

Giget (Apidgian) Rutherford and husband **Gary '74** celebrated 35 years of marriage. The pair continues in education; Gary is superintendent in Upland, CA and Giget is a speech and language pathologist for Oceanview School District. Huntington Beach is still their home. →**Gerald** and **Lynette (Siu) '73** Tom welcomed their first granddaughter, Taylor Tom, in December 2010.

'73

Class Agent

CLASS AGENT NEEDED

The Tennessee Titans of the National Football League have named **Jim Skipper** its new running backs coach. Skipper joined the Titans after spending nine seasons as the running backs coach and assistant head coach for the NFL Carolina Panthers.

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Paul Ferguson was selected the new president for the University of Maine in Orono. Ferguson began his appointment July 1, he comes to the post from Southern Illinois University where he had been serving as provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs.

'75 Class Agent
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Steve Johnson was featured in an article and video published in the *Press-Enterprise* for his work running a top-performing San Bernardino crime lab. → **David Piper** was appointed as district court judge in Hennepin County by Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton.

'78 Class Agent
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Anthony Tricoli, President of Georgia Perimeter College, is the first two-year college president in the nation to receive The American Association of University Professors Ralph S. Brown Award for Shared Governance. The award is created in memory of Ralph S. Brown, a Yale law professor and former AAUP president and general counsel.

'79 Class Agent
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Kathy Tahmizian has been selected as the 2010-11 Teacher of the Year for the Los Nietos School District in West Whittier.

'81 Class Agent
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Sherrie McDaniel Kahler wrote to let us know of the passing of friend: "**Leslie Feffer Whitfield '82** passed away on February 2, 2011, after 20 years of fight-

ing breast cancer. She was a member of the Athenian Society and graduated in 1982. She worked as a flight attendant for America West Airlines for 15 years and ran a pet sitting business for 10 years. And as she told people, 'I fight cancer for a living.' She was honored as the 2009 Most Inspirational Survivor by the Orange County affiliate of the Susan G. Koman for the Cure. She was 'one in a million' and we will forever hold Leslie in our hearts, our prayers and our memories."

'82 Class Agent
CLASS AGENT NEEDED

Dan Cole was named the new Regional VP for Swiss Post Solutions. His office supports clients in the western United States from its San Francisco headquarters. → **Roch Spalka** works with Heal Therapy, an equine therapy program in Washoe Valley.

'90 Class Agent
Mr. Kevin H. Marshall
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Daniel Malpica is a professor of Chicano and Latino Studies at Sonoma State University and has recently taken on the role of faculty-in-residence in the first-year dorm. Only the second professor to take on this challenge at Sonoma State, he will be moving into the first-floor apartment with his wife and two young children.

'91 Class Agent
CLASS AGENT NEEDED

Bobby Guy is a partner in the law firm of Frost Brown Todd. He works across the country spending his time helping to restructure struggling companies and helping private equity funds find and buy distressed opportunities, especially in the healthcare industry. He recently published a book on the subject, *Distress to Success*, and lives on the outskirts of Nashville with his wife Sydney and two children Glory Rose (12) and Nicholas (10).

'94 Class Agent
Ms. Robin Lynn Hickin
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Bridget Goodman writes, "I'm in my 3rd year of a Ph.D. program in educational linguistics at the at the University of Pennsylvania. I was blessed with a Fulbright-Hays grant to conduct my dissertation

research in Ukraine for the 2010-2011 academic year. My research is an ethnographic study of English as a medium of instruction (teaching economics courses in English) at a university here. I'm still grateful to Whittier for the foundation it gave me in policy and culture studies. (And I'll be missing SoCal come the bitter winter for sure).

'96 Class Agent
CLASS AGENT NEEDED

Karen Grisette a 2011 Woodrow Wilson School M.P.P. (Princeton University) candidate in International Relations, has been awarded the 2010 Swanee Hunt Award for "Advancing Women's Role in Policy Formulation" from the U.S. State Department. Karen, who was the Public Diplomacy Officer at the U.S. Mission to Tanzania from 2007-2010, was welcomed by the Deputy Secretary of State to a formal ceremony in Washington, DC, in early November 2010.

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Ean P. White is the Brigade Judge Advocate of the 4th Sustainment Brigade from Fort Hood, Texas, recently promoted to the rank of Major in the U.S. Army. He is looking forward to coming home next year to his wife, Leanna N. (Wilson) White '01, and their two children and future Poets, Thomas (6) and Teagan (2).

