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The time has come," the Walrus said, "to talk of many things:  
of shoes and ships - and sealing wax -

## ... OF CABBAGES & KINGS

### Honoring 2021 Retirees

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Spring, 2021

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#### MEMBER NEWS

#### IN MEMORIAM

Bill Topp welcomed new members to the Emeriti Society during the University Retirement and Years of Service Celebration on April 28. Bill noted that, collectively, the retirees represented 350 years of outstanding service to the University. In their role as ambassadors for the University, Emeriti Society members continue that service, while social events and speakers sponsored by the Society are occasions to maintain friendships and keep in contact with University happenings. Bill invited the 2020-21 retirees to become active members of the Society and wished them all many happy days of retirement.

Each of the retiring faculty and the two retiring deans spoke, remembering good times at Pacific and noting particularly how they value their colleagues and students. In closing, President Callahan thanked the retirees for their wisdom, passion and dedication. In the Celebration's finale, Conservatory of Music retiring Professor Burr Philips sang "Pacific Hail," accompanied by Conservatory Professor Emeritus Frank Wiens.

#### New Emeriti Society Members



**Phil Buchanan** earned his DDS from USC after serving in the Army Airborne. In 2003, after 36 years in private practice, he joined the Dugoni School of Dentistry as Associate Clinical Professor in the Department of Preventative and Restorative Dentistry. While teaching he earned an Ed.D from the Benerd School of Education. Dr. Buchanan believes that encouraging students to believe in themselves while learning dentistry is exceedingly important.

**Deborah Burk**, Associate Professor of Biomedical Sciences, joined the School of Dentistry in 1979 and served as Chair of the Department of Anatomy from 1993-2009. Dr. Burk has been lauded for her teaching excellence and has been recognized by the Lucien Szmyd Memorial Award for Teaching, the school's highest teaching award.



**Keith Hatschek** accepted an appointment to the Conservatory of Music in 2001. Prior to joining academia, he worked in the music business for more than twenty-five years. He is the author of three books and more than 100 articles covering all aspects of the music industry. His latest book, *The Real Ambassadors: Dave and Iola Brubeck and Louis Armstrong Challenge Segregation* is forthcoming in Spring 2022.

During retirement, he and his wife, Laura, plan to spend more time traveling, reading, visiting family and friends, cooking and wine-tasting, while enjoying hikes in both the East Bay and throughout the Western states.



**Steve Howell** returned to Pacific as the Dean of the School of Engineering and Computer Science in 2013 after serving as Vice Chancellor (President) and Founding Provost at the new Botswana International University of Science and Technology from 2010 to 2013. Steve was a founding member of the Mechanical Engineering Department at the University of the Pacific in 1983. Prior to joining academia, Steve spent three years working as a mechanical engineer at the US Department of Energy, performing thermal analysis and modeling of nuclear reactor cooling systems.

After retirement, Steve and his wife plan to move to Bend, Oregon to enjoy outdoor activities including skiing, kayaking, camping, bicycling and riding his motorcycle on mountain roads. They look forward to spending more time with their 6-year-old granddaughter.

**Ken Hughes** retires as an Associate Professor in the School of Engineering and Computer Science after 28 years as a member of the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering. Dr. Hughes served as chair of the department for 3 years. He has published extensively on the subjects of computer graphics and iris biometrics. Additionally, Dr. Hughes has taught many students about microprocessors and microcontrollers, digital systems, and computer organization and architecture.

**Bahram Javid**, Associate Professor of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, committed his professional career to educating dentists. He joined the University of the Pacific School of Dentistry in 1985. During his tenure with the Dugoni School, Dr. Javid served for 11 years as the Chair of the Department of Oral Surgery and 3 years as the Oral Surgery Clinic Director. His teaching earned him consistent recognition, including the Dugoni Associated Student Body Award for Teaching Excellence in 2003 and 2012. He served on a number of Dugoni School co-curricular committees. He also actively served on the Dental Board of California, California Dental Association Council on Dental Research and Development, Delta Dental's Medical Disciplinary Hearing Panel, and the San Francisco Police Department Forensics team.



**Mathew Krejci**, born in Cleveland to a family of musicians, has been Professor of Practice-Flute at the University of the Pacific since 1989 as well as Principal Flute of the Sacramento Philharmonic Orchestra. For thirty-seven years, Mr. Krejci has been Principal Flute of the Bear Valley Music Festival. In 1997, Mr. Krejci and his violinist son, Evan, were invited by the Slovak government to tour the Slovak Republic as part of the Slovaks Living Abroad Festival. He has recorded CDs for the V'TAE, Albion, and Klavier labels which features the jazz suites of Claude Bolling. In the last few years, he has performed at festivals and as invited soloist with orchestras throughout the world.

In July 2022, Mr. Krejci will perform at the Texas Bach Festival.



A fifth-generation Californian, **Dr. Delores McNair's** roots are firmly planted in the Golden State. Dr. McNair joined the Pacific faculty in fall 2006 to pursue her passion for teaching, scholarship, and service. Her greatest pride while at Pacific comes from the students she has taught. She has chaired 35 dissertation committees, helped students publish their work, and been witness to those moments of deep learning when a student says, "Ah, yes, now I understand."

The next chapter in her life includes living in the foothills, hiking, and kayaking with her husband, Bill Oye. She is indebted to Bill for his unwavering support and good cheer.



**Peter Meyer** chose Economics as his senior elective at Great Neck North Senior High School, class of 1968, and never left. He completed an A.B., magna cum laude at Harvard thesis on the economics of education and his Ph.D. in economics at UC Berkeley.

Dr. Meyer's first "real job" was as an assistant professor of economics and fellow of Oakes College, a pioneering multi-disciplinary multi-racial college at UCSC from 1977 to 1985.

Dr. Meyer has been at home in the economics faculty of UOP since then.

Finally, Professor Meyer wants to credit his students, whose demand for his courses has created the derived demand for his work at UOP along with the complementarity of his colleagues.

