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Pitzer leads the nation in Fulbrights

Pitzer College is the top liberal arts college in the nation for Fulbright scholarships, according to The Chronicle of Higher Education.

Pitzer's 23 Fulbright scholars in the 2009-10 academic year earned the college the top spot in the Chronicle's Fulbright program report for undergraduate colleges.

Sponsored by the U.S. government, the Fulbright program aims to promote understanding between the people of the United States and other countries through teaching and research programs conducted by awardees.

Each year, 8000 scholarships are awarded to U.S. and international students, academics and professionals, said Alina Romanowski, deputy assistant secretary for academic programs at U.S. Department of State.

"This is a really good way of deepening understanding and building ties between the U.S. and other nations," Ms.

Romanowski said. "Many of the relationships built during these programs will last a lifetime."

Pitzer students are traveling far and wide to complete their Fulbright projects. Among the list of countries are Malta, Cyprus, Columbia, Moldova, Malaysia and South Korea.

Pitzer College President Laura Skandera Trombley attributed her institute's success in Fulbright scholarships to the high rate of students studying abroad and its emphasis on community engagement.

"We're graduating global citizens here," said Pitzer College President Laura Skandera Trombley. "We've always had a commitment as part of our core values for intercultural engagement and diversity so I think this honor attests to the strength of our programs and efforts."

Last year, 74 percent of Pitzer College seniors graduated after taking part in a study abroad program compared with 2

percent nationally and Pitzer students earned over 100,000 hours of community engagement.

Ms. Skandera Trombley added that many underrepresented groups receiving Fulbright scholarships were among Pitzer's 23 awardees.

The International Institute of Education identifies 3 underrepresented groups as men, science majors and students of color. Pitzer College's awardees included 8 men, 2 science majors, 9 students of color (3 Asian American, 3 Latinas and 3 African American) and 2 non-traditional age students.

This is the seventh consecutive year Pitzer College ranks as the national leader in Fulbright Fellowships per thousand students. In Pitzer's 46 year history, students and alumni have earned 100 Fulbright scholarships that sent them to 46 different countries, Ms. Skandera Trombley said.

— Tony Krickl

How sweet it is COURIER photo/Steven Felschundneff



Kurtis Redman, 12, empties his Halloween candy into a box at orthodontist Dr. Dougals Brown's office on Monday in Claremont. For 10 years Dr. Brown has paid local children a dollar per pound of candy they give up on the first business day after Halloween. He is most interested in buying back the sticky types of candy that tend to damage braces. The candy will be donated to Operation Gratitude which provides American troops with sweets that they give to children while working in foreign countries.

CMA hosts OpenART Studio this Saturday

The Claremont Museum of Art will host a special event this Saturday that will explore the multitude of art studios tucked into Claremont's neighborhoods and business parks.

As the museum continues its core mission to promote the arts in Claremont, OpenART Studio is designed to focus on the wealth of artistic talent that resides and works within our city.

Over 30 area artists will open their studios from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. for a public tour hosted by the Claremont Museum of Art. Visitors will get an inside look at the artist's process and the work it creates. A special map will guide participants from studio to studio. Cost is \$50 per person, museum members receive a 25 percent discount.

Check-in begins at 11 a.m. at Memorial Park at 840 N. Indian Hill Blvd. The OpenART Studio tour concludes with a party with the artists. Margaritas, wine, and brew will flow along with delicious and colorful tapas in a colorful cantina. The reception from 4 to 6 p.m. will also feature a holiday art book sale and a door prize drawing.

Visitors will have the opportunity to see the working studios of Robin Adsit, Barbara Beretich, Steve Comba, Kirk Delman, James Fuller, Cathy Garcia, Gary Geraths and Joyce Hessegrave, Crispin Gonzalez, Rebecca Hamm, Tom Herberg, Mike Hill, Carolyn Lee Howard, Mary Hughes, Paul Knoll, Mike Kotsen, Nancy Macko, Tim Maxwell, Jon Pacini, Elizabeth Preston, Luis Ramirez, T. Robert, Anne Seltzer, Tom Skelly, Jeanne Steffan, Norma Tanega, Chris Toovey, Martha Underwood, Georgette Unis, Ahlene Welsh, Larry White and Michael Woodcock.

For information, visit the Claremont Museum of Art website at claremontmuseum.org.

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