'01 Class Agent
Ms. Natalie (Neavez) Candela
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Daisy Pinedo has been living in New York since 2009 and recently accepted a new position as Group Sales Manager for the Grand Hyatt at Park Avenue. → **Erin (Regan) Kaminski** and her husband, Darrin, live in San Diego where Erin works as an event consultant for Classic Party Rentals.

>> REAL LIFE CSI STEVE JOHNSON '75 LEADS HIS TEAM ON HIGH-PROFILE FORENSIC INVESTIGATIONS IN THE SAN BERNARDINO CRIME LAB.

'03

Class Agent
Mr. James Bailey
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 Albuquerque, NM 87114

Heidi Lozano writes: I am working towards my master's in counseling psychology, hopefully finishing in 2012. I would very much like to give back to my loved Poet community once I earn the hours and pass the licensing exam. This fall I start my practicum and am in the process of applying to a designated site.

REUNION

'06

Class Agent
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Plamen Ganey received his Ph.D. in geology from the University of Southern California in May 2011. His dissertation was titled "Fault Slip Rates, Paleoseismology, Constancy Of Seismic Strain Release, And Seismic Clustering In The Eastern California Shear Zone".

→**Veronica Regueiro** writes: "I'm still working at the company I started with after my college graduation, Allied Digital, and I volunteer for the USO. I've also been traveling quite a bit. I finished my master's degree at Pepperdine this past August and start my doctorate at Biola in September 2011."

'07

Class Agent
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Pitching for the Richmond Flying Squirrels in April, **Thomas Vessella** made an impressive first appearance as he lead the team in a solid win (7-2) against the Bowie Baysox. The philosophy major has had ups and downs in the game since leaving Whittier. The Houston Astros released Vessella in spring training 2009 after he experienced some arm issues and "less-than-stellar results at low Class A." Nevertheless, he kept working in the United and Frontier leagues. Subsequently, the San Francisco Giants signed him upon the recommendation of a scout.

'08

Class Agent
CLASS AGENT NEEDED

Erasmus Fuentes had a Penn-filled wedding, with guests including no less than 15 Penn brothers: **Donato Clay, Shawn McDonald, Jose Luis Reyes, Carlos Salazar, Michael Muse, Mike O'Malley, Shabeg Sekhon, Uddhav Nobuth, Yohanes Faddilah, Scott Juber, Andrew Diaz, Mark Pacheco, Ireneo Reus '01, Art Rubio,** and **Justin Velasco.**

'09

Class Agent
CLASS AGENT NEEDED

Chelsea Diefenbach—a former Richard and Billie Deihl Teaching Scholar—is now working as a math teacher at Montclair High School and was recently the subject of a feature article in the *Contra Costa Times*. Following college, the math major was awarded a \$20,000 annual stipend through the Math for America Fellowship program to share her passion for numbers with high school students. The stipend came on top of her full time salary that is paid for by the Ontario-Montclair School. →**Yesica Sanchez** is preparing to devote her career to work with senior citizens, was recently profiled in the *Chicago Tribune*. While earning a master's degree in social welfare at Dominican University in Illinois, Sanchez has carried out a year-long internship at Oak Park Arms retirement community. "My interest started during my senior year of undergraduate at Whittier College," says Sanchez. "I had worked with kids and decided to challenge myself and work with a different population in case management for seniors. I was surprised to find out I loved working with seniors. When it came to graduate school I knew I wanted to continue that path."

IN MEMORIAM

'32 **Tony Malinosky**, February 10, 2011. →'33 **Adella (Hayes) Valla**, June 13, 2011. →'34 **Elizabeth (Earl) Custer**, January 31, 2011. →'37 **Margaret (Lautrup) "Lottie" Robinson**, November 27, 2010. →'37 **Barbara (Little) Smith**, March 7, 2011. →'37 **Hazel (Perrigo) Van Harten**, February 18, 2011. →'38 **Addie (Newland) Moller**, February 13, 2011. →'39 **Nellie (Daniels) Saville**, January 7, 2011. →'40 **Arthur Edwards**, August 19, 2010. →'40 **Winston Scott**, January 20, 2011. →'41 **Carolyn (Richardson) Robison**, March 25, 2010. →'42 **Bruce B. Butler**, December 25, 2010. →'42 **John H. Parker**, February 20, 2011. →'43 **Alice (Atkins) Wallace**, July 12, 2010. →'43 **Charles L. "Chuck" McEvers**, August 8, 2010. →'44 **John Stecklein**, December 20, 2010. →'45 **Effie (Louella) Harlan**, November 23, 2010. →'47 **Wanda L. (Gossen) Bradshaw**, September 8, 2010. →'48 **John Dell**, January 4, 2011. →'48 **Jean W. (Green) George**, June 14, 2010. →'48 **Margaret M. (Miller) Hedges**, November 8, 2010. →'48 **Myrtle (Weber) Holban**, February 2010. →'49 **Former Congressman Wayne R. Grisham**, January 19, 2011. →'49 **Barbara (Johnson) Jones**, June 18, 2011. →'49 **Robert Nakamura**, December 31, 2010. →'49 **Richard Reese**, January 23, 2011. →'49 **Mimi (Schwartz) Nettleton**, May 15, 2011. →'50 **Milton "Mike" Bell**, January 3, 2011. →'50 **Hazel (Hulst) Moore**, April 5, 2011.