## New Emeriti Society Members

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**Jeffrey Miles** joined the Dugoni School of Dentistry in 2001 and retired from the University effective August 2020. Dr. Miles served for nearly 19 years as an Associate Professor on the non-tenure clinician track in the Department of Preventive and Restorative Dentistry. In addition to his teaching and advising, Dr. Miles participated on a variety of committees, including Curriculum, Admissions, and Research Committees. Additionally, he was a member of Academic Council from 2007-2013 and a member of the Executive Board of the Academic Council from 2011-2012.



**Phillip R. Oppenheimer** earned his doctor of pharmacy degree from University of California, San Francisco in 1972. Prior to coming to Pacific, he spent 24 years at USC where he held several administrative appointments. From 1997 to 2020, Dean Oppenheimer served as Professor and Dean of the Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy.

Among his accomplishments that are most laudable include his garnering of approximately \$65 million in external funding, enhancing endowments, providing student scholarships and program support, enhancing technology, and adding new faculty and staff FTE's. Additionally, he helped raise funds to build the University's biology building, DeRosa University Center, renovate and name a major residence hall, build and name a health sciences learning center with clinics, and name the School.

Dean Oppenheimer has garnered a long list of awards for his service to the health professions. He was selected as the American Pharmacists Association-Academy of Student Pharmacists Most Outstanding Dean of the Year in 2014. He was awarded the CPhA Pharmacist of the Year and CPhA Hall of Fame honors for his support of our state association. Not to be outdone, UCSF named him a recipient of the Alumni Excellence Award.

As Dean Oppenheimer embarks on his retirement, he will spend more time with his wife Teri and his family.



Two notable headings in the career of Bass-baritone **Burr Cochran Phillips** include his 1988 debut with the Santa Fe Opera in the U.S. stage premiere of Richard Strauss's *Friedenstag* and his debut with the Houston Grand Opera in the world premiere of Sir Michael Tippett's *New Year* in 1990. He has also appeared in numerous operatic productions throughout the United States. He has also taught master classes in Honolulu and Miami, and Quito, Ecuador.

In the fall of 2007 Professor Phillips became an Associate Professor within the Conservatory of Music at the University of the Pacific. Previous faculty posts were held at the University of Texas at Arlington, Southern Methodist University, and Northern Arizona University. He holds the Master of Music degree in Vocal Pedagogy and Performance from Texas Christian University and the Bachelor of Music degree in Vocal Performance from the University of North Texas.



**Lynelle Frankforter Wiens** joined the University of the Pacific Conservatory faculty in 1978. During her 42 years as a member of the voice faculty, she served as Professor of Voice and Program Director for Vocal Studies. She was Head of Conservatory Alumni Relations from 2003-2009 and was awarded the Order of Pacific in the spring of 2020. As a performing artist, Lynelle appeared throughout the US and in Canada in opera and in recital with her husband, Frank Wiens.

A specialist in the care of the professional voice, Lynelle was the 1993 recipient of the Van L. Lawrence Fellowship, a national award given annually by the National Association of Teachers of Singing and the Voice Foundation in order to foster interdisciplinary education among laryngologists, voice scientists, speech pathologists and voice teachers.

Students of Dr. Wiens have gone on to sing principal roles with major opera houses throughout the US and abroad, including the Metropolitan Opera, San Francisco Opera, Santa Fe Opera, Deutsche Oper Berlin, and La Fenice Opera (Venice).

**A. Jeffrey Wood** completes 21 years of service at the Dugoni School of Dentistry. Dr. Wood was appointed in 2000 as Professor, Chair of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry and Director, Dental Auxiliary Utilization Program. In 2011, he was honored by the Dugoni School Dental Faculty Council with the Distinguished Faculty Award. In 2004, he was bestowed similarly with the University's Eberhardt Teacher/Scholar Award. In addition to his teaching and mentoring, Dr. Wood has to his credit 36 refereed publications and over 70 invited presentations in his specialty of pediatric dentistry and the scholarship of teaching and learning. In 2020, Dr. Wood was recognized with the Dr. Samuel D. Harris Endowed Professorship in Pediatrics.

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## Emeriti News and Reports

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### Remembering Those Who Built Pacific's Academic Tradition

#### New Memorial List

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In recent years, the Emeriti Society has sent you a "Memorial List," of members who have passed away. The list has names set off by year starting with the current year and going back to 2009. This list, while appreciated, has seemed to many of you to be simply a roll call for members only without reference to the life and career of the person. We are working to change the design and make it available to the University webpage, the Alumni Office, and our group.

Here are items in the new design:

- The purpose of the list is to honor those who have made contributions to Pacific's academic history. The header is "**Remembering Those Who Built Pacific's Academic Tradition**"
  - Two forms of the Memorial List will be available:
    - List ordered alphabetically by name with the year of passing included.
    - List with names grouped by years. A header will designate the year of passing and names in each group are alphabetically ordered.
  - Each person will have a link to a bio page that has a header, a picture, and information taken from an obituary, University announcement, or tribute. The page will be available as a hyperlink by selecting the name of the person on the list.
  - Hopefully in the summer, the lists will be available on newly formatted University, Alumni, and Emeriti Society webpages. For now, we will send you a Memorial List with names grouped by year dating back to 2009. The list is certainly incomplete. If you know of additions that should be made, please send them to us at [emeritisociety@pacific.edu](mailto:emeritisociety@pacific.edu), with subject line Memorial List. — Doris Meyer, Bill Topp
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# Emeriti News and Reports

## Board Make-up and Expanding Board Representation

### Objectives of the Society

- Maintain a continuing relationship with UOP
- Be of service to the University
- Maintain a collegial relationship with one another
- Continue scholarly activity
- Assist in providing recognition and benefits for

The Emeriti Society has an Executive Board that meets regularly to oversee its ongoing activities. The board operates within guidelines that were initially proposed by the founding members and approved by the University. Very basic criteria characterize the board's makeup. There should be diversity with input from a cross-section of programs and units at the University. Importantly, board members should have enthusiasm and a strong interest in promoting the mission of the Society.

At any one time, the Board has twelve to fifteen members with no term limits. But there is turnover since members leave the board for personal or health reasons. The task of replacing members is done by the board itself at a regularly scheduled meeting. Maintaining diversity and University unit representation are important criteria in the selection. On a continuing basis, the Board seeks to identify persons who have enthusiasm for the Society and are interested in being board members. If you are such a person, let a board member know of your interest or send an email to [emeritisociety@pacific.edu](mailto:emeritisociety@pacific.edu)

Pacific is now a 3-campus university with exciting programs and innovations in Sacramento and San Francisco. A decision was made to have a board member from each of these campuses. COVID-19 has made teleconferencing popular, which allows members to participate in the monthly on-campus board meeting either from home or in person. With this, having representation from all three Pacific campuses is realistic. — Bill Topp

## New Board Member



The Emeriti Society Executive Board welcomes emeritus professor from the **McGeorge School of Law John Sims**. John brought vast experience as a practicing attorney when he joined the McGeorge faculty in 1986. While at McGeorge, John was a founding co-editor-in-chief for the *Journal of National Security Law & Policy*, a faculty-directed and peer-reviewed journal that involves scholars and practicing attorneys from a broad array of law schools, agencies, and other institutions. The JNSL&P is one of the most influential journals addressing the excruciatingly difficult issues raised by national security, foreign policy, armed conflict, human rights, surveillance and privacy, and counterterrorism.

## Joint Task Force on Staff Emeriti

Representatives of the Staff Advisory Council and the Emeriti Society are serving on a Joint Task Force to guide development of a proposal for appointment of University Staff to Emeriti status. They are consulting with the President, his Cabinet and the VP of Human Resources in these efforts.

The draft proposal will include sections defining Staff, setting criteria and method for selecting Emeriti, detailing the path for approval of Staff Emeriti and outlining how a partnership with the Faculty/Administrator Emeriti Society will be conducted to assist with governance as well as plan and execute events and activities.

The proposal will be brought to the Emeriti Society Board when the draft is completed, with recommendations added by Judy Chambers and Will Price, members of the Joint Task Force on Staff Emeriti. — Will Price

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## Book Donations Sponsored by the Emeriti Society

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An announcement of the Emeriti's Book Donation Report will soon be distributed to all three Pacific campuses. It is timed to be widely available as the University reopens in-person for the 2021 Fall Term. The final version of the Announcement will be forwarded to the Emeriti Board as it is placed on the Society's Web Page and distributed to academic/administrative offices.

The Book Donation effort seeks to involve all three campuses and to explain "book collections boxes" across campuses to facilitate delivery to the Stockton Mailroom who will forward books to the global destination selected by the Emeriti Society – Books for International Goodwill.

The Announcement also suggests the donator can choose another destination from ALA's "International Donation/Shipment of Books" (See [www.ala.org/intlbookdonations](http://www.ala.org/intlbookdonations)). The donator must inform the Mailroom of the name/address of their chosen program. —Will Price

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## Oral History Project — An Update

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Have you checked out our Oral History Collection lately ?? It is a fantastic collection of recollections from those who lived it. There are eighty-four interviews now online, all transcribed for your reading. Search through the University website, click on the "Library" link, Special Collections, Digital Collections, Emeriti Society Oral History Collection. There they are— in alphabetical order!

The Collection has its inception in 1996. Our Emeriti Society has had, from that early date, a relationship of work and respect with the Special Collections division. Mike Wurtz, Special Collections director, his colleague Nicole Mountjoy, and staff have done all of the technical work. Even this year, interviews have moved forward as Nicole has been able to set up and record the oral interviews via zoom.

So again, we ask that you consider suggesting possible interviewees including, of course, yourself. Just contact one of our board members. We will start the process moving. Without a doubt, we all have had experiences that are worth recording. We have all contributed to programs that have developed into the evolution of the University. — Doris Meyer

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## Treasurer's Report

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The Emeriti treasury had a balance of \$4,280.82 at the beginning of April, 2021. The total donations received this fiscal year were \$1,100, which included a very generous anonymous donation of \$1,000 and a donation of \$100 in memory of Jean Matuszak. As always, these contributions are greatly appreciated! We were unable to host any events this year so we had no additional income. The only charges incurred this physical year have been for duplicating and postage to send information to members. —Simalee Smith-Stubblefield, Treasurer

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## Academic Council Highlights — Marilyn Draheim

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My narrative about topics and actions of the Academic Council covers January through the April 7, 2021. There will be two more meetings this spring semester.

**Teaching and Campus Life Resuming for Fall Semester 2021:** President Chris Callahan wants teaching to be in person this Fall Semester 2021 for undergraduates and restore our residential campus. This expectation for in-person teaching can be dif-

ferent for graduate programs. Graduate programs can decide about course delivery in hybrid, hyperflex, face-to-face, or virtual formats. In AC meetings this semester, Provost Maria Pallavicini said that circumstances with the pandemic remain in

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flux. However, vaccinations are in progress and planning is focused on in-person teaching to be active in Summer Session Three and continuing fall semester. She encouraged faculty to review what has been good about the changes in instruction they have faced over the past year and what can be important to use in the future to support and improve student learning. She encouraged AC to talk with Chris Callahan to share their ideas and concerns. The April 29th Academic Council meeting will have an agenda item for members to talk with President Callahan about planning and implementation of instruction and campus residential life and activities. Some faculty have concerns about safety and precautions in the fall in order to protect everyone as well as expressing their support for the hoped-for return to campus.

**Dean and Unit Accountability:** The University will be implementing a “Unit Accountability Model” such that deans have autonomy for planning, staffing, student enrollment planning, and budgeting. While this is not Responsibility Centered Management (RCM), it will have some features of it. Maria Pallavicini and Chris Callahan have stated that the deans and faculty in each unit will decide on staffing and budgeting needs, and the provost will be less involved in these decisions. The university had tight budgeting because of the pandemic. For example, this academic year 2020-21, the university did not contribute to retirement for staff and faculty. Everyone wants to improve the financial stability of the University in 2021-22.