→'50 **Jim Macon**, May 9, 2011. →'50 **John Robbins**, February 1, 2011. →'50 **Carroll Victor Williams**, December 6, 2010. →'51 **Barbara (Bolton) Mitsch**, May 13, 2011. →'51 **Donald F. "Don" Causey**, May 23, 2010. →'51 **Norma (Haynes) Bowersox**, December 5, 2010. →'51 **Donald "Don" Lahr**, January 25, 2011. →'51 **Rev. Easton L. Long**, October 30, 2010. →'51 **George O. Thatcher**, October 17, 2010. →'51 **Dale Wonacott**, May 12, 2011. →'52 **Ruth (McMillan) Streater**, November 6, 2011. →'53 **Joseph Beauchamp**, March 4, 2011. →'53 **Betty R. (Cooper) Sharp**, September 6, 2010. →'53 **George Gaylord**, August 23, 2010. →'53 **Walter Higbee**, November 16, 2010. →'53 **Gildardo "Gil" Jimenez**, November 16, 2010. →'53 **Jack Killian**, March 31, 2011. →'53 **Jacqueline (Taber) Dixon**, September 3, 2010. →'54 **Helen (Kimball) Carroll**, July 9, 2010. →'54 **Regina (Leonard) Wheeler**, January 2, 2011. →'54 **Robert Liverman**, October 23, 2010. →'55 **Gale Reid**, May 7, 2011. →'56 **Stanley Jervis**, June 19, 2011. →'56 **Valta (Moore) Burnett**, March 26, 2011. →'56 **Carmen "Peggy" (Pezoldt) Bowman**, September 3, 2010. →'56 **Kathryn (Rambo) Thornton**, October 10, 2010. →'57 **Mildred (Collier) Parks**, September 19, 2010. →'57 **Michael "Mick" Grensted**, January 15, 2011. →'57 **James Moore, III**, January 26, 2011. →'57 **Joyce (Westerhout) Freeland**, June 16, 2011. →'59 **Douglas Doughty**, February 11, 2011. →'59 **William McClain**, March 6, 2011. →'59 **Leonard J. Peden**, June 25, 2010. →'59 **Bill R. Sloan**, January 13, 2011. →'60 **William Hollinger**, February 26, 2011. →'60 **Daniel Santos**, March 9, 2011. →'60 **F. Lyle Shephard**, April 23, 2010. →'61 **Doyle H. Lane**, June 14, 2010. →'63 **Judy Clark**, March 19, 2011. →'64 **Bernard Bisho**, March 15, 2011. →'64 **Nancy (Knock) Black**, December 3, 2010. →'64 **Victoria "Viki" (McEwen) Cooper**, June 28, 2010. →'65 **Ellen Berger**, December 2010. →'65 **Barry W. Uzel**, November 3, 2010. →'66 **Ted Ford**, June 26, 2010. →'66 **Theodore "Ted" A. Jones**, August 1, 2010. →'66 **Sandra MacCleave**, January 27, 2011. →'67 **Jennifer E. Colborn**, February 27, 2011. →'67 **Michael Gebert**, March 7, 2011. →'67 **Eugene "Gene" McClintock**, December 03, 2010. →'67 **Stephan R. Strasser**, May 14, 2010. →'69 **Karen E. Christensen**, October 19, 2010. →'69 **Pamela (Watson) Ferguson**, date unknown. →'70 **Lee (Birks) Dexter**, February 7, 2011. →'75 **Sharon L. Bryant**, December 28, 2010. →'75 **James P. Casey**, May 31, 2011. →'80 **Patricia Solorzano**, December 22, 2010. →'82 **Leslie A. (Feffer) Whitfield**, February 2, 2011. →'82 **Jesse O. Pizano Jr.**, March 24, 2011. →'84 **Michelle (Oei) Matsumoto**, October 11, 2010. →'85 **Nancy (Liu) Zolan**, February 23, 2011. →'86 **Byron Schatz**, October 10, 2010. →'13 **Melanie Sorenson**, March 24, 2011.