**School of International Studies No Longer a Separate Unit:** Sections of the Faculty Handbook required changes because the School of International Studies has joined the social sciences division within the College of the Pacific. SIS will no longer have representation as a separate unit on some committees. However, SIS will retain a dedicated seat on the International Programs and Services Committee.

**Honor Code Violations Review and Procedures:** Maria Pallavicini commented that Joan Lin-Cereghino, Associate Provost for Faculty, Edie Sparks, and others from faculty and Student Life are working to review current policies related to student honor code violations. Some faculty had commented on incidents of alleged cheating during this time of virtual learning, prompting a view of Honor Code procedures. Maria thought the review of an alleged violation should be located in the academic arena,

rather than Student Life. The group is considering an “Academic Integrity Board” with faculty membership and Student Life’s role in keeping the records. Currently, appeals go to the VP for Student Life. These new ideas will need a new section in the Faculty Handbook when they are ready for review by committees.

**Assistant Provost for Faculty Research and Sponsored Programs:** David Ojcus from the Dugoni School of Dentistry’s Dept. of Biomedical Sciences and assistant dean for research will be the new assistant provost. Jim Uchizono is returning full-time to the School of Pharmacy and will focus on student recruitment.

Jeff Shafer, AC chair, told AC that a Shared Governance Matrix, going back to 2014, is a dead issue and document. This was a document to detail types of decisions and responsibilities of the Regents, the faculty, and other administrators. Current regents and Chris Callahan decided that such a document is not useful now and the Faculty Handbook is the primary document for such matters.

### **Presentations from Campus Administrators:**

At the spring semester Academic Council meetings, we listened to presentations from some of the administrative leaders on campus. The following are summaries of their informative talks.

**Ken Mullens, Chief Financial Officer,** gave a report at the February meeting on **Financial and Budget Highlights:** currently, the FY 21 Budget summary; FY 22 Budget Plans; and then answered questions. His PowerPoint presentation highlighted that currently there are such factors as enrollment volatility; rising rate for discounts on tuition; future decline in the number of high school students for higher education enrollment; and the COVID-19 impact on higher education. He thanked faculty and staff for their hard work on changing to on-line learning and in retaining students to keep our enrollment of returning students stable in AY20-21. He concluded on this part of his presentation that our university is financially strong and we must grow enrollment.

Next, Ken said the FY 21 Budget is balanced, but without a great margin: there were many cuts, several furloughs, no retirement match, and little housing and dining revenue. Regarding FY 22 Budget, Ken highlighted goals/desires to restore furloughs, many of the budget cuts, and the retirement contri-



bution. He mentioned our graduating class of 2021 is a large class with a lower discount rate than incoming classes over the past three years and the projected rate for the incoming freshman class for fall 2021.

In summary, AC members asked several questions which Ken answered. Many questions were related to such areas as: projected consequences of Unit Accountability budgeting and goals; the need for strong, stable enrollments; the School of Pharmacy which has many competitors now and must keep enrollment strong; and where is the budget focused for university expenses: e.g. 70% is spent on salaries and benefits; 5% on debt service, which is now improved because of refinancing bonds and our high level Moody rating.

### **Presentation by Janet Lucas, Athletic Director:**

Janet Lucas was the invited administrator for a presentation to AC at the March meeting. Her presentation included a roster of the current senior administrators in athletics. She then focused on describing the measures and protocols for COVID-19 control and testing for student-athletes, staff, coaches, and trainers who were on campus for athletic teams. She explained which sports are competing now, though I didn't copy those. Some teams decided not to compete this year, such as men's water polo and men's tennis. Women's volleyball ended after about 70% of the season because of injuries to several players.

She then talked about budgets for athletics. This included several tables in her Powerpoint presentation. I gathered that the pandemic led to lost revenue of \$1.5 million. Janet explained she chose her most conservative plan for budgeting. This included 16% vacancy of staffing, and reduction of \$444,000 in personnel expenditures and some voluntary salary reductions. Expenditures for COVID-19 was \$450,000 (e. g. PPE, quarantine expenses, medical examinations, Covid testing, cardiac testing).

Since 2018, she started a new budget system, including monthly budget reports, no expenditures without having the money available, working within budgets and keeping up with academic requirements. She has strict requirements for fundraising events. She stressed her business background and checks and balances.

She commented that during the pandemic, facilities could not be rented out for use and income generation.

Plans are in early stages for a possible Stagg Memorial Football Plaza on Larry Heller Drive between aquatics and tennis. This is to help memorialize our long history with football. There will be a spring 2022 football reunion.

### **Vice Provost for Enrollment Management, Chris Ferguson, April AC Meeting:**

Chris Ferguson joined Pacific with six months now of experience with our university. He explained that he likes systems and reorganizing them. He likes to involve alumni in student recruitment. In reviewing students for admission, he wants to recruit students who persist and will be likely to graduate in four to six years. Recruitment requires having a pipeline with communication and strategies to interact with applicants from first inquiries to successful enrollment. Faculty members are included in enrollment by helping with "Pen Pal" communication. Deans have monthly online conversations with applicants; the schools and Colleges have events that are interdisciplinary such as existing programs in Pre-Law, Pre-Pharmacy, and Pre-Dentistry. The new RN/MS graduate program for Nursing is highly attractive for non-science bachelors' degree holders. He likes use of Instagram for messaging and memos from faculty, deans, and current students.

Enrollment Services has been reorganized to include undergraduate and graduate admissions, financial aid, enrollment marketing, and enrollment operations. He explained that Burns Tower is being redesigned and refurbished to be an enrollment center. First floor continues as a Welcome Center, including a new bathroom facility; floors two to five will house tour guides and enrollment marketing teams.

He explained that he is creating predictive enrollment models for the units and likes to use enrollment data and workforce data. He will create predictive models with this year as a baseline. Undergraduate admissions will be test-blind, with tests being optional. He wants to expand contacts with high school counselors and expand attention to Bay Area schools because high school student enrollment is projected to remain high there, though declining in other parts of California and throughout

the United States. Enrollment Services will continue to purchase lists of high school students, but will not use the Fast App or Common Application.

He has implemented some changes in the procedures in Financial Aid, adding in financial aid literacy information and guides for families. His staff members have reinstated campus tours recently, though these are limited in the number of people or families and require appointments. He mentioned several plans for data gathering to find out how Pacific can be distinctive from other schools and how our Return on Investment (ROI) rankings can be publicized and improved.

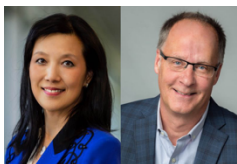
High-ranking universities have had high numbers of applicants and other universities and colleges in the country have declines in applications. He is optimistic about our position to get an 8.5% yield rate

for 2021/22. He appreciates faculty, staff and students' work in achieving current student retention and in helping to secure a strong freshman class.

**In closing**, as the spring semester will soon end, Academic Council will have two meetings remaining this spring term. One of the meetings will include an election of a chair-elect and the welcoming of new AC members from elections in units. The April 29th meeting will include a conversation with President Callahan to share thoughts and concerns about restoring campus to student, faculty, and staff activities this fall.

—Marilyn Draheim, Emeriti Society Representative on Academic Council

## University News



**Board of Regents Elects Two New Members** — **Jie Du '93** holds a PhD in Pharmaceutics from Pacific's Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy. After a successful corporate career in the pharmaceutical industry, she founded JDP Therapeutics and served as its CEO and president until it was acquired in 2019. In 2020, she donated \$5 million to Pacific to establish the Jie Du Center for Innovation and Excellence for Drug Development, which provides pharmacy students vital experiential learning opportunities.

**Gregory Boardman** began his career at Pacific where he served as director of fraternity programs and university apartments; assistant to the vice president for student life; and director of special student life programs from 1980 to 1988. Most recently, Boardman served as dean of students and vice provost of student affairs at Stanford from 2004 until his retirement in 2017.

Learn more: <https://www.pacific.edu/pacific-newsroom/pacific-adds-leaders-pharmacy-and-higher-education-governing-board>



**Gene Pearson - Fifty Years of Service** — On March 23, faculty, staff, students, alumni, emeriti, administrators and friends gathered via Zoom to celebrate and laud Pearson for his 50 years in the Geology Department at Pacific. Following the ceremony, he virtually received a commendation from the City of Stockton at a city council meeting. View the celebration at <https://liberalarts.pacific.edu/liberalarts/academics/departments-and-programs/geological-and-environmental-sciences/gene-pearson>



**Endowed Scholarship Honors Sally Miller** — University of the Pacific graduate Kathryn Tobias '72, '73, '78 is creating a scholarship open to all history majors to honor her former professor Sally Miller. Tobias started at Pacific as an English major. Her entire path changed when Tobias took a history class with Miller. "It was immediately an eye-opening class," Tobias said. "The way that Sally taught, the issues we were covering were so exciting. I switched my major to history." Miller was hired in 1967 and taught for 32 years before retiring in 1999. Miller was the first woman tenured social sciences professor at Pacific and one of the first openly lesbian professors. She died on Feb. 22, 2019 at age 81. Read the full article at <https://www.pacific.edu/pacific-newsroom/professors-life-and-impact-honored-new-scholarship>

# University News



**Lynelle F. Wiens Master Class Series** — This Master Class series was established with an anonymous gift made to honor Wiens' career as a professor of voice. The gift was made in recognition of Professor Wiens' 42 years of dedication to music and research at Pacific.

The Master Classes will be taught by a series of guests who will hold the title Lynelle F. Wiens Artist in Residence. Read more about the first visiting artist chosen by the Conservatory's voice faculty at <https://music.pacific.edu/music/lynelle-wiens-artist-in-residence>.



**Woman of Distinction Icon** — The Pacific Alumni Association honored Judy Chambers with its first Woman of Distinction Icon award. Watch the video that celebrates Judy on the Alumni Association Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/129330073809044/videos/749722815735430>

## Member News....Many Things

**From Bob and Laurel Blaney** — We have been sheltering in place and discovering new programs on Netflix and Amazon and meeting new neighbors in our mobile home park here in Santa Cruz. We celebrated Thanksgiving and Christmas with our family with masks and safe distances. We are looking forward to vacationing in May at the Point at Poipu, Kauai and in July in Sedona with our daughter Joy and her husband and their son. We will celebrate Bob's 90th birthday on April 18th in Yosemite with our daughter Martha, a UOP School of Pharmacy graduate, and her daughter Isabella and our daughter Joy, a UOP School of Education graduate, and her family.

We are both in reasonably good health but Bob's cardiologist has forbidden him to drive after several vasovagal episodes last year. Bob finished 10 weeks of neurological PT last year and works out three times a day for a half hour of exercises. His balance and stamina have dramatically improved. We walk every afternoon about 3/4 of a mile around our park.

We are still active at Aptos UMC, co-hosting a Sunday Morning Class on Black Lives Matter on Zoom as well as a weekly Bible Study group. Laurel is also chair of Staff Parish Relations Committee and Pastors Assistance Team. Bob is a member of the Church and Society Team and COPA (Communities Organized for Relational Power), an organization of over 27 faith communities, unions, and school boards in Santa Cruz, Monterey, and San Benito Counties working for justice and social change.

During these challenging times we are grateful for loving support from our family and friends.

**From Bob and Maria Dash** — Last July we were able to visit with Connor & Ría Sutton on our way to Seattle to visit son Eric and his family. Travel by car was interesting, and it seemed that the only bathrooms open were on the Interstates. Our visit with the younger Dashes included boating on Lake Washington in their 1968 classic Lyman Cruisette with Ian aged 4 taking his first swimming strokes and watching his one and a half year old sister Sydney get her sea legs.