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IN MEMORIAM



FOLLOWING A PROLONGED ILLNESS, MELANIE SORENSEN '13

passed away on March 24, 2011. Sorensen, an English and history double major, was born with an inherited degenerative syndrome that resulted in a kidney transplant when she was two and was legally blind, but did not let any physical challenge stand in her way.

"She was an amazing young woman. Mel never felt different from anyone else. She just used a different way to see," said her mother Joi Sorensen.

"Melanie was a delight to work with because she embraced the whole college experience," said history Professor Laura McEnaney who was Sorensen's advisor. "She loved reading and talking about books, she always came to class ready to engage with her classmates, and she took every opportunity to attend our department's extracurricular events."

During a small memorial services held for Sorensen on campus a rose bush planted outside Naylor Portico was dedicated to her memory.

PROFESSOR OF MATHEMATICS SHARAD KENY

passed away on March 24, 2011. Keny had been a respected teacher and valued colleague at Whittier since 1986.

"Sharad was a dear colleague and wonderful friend who cared deeply about her students. She was a wonderfully collaborative and enjoyable colleague. I will miss her very much," said Associate Dean of Academics Fritz Smith.

More than 300 people paid their last respects to Keny at a memorial service held on the Whittier campus, in which friends and family attested that Keny's passion for mathematics was only matched by her love for people. The memorial was led by Keny's oldest son, Hemant Keny, who delivered a eulogy on behalf of the family in which he spoke his mother's dedication to Whittier College.

"She loved every moment that she was here," Hemant said. "She loved converting people from other majors to math majors."

"She'll be remembered as a colleague who treated co-workers often more like family members than mere co-workers," Prof. Jeff Lutgen said.

The Keny family was presented with a pendant from President Sharon Herzberger that Keny was set to receive commemorating her 25 years spent at the College.

In lieu of flowers the Keny Family asked that contributions be made to the Arthritis Foundation of America.



MALCOLM FARMER, RETIRED PROFESSOR OF ANTHROPOLOGY and former director of the Learning Resources Center at

Whittier, passed away on April 6.

Farmer enlisted in the Army Air Forces and served in Europe and North Africa during World War II. He began teaching at Whittier College in 1957, specialized in anthropology and sociology and Native American cultures. In addition to teaching the popular course, "Peoples of the World," Farmer spearheaded a Saudi Arabian college program that allowed students from Saudi Arabia and Kuwait to study at Whittier College to learn English, was the director of the Bilingual-Bicultural Education Program, and coordinator of the Learning Resource Center.

He is survived by his wife Ann Farmer, Professor Emerita of English.

Donations in his memory can be made to Whittier College, Office of Advancement, P.O. Box 634, Whittier, CA, 90608; the American Friends Service Committee, 1501 Cherry St., Philadelphia, PA, 19102-1403 or the Whittier Historical Society, 6755 Newlin Ave., Whittier, CA, 90601.



DON NUTTALL, PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF HISTORY, passed away on March 23, 2011. Nuttall served on the Whittier College faculty from 1961-2002.

A specialist in California

and Latin American history, Nuttall was a true teacher-scholar, and he received several prestigious grants from the Haynes Foundation and the Del Amo Foundation to conduct research in Mexico and Spain. His colleagues and students regarded him as a gifted history teacher, and his service to the College was exceptional. Notably, in 1965 he was primarily responsible for helping establish the Whittier chapter of history honorary society, Phi Alpha Theta. A native Californian, Nuttall received his BA and MA from San Diego State, and his PhD from the University of Southern California.