Back to Maine in September, we hunkered down with the rest of the world until after Thanksgiving (alone and home).

In October Eric, Jayna and the kids joined us for a week in Maine made possible by working remotely.

By the time you read this, we will be back in Maine preparing our house (new furnace) for the vacation renters of July and August. In mid to late July we will repeat our Summer trip North to visit the Suttons in Pacific City and the younger Dashes in Seattle. Then back to Maine for the Fall.

# Member News....Many Things

**From Paul Fairbrook** — For unknown reasons CBS 60 minutes picked me as one of three WW II veterans who were "Ritchie Boys" (men who attended the Military Intelligence Training Center at Camp Ritchie MD). The interview will probably be shown on one of the last three Sunday evenings of May at 6 PM on CBS. I won't know the exact date, but they videographed me on March 30 and will do so again on May 1st, so I assume that it will be on one of the following Sundays in May. I will know the exact date in 3 weeks. Oh yes, I forgot to tell you that after one year apart from Peig, now that we are both vaccinated, I am now home. Hurrah!

**From Roger Katz** — I'm not sure when I last updated my UOP colleagues about what's been going on in my life so I'm not sure where to start. I guess I'll make this a stream of consciousness update. For starters, my wife, Holly, and I have been living in Sun City Lincoln Hills, a 55+ community in Lincoln, CA for about the past nine years. Before that we lived in a development in Auburn called Darkhorse.

Generally speaking, life is good. I was playing a great game called pickle ball almost daily, but that came to a screeching halt with the onset of the COVID pandemic last year. More recently, I continue to enjoy bike riding on the many trails around here, as well as walking our golden retriever each morning with Holly. I've started going back to my "man cave" in Ashland OR for a few days each month now that I'm vaccinated, and that's been great. I truly love Ashland which reminds me a lot of Berkeley where I did my undergraduate work. I had a rental property in Talent OR just outside of Ashland but unfortunately it was destroyed in the Almeda fire last September. Good thing I had insurance.

Holly and I were planning to take a river cruise from Amsterdam to Basel Switzerland last month but we had to cancel the trip because of COVID. Hopefully we can rebook the cruise when it's safe to travel again. Previously, we've taken cruises on the Danube from Prague to Budapest, and along the Dalmatia coast in Croatia. Both were spectacular trips, especially Croatia. If you've never taken a river cruise, I'd recommend that you put it on your bucket list.

As for my family, my wife Holly still dabbles in real estate, which is her second career. Previously, she was a manager in the communications department at the Sandia Laboratory in Livermore. My daughter Holly lives in NYC where she works as a designer/decorator. My daughter Kim is a teacher in Stockton. My son-in-law Chip is a physical therapist in Stockton. My granddaughter Lindsey recently graduated from the U. of Oregon and is currently teaching in Sacramento while she works on her Master's degree at Sac State. I also have two grandsons

who are in middle and high school in Stockton and are doing great. As for me, I retired from UOP in 2006 but continued to work part time as a clinical psychologist until 2012 when I retired completely.

One of the benefits of being retired is that it's enabled me to pleasure read a lot more than I could when I was working. One of the books I read recently was called *Top Cats* by a UOP alum named Tom Jones. Tom was a former basketball player at UOP in the late 60s and early 70s during the Bob Edwards coaching era—the golden age of UOP basketball. Being kind of a sports junkie and a basketball fan, I really enjoyed this book. Although I wasn't at UOP when Edwards was coaching, the book brought back memories of my days at the University.

These comments pretty much describe what the current chapter of my life has been or is like. Overall, I'm doing fine as are the people who mean the most to me. I hope the same is true for all of you. Best wishes.

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**From Bob Oprandy** — Hi. My message below may be inspiration to our readers of the C&K news. Don't know if you heard this on NPR, but it's well worth listening to this 4+-minute monologue on how thankful we all should be for the little things we are so privileged to enjoy. <https://www.npr.org/player/embed/986203268/986203269> Best, Bob

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**From Ralph Saroyan** — I've been able to maintain a very active lifestyle despite the Covid pandemic. I walk 3.5 miles daily; do yardwork almost every day; am learning to cook Asian cuisine; doing some limited travel by car to my personal safe zones; wine tasting both at wineries and at home; working out with my UOP physical therapy student and personal trainer at my home three days a week since the Baun Center closed last March; Finally I am avoiding the news which is so biased and dishonest that it raises my blood pressure; Hallmark movies always have happy endings. And I'm still mentoring student and young pharmacists. Life is good.

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# Member News....Many Things

**From Gil Schedler** — I'm now living in a cottage at O'Connor Woods with my cat, Stevie(named after Stevie Nicks). My daughter, Sara, lives in the Bay Area and is a graduate student at UC-Berkeley. We meet often at Lodi Lake for a picnic and sharing stories. My daughter, Rachel, is a Pilates teacher and has a studio in Brooklyn, New York. My son, Christopher, is an English Professor at the University of Central Washington, in Ellensburg, Washington.

A quiet life. But a beautiful campus for walks and squirrel watching. Meeting new folks---many with amazing stories. Food delivered to my door every day. A cleaning person every second week. La la la. Have pretty much finished a long memoir---installments which I e-mailed to my daughter, Rachel.

I watch tennis, other sports, Turner Classic Movies, HBO etc etc. My daughters have me signed up for every channel available. Just "vegging away"---waiting for the Grim Reaper. Ah, the final dance.

But still able to say every morning as I did in Seminary 60 years ago: "This is the Lord's Day. Let us rejoice and be glad therein." By the Lord I now mean the four pillars of Taoism: Nature, Aesthetics, Humor and Silence.

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**From Ria and Connor Sutton** — What with Covid 19 and social distancing, we have pretty much been home bound. We do live in a fairly isolated area, so it is easy to take long walks without seeing many people. We have both been vaccinated and Connor has been over to the coast to do maintenance on our place there. Tillamook County has been pretty closed down. We do see our son Matt and his wife often since they moved to Bend. Things are loosening up a bit. They ski, golf, bike ride and keep pretty active, and we go back and forth sharing meals. Our granddaughter, Sammy is still in Corvallis and doing very well. Her classes this semester will be 'in person', so it will be a welcome change from distance learning. I still quilt and do get together with other quilters on a weekly basis. Connor is busy with yard work right now and things are popping out all over.

That about sums up our lives right now. Hopefully we will get to herd immunity soon so things can relax more. Take care and give our regards to all the retired staff.

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**From Judith Van Hoorn** — What a difference spring 2021 makes! Now that we're vaccinated, Derek and I revel in the warmth of the season, taking walks, meeting friends outside, and visiting our kids and grandkids in Livermore and Sebastopol.

In 2020, I found escape and challenge writing on two very different topics. "The Impact of Climate Change on Children's Social Development," co-authored with my colleagues in Australia and Peru, will appear in the forthcoming *Handbook of Childhood Social Development 3rd edition*.



I celebrated 2021 with the publication of *The Gift of Play: How Grandparents Enhance the Lives of Young Grandchildren*. Throughout my years at Pacific, I wrote books and articles on children's play for educators. It was quite different to write a light-hearted book for a general audience. I spoke with scores of grandparents across the country to gather real-life stories and family photos to weave together with best developmental practices, theory, and tips.

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**From Cynthia Wagner Weick** — I was invited to contribute to an Oxford handbook on the use of metaphor in management, which will be published in late 2021. That may well be the last management scholarship I do, because I continue to transition to my life-long love of art history. I am now invited to give seminars and talks (this past year via Zoom) to various groups on the Central Coast: OLLI, the Point Lobos Docent Organization, The Pacific Grove Natural History Museum, and the Monterey Museum of Art. Topics include the early California landscape painters; and environmentalism and the Hudson River school. This fall I'll deliver an OLLI seminar on the botany, historical symbolism and art of cypress trees. Pure joy. I have also joined the regional NAACP chapter and am becoming active on the education committee. Finally, Brian (also an emeritus prof with lots of projects) and I were delighted this week to have a socially distanced lunch outside with artist and emeritus professor, Gil Dellinger. He was delivering a gorgeous set of paintings to Carmel Fine Arts, one of the finest galleries in town. He's doing well, living in Laguna, and is as talented as ever. We hope all our colleagues have weathered the pandemic as well as possible and wish everyone a bright and active future.



# In Memoriam

**Gwenneth (Gwenn) Browne**  
**1934 - December 27, 2020**  
**Department of Philosophy - College of the Pacific**



Gwenn Browne passed away on Dec. 27, 2020 at age 86. She was part of the University faculty for 29 years, from 1968 to her retirement in 1997.

During all of those years Gwenn was a faculty member in College of the Pacific Philosophy Department.

Gwenn's heart was always filled when working with the many and various groups involved in social issues. In fact, a direct quote from Gwenn's oral history interview says: "I have a commitment to social justice".

Gwenn was an Easterner who came to California when a position became available at Pacific. Her expertise centered on "ethics" and "political philosophy".

Besides Gwenn's commitment to teaching, she was involved in university committees and outside activities. She was the first chairperson of the Faculty Grievance committee. She worked closely with AAUP in defense of academic freedom and faculty rights. Gwenn loved working with freshman advising and taught classes in the general education program. She gave hours to the Anderson Y program and with the Community Involvement Program (CIP). Gwenn was the program director for the Pacific honors program, a spin-off from Raymond College. She traveled to the Washington D.C. Center to supervise Pacific interns.

Gwenn's interest in social justice issues extended to the larger Stockton community. She worked with the Stockton Metro Ministry, the Family Resource and Referral programs and the Shelter for the Homeless. Gwenn's "commitment to social justice", her role as a social activist and her sharp wit contributed to a life of caring and giving.

— Information gathered from Gwenn's Oral History Interview

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**George Hankins**  
**1925 - December 18, 2020**  
**School of Engineering and Computer Science**



US Air Force  
Pilot

Dr. George T. Hankins passed peacefully at home on the afternoon of December 18th, 2020 at the age of 95. Born in rural England, Arkansas, he grew up during the Great Depression, graduated high school in 1943, and became an Army Air Corps Cadet in 1944.

He joined the U.S. Air Force to fulfill his dream of flight. During the Berlin Airlift (1949), George flew C-47s and C-54s bringing food, clothes and fuel to East Berliners blockaded by the Soviet Union.

In 1951, George married Virginia Lynn Lotts, one of the first United Airlines stewardesses and over time military duty took them to Alaska, Louisiana, Texas and Ohio.

George received his Engineering degree from the Air Force Institute of Technology, was a celebrated Air Force pilot, advanced to the USAF Foreign Technology Division and monitored Soviet missiles and space vehicles in the early 1960s.

After retiring from the Air Force as a Lt. Colonel, George was a professor of electrical engineering at Wright State University in Ohio (1967 - 1980) and the University of the Pacific (1980 - 1989) where he retired as Professor Emeritus.

His autobiography, *The Time of Our Lives* recounts some of his adventures as well as his childhood recollections. George is survived by four children, seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren. He will be greatly missed.



UOP Professor  
in Retirement

# In Memoriam

**Alice Jean Matuszak**

**June 22, 1935 - January 10, 2021**

**Department of Medicinal Chemistry - School of Pharmacy**

*Tribute prepared by Ralph Saroyan, School of Pharmacy*



Pacific's pharmacy community has lost a pioneer and leader in American pharmacy, Alice Jean Matuszak.