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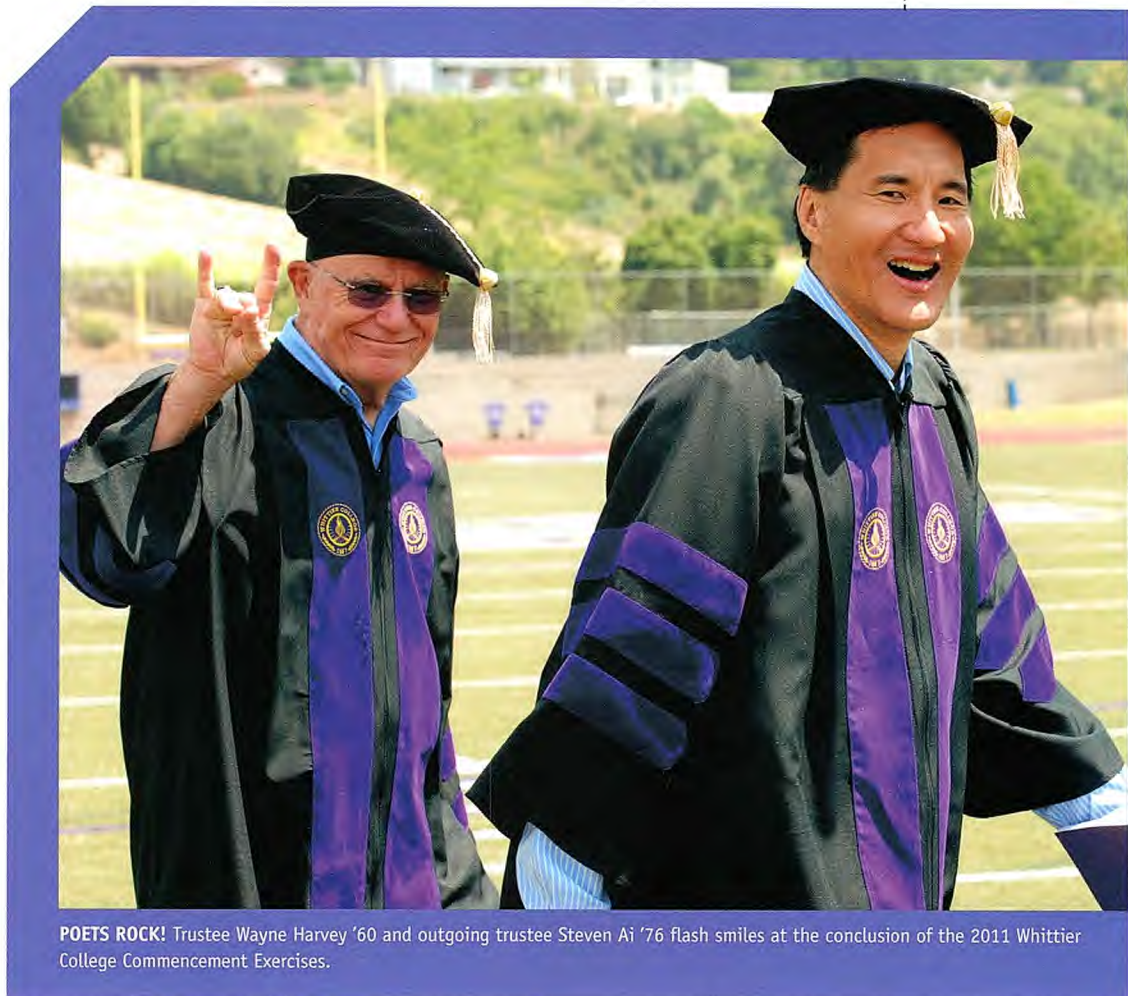
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POETS ROCK! Trustee Wayne Harvey '60 and outgoing trustee Steven Ai '76 flash smiles at the conclusion of the 2011 Whittier College Commencement Exercises.

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SPORTS: Women's Soccer, Intramurals.

HONORS: Dean's List 8 semesters, Omicron Delta Kappa (National Leadership Honor Society-Secretary), Omicron Delta Epsilon (International Honor Society in Economics, President), Sigma Beta Delta (National Honor Society in Business Administration), Outstanding Graduate in the Business Administration Major 2011, Outstanding Senior Project in Economics 2011, Service and Leadership Award Recipient for the Business and Economics Majors 2011, Resident Advisor (2008-2011), Certified Leader Rank (2010), Certified Tutor through CAAS (3 years).

INTERNSHIPS: California Department of Transportation, Northrop Grumman, WNBA Los Angeles Sparks, and Friendly Hills Bank.

ACCOMPLISHMENT I'M MOST PROUD OF OVER MY COLLEGE CAREER: Being told by many past and present residents that I was their favorite Resident Advisor (RA), and that I actually made a difference in their lives. And being named the Outstanding Business Major for the Class of 2011!