Jean and her husband Charles joined the Pacific family in 1963 where he taught Organic Chemistry in COP and she taught Medicinal Chemistry in the Pharmacy. Being one of two women on the pharmacy faculty, Jean became very interested in women's issues in America working closely in APhA to further the influence of women on the Profession. During her first year on the faculty she charted the course to establish a chapter of the Rho Chi Honor Society at Pacific. I had the privilege to work closely with Dr. Matuszak to prepare the petition to the Rho Chi National Office and was a charter member.

Jean was also very passionate about the History of Pharmacy and was Pacific's resident expert on all things about pharmacy history and especially women leaders in the Profession.

During one of the centennial celebrations (I believe AACP) all the schools of pharmacy and state associations were asked to prepare a giant poster on their respective histories. Jean volunteered to prepare a poster for both UOP School of Pharmacy and for the California Pharmacists Association. CPhA's poster is still on display in the main hallway of CPhA headquarters in Sacramento. To honor Jean's memory, I ask that Dean Matsumoto locate the original poster and find a suitable location to have on permanent display. Once you see it, you will easily recognize that Pacific has contributed more to the professional leadership in its short lifetime than any of the original three schools of pharmacy. She made a point to recognize our graduates who went on to lead at the state and national levels.

*Dean Rae Matsumoto's note to Pharmacy faculty, staff and students*

The Pacific pharmacy has lost a valued and respected member, Alice Jean Matuszak. For those of you like me, who did not have the honor of knowing her, Ralph Saroyan has provided a fitting tribute and description of who she was and what she meant to the school.

The University of Pacific is fortunate to have had strong leaders who pioneered important advances for the profession of pharmacy throughout its history. We have lost one of these pioneers, but her legacy lives on through the students whom she taught (including Dr. Ravnan) and the opportunities that she created. Our thoughts and gratitude goes out to her family during this difficult time.

(Link to Alice Matuszak's obituary in *The Record*: <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/recordnet/obituary.aspx?n=alice-jean-boyer-matuszak&pid=197802694> )

# In Memoriam

## **William Plaxico Whitesides September 22, 1929 - May 1, 2020 Conservatory of Music**



Born in the mountains of western North Carolina at Columbus on September 22, 1929, Bill lived an extraordinary life of 90 years. He died at his home in Arlington, Virginia on May 1, 2020, a victim of the global COVID-19 pandemic.

He grew up in towns of western North Carolina where his father was a school principal. He earned the Eagle Scout award and graduated from Bethel High School in 1947.

Bill attended Davidson College where he was the president of the Male Chorus and graduated in 1951.

His love for music and singing led him around the world. He attended graduate school at UNC-Chapel Hill and then taught music on the faculties at Marshal College and Tulane University. While

in New Orleans, he met his life's love Demain Donley, and they would have an enduring and loving marriage for 47 years.

Leaving Tulane, Bill pursued further graduate studies at the Juilliard School in New York, and after graduation he was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship for study in Europe. While in New York, he debuted at Carnegie Hall, traveled a world tour with the Robert Shaw Chorale, and sang many professional jobs—once under the direction of famed maestro Leopold Stokowski. He and Demain wed in March of 1961 in New York, and the new couple steamed for Europe. He studied in Germany, and at the completion of his Fellowship became a leading tenor with the opera houses in Bonn, Germany and Bern, Switzerland. By then, children had come onto the scene, and he made the difficult decision between a life of performing in Europe and coming home to America. Bill and Demain chose to return to America, and Bill began a long and successful career as a professor of voice.

He taught at the University of Louisville 1965-1968, OhioState University 1968-1972, returned to the University of Louisville 1972-1978, and the University of the Pacific in Stockton, California from 1978 until his retirement in 1996. He and Demain then moved back to her hometown of Morgantown, WV. Still loving music and teaching, he taught for several years as a part time faculty member for West Virginia Wesleyan College. At each stop, he became tenured and chaired the voice departments. Always loving to perform, he did many guest performances with local and national opera companies. He spent a summer with the Santa Fe, New Mexico summer opera program, a season with the San Francisco Opera and had many performances with state and local companies in Louisville, Columbus, and Stockton. He was well-respected for his lyrical tenor voice, often singing the works of Mozart. He was perhaps best-known for his masterful rendering as the Evangelist in Bach's St. Matthew Passion. He organized choirs at his family's churches and would often serve as cantor at Sunday masses.

Though a dedicated music professional and accomplished performer, Bill held family closest to his heart. He and Demain had five children, twenty grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. His academic schedule left open long summers, which the family spent joyfully at Cheat Lake in Morgantown, WV, filled with boating, swimming, card playing and family time. Bill enjoyed working outdoors and always had a bountiful and beautiful yard and garden with fruit trees, flowers, and vegetables. Trips back and forth from California to West Virginia allowed exploring our National Parks along the way. He figured he had driven back and forth across the country more than 50 times.

His family is left with countless memories that are held dear, including pictures of places visited, recordings of his beautiful singing voice, and the lasting gift of treasuring one's family. Bill is survived by his children Edward William and his wife Barbara of Wilmington, NC; Katherine Fristoe and her husband Jamie of Atlanta, Georgia; Doris Stone and her husband Don of York, PA; Sarah Bock and her husband Lee of Vienna, VA; and Robert Alexander and his wife Robin of Norcross, Georgia. Bill's grandchildren are Keenan, Boyce, Tucker, Carson, Stephen, Sarah, Elizabeth, Hope, Lucy, Jay, Lydia, Martha, Mary Rose, Christopher, Kate, Sam, Andrew, Alex, Eleanor, and Caroline. Bill's great grandchildren are John, Henry, Sam, and Liam. Bill is survived by his younger brother James D. "Dave" Whitesides and his wife Dottie of Bristol, Tennessee; two nieces Martha Workman and Emy Scoville of Chapel Hill, North Carolina; and one nephew Will Whitesides of Bristol, Tennessee. Bill was predeceased by his parents William Plaxico Whitesides, Sr. and Martha Alexander Whitesides; his sister Doris Whitesides Reeves; his nephew Davis Whitesides and his wife Demain Donley Whitesides.