MOST SURPRISING THING I'VE LEARNED AT WHITTIER: Everyone is raised differently.

MOST INTERESTING CLASS TAKEN: *Art 3D* my freshmen year. For a "Type A" personality like myself it was really hard to hone in to the



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small abstract part of my brain. It was also great to learn how to use skill saws and learn how to weld!

MOST CHALLENGING CLASS TAKEN: *Business Law* with Professor John Neu and *Econometrics* with Professor Geetha Rajaram.

CLASSES I WISH I HAD TAKEN: *Introduction to Psychology, Sports and Entertainment Marketing.*

MOST SIGNIFICANT LESSON LEARNED IN SIFE: How important it is to give back to your community.

MOST SIGNIFICANT LESSON LEARNED AS AN RA: Always expect the unexpected, and when the unexpected occurs, keep calm!

PLANS POST-GRADUATION: Working at Friendly Hills Bank as an Assistant Loan Underwriter and planning a wedding to my high school sweetheart and fellow Whittier alumnus Garrett Carr '10.

ADVICE TO INCOMING FRESHMAN: Get involved and get to know your professors—they have amazing stories to tell and some great connections that can actually help you get internships and jobs! Also, attend sporting events and have school spirit!

WHAT WHITTIER COLLEGE MEANS TO ME: Whittier College means growth, not only mentally but emotionally. The school and the students have taught me a lot about myself and have helped me grow to be the person I am today, and I am very thankful for that.

CHILDHOOD AMBITION: To be a "CEO"... I don't even think I knew what it meant at the time but I always envisioned myself in business clothes working in the corporate world. Glad to know not much has changed!

ULTIMATE CAREER GOAL: Accountant for a professional sports team, preferably MLB or NFL.

Whittier Weekend 2011 Registration Form

Please complete and return this form no later than October 14, 2011, to:

By Mail: Whittier College
Office of Alumni Relations
P. O. Box 634, Whittier, CA 90608

By Fax: 562.464.4597
By E-mail: alumni@whittier.edu
Online: www.poetalumni.net/WhittierWeekend2011

REGISTRANT INFORMATION

NAME (include Maiden): _____ CLASS YEAR: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ E-MAIL: _____

GUEST NAME: _____ CLASS YEAR: _____

GUEST NAME: _____ CLASS YEAR: _____

GUEST NAME: _____ CLASS YEAR: _____

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	No. of Guests	x Charge (\$)	= TOTAL
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NOTE:
Registration is required for the following Whittier Weekend 2011 fee-related events and meals; registrations made after October 14 or at the door for each event will be limited and will include an additional \$10 surcharge. To ensure we have adequate space provided at each event, please indicate your intention to attend any No Charge activities below. At events marked with an asterisk (), please note a no-host bar will be available.*

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CLUB LUNCHEON <i>(with Classes of 1946 & 1951 Reunion Lunch, & Induction of the Class of 1961)</i>	_____	No Charge	= _____
HAWAIIAN ISLANDERS CLUB RECEPTION	_____	x \$15	= _____
POET COLLEGE SEMINAR and LEADERSHIP FORUM	_____	No Charge	= _____
CLASS OF 1961 REUNION RECEPTION	_____	x \$15	= _____
POET AWARDS GALA (DINNER & CEREMONY)*	_____	x \$50	= _____

*No-Host Bar Available.

Whittier Weekend 2011 Registration Form *continued ...*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

ALUMNI POWER HOUR & NETWORKING COFFEE	_____	No Charge	
PRESIDENT'S STATE OF THE COLLEGE	_____	No Charge	
ALL-ALUMNI FESTIVAL			
All-Society Mixer*	_____	No Charge	
Poet Family Carnival	_____	No Charge	
LGBT Alumni & Friends Reception	_____	No Charge	
HOMECOMING GAME: POETS V. CLAREMONT	_____	x \$5	= _____
Halftime Show: Honoring Poet Alumni Athletes	_____	No Charge	
<i>I plan to walk in the parade.</i> _____ Yes _____ No			
CLASS OF 1961: 50TH REUNION RECEPTION & DINNER*			
<i>Please indicate meal preference.</i>	_____	x \$55	= _____
_____ Chicken _____ Beef _____ Vegan			
REUNION CLASS DINNERS* (please circle one): 1956 1966** 1976	_____	x \$45	= _____
<i>For 1956 and 1976 dinner, please indicate meal preference.</i>			
** <i>Please note, the 1966 dinner is off campus and will not have specific meal preferences.</i>			
_____ Chicken _____ Beef _____ Vegan			
ALL-CLASS REUNION RECEPTION & CASINO ENTRY*	_____	x \$35	= _____
<i>(Includes heavy hors d'oeuvres, \$200 script, 2 drink tickets)</i>			
CASINO NIGHT*	_____	x \$25	= _____
<i>(includes \$200 script + 1 raffle ticket)</i>			
• Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament Buy-in:	_____	x \$50	= _____
<i>(\$500 Tournament Prize; Buy-in includes \$200 script + 1 drink ticket)</i>			
• Advance purchase of additional script money:			
\$5 = \$100 script	_____	x \$5	= _____
\$10 = \$200 script	_____	x \$10	= _____
\$20 = \$400 script	_____	x \$20	= _____

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

40TH ANNUAL TARDEADA (<i>children 12 and under are free</i>)	_____	x \$10	= _____
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REGISTRATION GRAND TOTAL \$ _____

PAYMENT OPTIONS

_____ CHECK, PAYABLE TO WHITTIER COLLEGE (*please enclose with mailed registration form*)
 _____ CREDIT CARD (*check one and complete required information below*) _____ MasterCard _____ Visa _____ American Express _____ Discover

NAME (*as it appears on card*): _____

CARD NUMBER: _____ EXPIRATION DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

You are now ready to submit your completed registration form. Please mail, fax, or scan and e-mail this form to the address or fax number listed on the front of this form. If paying by check, be sure to submit payment to the Office of Alumni Relations by mail. See you soon! GO POETS!! Make sure you stop by the Alumni Welcome & Information area, located @ the Rock!

Please note, reservations are confirmed when this registration form and payment are received by the Office of Alumni Relations. No additional confirmation will be sent. Registration deadline is October 14, 2011, after which no refunds will be made for cancelled reservations. Please also note that while walk-up registration may be available for select events, an additional surcharge will be added. If you prefer to register by phone, please have this form completed and on-hand when calling the Office of Alumni Relations, 562.907.4222. For a full schedule of Whittier Weekend 2011 events, or to register online, please visit www.whittier.edu/WhittierWeekend2011.

Whittier Weekend 2011 Schedule of Events*

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Alumni Welcome & Information Alumni Hospitality Hours	The Rock @ Lower Quad Dezember Alumni House
11:30 a.m.	Golden Anniversary Club Luncheon with Classes of 1946 & 1951 Reunion Lunch, & Induction of the Class of 1961	Memorial Chapel
	Hawaiian Islanders Club Alumni & Students Mixer	Dezember Alumni House
1:30 p.m.	POET COLLEGE SEMINAR: "Military Strategy & Arms Control"	Arnold Hall
3:00 p.m.	POET COLLEGE FORUM: "Leadership Defined In— and Defining—the 21st Century"	A.J. Villalobos Hall

Join us for an afternoon of thought-provoking Poet College sessions:

- "Military Strategy & Arms Control"**
 Led by **Prof. Fred Bergerson**, this session will feature special guest speaker Brigadier General **PETE DAWKINS**, U.S. Army (Ret.). Dawkins has a storied career history that encompasses 24 years in the military with numerous decorations and top rank achieved; leadership posts in private industry, including vice-chair for Citigroup; selection for a Rhodes Scholarship; selected for the Heisman Trophy; and, in 2006, named a Horatio Alger Distinguished American. Currently, Gen. Dawkins is the founder and senior partner of Flintlock Capital Asset Management, LLC.
- "Leadership Defined In—and Defining—the 21st Century"**
 This lively discussion will be moderated by Whittier College Board Chair and executive vice-chair for Kennedy Wilson Don Herrema '74, and featuring panelists Edwin Keh '79, global entrepreneur, Matt Espe MBA '84, CEO for Armstrong World Industries, Inc., and special guest Gen. Pete Dawkins.

5 p.m.	Class of 1961 50th Reunion Reception	Mendenhall Lobby
6:30 p.m.	2011 POET AWARDS CEREMONY & BANQUET	A.J. Villalobos Hall

In our more than 120 years of operation, the Whittier College family has included an impressive roster of accomplished professionals, committed philanthropists, community leaders, and fiercely loyal Poets. This year, we invite you to join us as we recognize individuals for career achievements, personal values, and service to, and in the name of, Whittier College. To learn more about our award recipients, visit www.whittier.edu/PoetAwards2011.

6:30 p.m.	Student Pep Rally	Rose Hills Courtyard
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

8 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Alumni Welcome & Information	The Rock @ Lower Quad
8:30 a.m.	ALUMNI PROFESSIONALS POWER HOUR & NETWORKING COFFEE Hosted by the Alumni Association Board of Directors	Dezember Alumni House

Bring a resume, bring business cards, and bring on your best game face as Poets from all industries and levels of experience come together for a little informal career networking. Have a position available in your company or willing to host a shadow opportunity? Email the details and contact information to alumni@whittier.edu, and we'll post it on our on-site job board.

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Hospitality Hours	Dezember Alumni House
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10:30 a.m.	Society Brunches • Athenian Brunch • Ionian Brunch • Metaphonian Brunch • Palmer Brunch • Thalian Brunch • Franklin Brunch • Lancer Brunch • Orthogonian Brunch • Penn Brunch • Sachsen Brunch	Setá, Uptown Datillo Restaurant, Uptown Geezers Restaurant Wardman House The Red Cross, Uptown Original Roadhouse Grill Memorial Chapel Bill & Harriet's Club 88 Sage Restaurant TBD
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Noon	Economics Club Reunion Luncheon	Hoover Patio
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1 p.m. – 3 p.m.	ALL-ALUMNI CAMPUS FESTIVAL • 4th Annual All-Society Mixer • LGBT Alumni & Friends Mixer • Poet Family Carnival*	Rose Hills Courtyard Hartley House Campus Center Breezeway & Lower Quad
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*Harkening back to the early Poet tradition of Homecoming Carnival, alumni from the spectrum of Whittier College's various student clubs and organizations will be hosting this family-friendly event in conjunction with our popular All-Society Mixer and Affinity Receptions. Come for one, but stay to play! Scheduled games will include a dunk tank, traditional carnival games, and a "Big Glove" boxing ring.

3 p.m.	Homecoming Football Game: Poets v. CMS Staggs (Claremont-Mudd-Scripps)	Memorial Stadium
4 p.m.	Homecoming Halftime Show: Poet Athletes Parade, featuring Alumni & Students Announcement of 2011 Homecoming Court	Newman Field
5:00 p.m.	Class of 1966, 45th Reunion Dinner	Home of Linda (Sutton) Kemp '66
6:00 p.m.	Class of 1961, 50th Reunion Dinner	
6:00 p.m.	Reunion & Pre-Casino Reception Celebrating the Classes of 1971, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, 2001, 2006	Rose Hills Courtyard
6:30 p.m.	Reunion Class Dinners • Class of 1976, 35th Reunion Dinner • Class of 1956, 55th Reunion Dinner	A.J. Villalobos Hall Mendenhall Lobby

8 p.m. – 12 a.m.	3RD ANNUAL CASINO NIGHT	Ettinger Student Lounge
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Blackjack, Craps, Roulette, Texas Hold'em Poker—whichever your gaming preference, you can bet we'll have it here. Compete against classmates and friends for a host of prizes, while ratcheting up your gambling strategies. Returning this year, our Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament; sign up early to reserve your spot! Care to sponsor a table or donate a prize on your society, reunion class, or club's behalf? We'd love to have your contribution to make this night another wild success!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

11 a.m.	Whittier College Day at First Friends Church	First Friends Church
4 p.m. – 6 p.m.	40th Annual Tardeada	Rose Hills Courtyard

*Schedule subject to change. For updates, visit www.whittier.edu/WhittierWeekend2011.

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WOULDN'T IT BE GREAT IF WHITTIER COLLEGE NEVER HAD TO CALL TO ASK YOU FOR MONEY?

The phone would never ring during dinner or while you are putting the kids to bed or settling down to watch an episode of *America's Got Talent*. You'd never feel guilty about ignoring the "Whittier College" indicator on your Caller ID. And, you'd never have to complain about how often we call.

However, hard-working students like me rely on your generous support to access this outstanding liberal arts education. Plus, when you DO answer the phone and speak with a student, you have a chance to learn about:

- The new Aquatics Center and Hall of Fame
- The Martin Ortiz Memorial Fire Pit and Plaza
- The three Whittier College Fulbright Scholars studying in Sri Lanka, Brazil, and Malta
- How your support of the Whittier Fund—in any amount—can create great opportunities for students like myself

SO, HERE IS THE DEAL. We are shortening our calling drive this fall and we are counting on you to answer the phone when we call—the first time! Or, you can go to www.whittier.edu/giveonline to make your gift. Thank you for your support.