Pitzer Launches First Major Fundraising Campaign

Amidst the nostalgia and merriment of Alumni Weekend, Pitzer officially launched its first major fundraising campaign on April 28 at a gala event some have described as one of the proudest moments in the College’s 37-year history.

McConnell Center dining hall was transformed into an elegant, candlelit ballroom for the kickoff of The Campaign for Pitzer College, which drew some 400 alumni, faculty, trustees, students, staff, parents and friends.

Highlights of the evening included the world premiere of a video and remarks on the importance imagination played in creating Pitzer College by Mary Beth Garber ’68, Paddy O’Brien ’71, President Marilyn Chapin Massey and Susan Pritzker. Pritzker chairs the Campaign and the College’s Board of Trustees. Peter M. Nardi, professor of sociology, was master of ceremonies.

The video, titled “Imagine a College” to reflect the theme of the Campaign, featured new footage shot on campus, at community-based programs and in Nepal, as well as interviews with professors Steve Glass, Agnes Jackson and Alan Jones; alumni Juan De Lara ’96 and Ella Pennington ’81; and students Cristal Torres ’01, Sarah Bentley ’01 and Veronica Briggs ’03. The video soundtrack was arranged and performed by Lew Ellenhorn, professor emeritus of psychology.

The evening began with a reception in McConnell Living Room and ended with dancing to the sounds of City Connections. A jazz combo performed during the reception and roving doo-wop singers entertained throughout the evening.

Photos by Nancy Newman-Bauer
"The Campaign for Pitzer College is a critical step in gathering the resources we must have to move ahead with vision and purpose," said Pritzker, adding that Pitzer has already raised nearly 60 percent of its $40-million goal. "The Campaign is far and away the most ambitious fundraising effort the College has ever undertaken."

Comprehensive in nature, The Campaign for Pitzer College seeks to undergird the institution’s solid financial base while furthering three goals essential to a robust future: increasing the endowment ($20 million), building the annual fund ($8 million) and expanding philanthropic support of innovative projects and programs ($12 million).

"Pitzer's progress is gratifying, but more must be done to assure that we are positioned to meet the challenges of a new age," said President Massey. "We must reinvigorate the commitment to our educational goals so that we can continue to lead with a liberal arts focus placed where it always has been at Pitzer: on a concern with values generated through spirited intellectual inquiry, on the tradition of participatory interchange, and on a commitment to a diversity of perspectives, experiences and persons."

With these larger goals in mind, the Pitzer community engaged in a collaborative strategic planning process that probed the potential and challenges facing the College in the 21st century. From this process emerged critical objectives that shaped the funding priorities for the Campaign: Increasing Access for a Diverse Student Population; Invigorating the Residential and Intellectual Community; Attracting and Honoring a Remarkable Faculty; and Providing the Tools for Effective Teaching, Learning and Collaboration.

"At this point in its history, Pitzer is uniquely positioned to set new standards for liberal arts colleges," said Pritzker. "But this can only happen if those who know and care about Pitzer College actively support the goals set forth in The Campaign for Pitzer College."

Pitzer will be 41 years old when the Campaign concludes in 2004.
Pitzer's Largest Graduating Class Looks to the Future

It was something all of the attendees of the 37th Pitzer College Commencement seemed to feel: the triumph that senior class speaker Cristal Torres expressed as she walked across the makeshift stage on Brant Clock Tower Lawn, her head held high and arm's thrusting skyward. For the 219 graduates, the largest graduating class in Pitzer’s history, it was the culmination of four years of perseverance.

Torres, who was a finalist for the prestigious Fulbright and Coro fellowships, called on her fellow graduates to pursue their highest dreams. She punctuated the appeal with a story about her grandfather, who dreamed of better lives for his seven children and sent all of them to college on a farm worker’s salary.

“Never forget where you came from,” Dr. Joycelyn Elders, the controversial former U.S. Surgeon General whose outspoken views on sex education and AIDS prevention led to her resignation from that post in 1994, delivered the keynote address. She challenged the graduates to search for solutions to global dilemmas, including ways to distribute affordable HIV/AIDS drugs, to implement worldwide justice and universal health-care systems, and to offer comprehensive birth-control education.

“If you want to save our society, you have to find a way to control the three P’s: poverty, population, and pollution,” Elders said. “What was unusual about the class of 2001 is that word of mouth seemed to spread, and students, upon hearing that their friends were applying for awards, decided to apply themselves. It became a collective enterprise. Students helped one another, read one another’s proposals and personal statements.”

Along with these challenges, Elders offered graduates several tips for their lives: “Take good care of yourself,” “Never forget where you came from,” “Don’t be afraid to ask for help,” and, finally, “Never fear failure.”

“The only time you can’t afford to fail is the last time you try,” she said.

Pitzer Harvests Bumper Crop of National Fellowship Awards

Pitzer seniors garnered a trove of prestigious awards this year, including a Thomas J. Watson Fellowship, three Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarships, three Fulbright awards and two Freeman Foundation Asia Fellowships.

“Every class has excellent students who have done things that make them good candidates for prestigious fellowships,” says Nigel Boyle, associate professor of political studies. “What was unusual about the class of 2001 is that word of mouth seemed to spread, and students, upon hearing that their friends were applying for awards, decided to apply themselves. It became a collective enterprise. Students helped one another, read one another’s proposals and personal statements.”

Gabriel Garcia of Claremont, Calif., received both the Thomas J. Watson Fellowship and the Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship. He was at a party thrown by hearing-impaired acquaintances when he came up with the thesis that would ultimately land him the two elite awards. Scanning the guests that night, Garcia noticed an “unusual” number of interracial couples. Being himself the product of an interracial relationship, Garcia wondered whether what he was observing was something unique to the deaf culture. So, under the advice of his American Sign Language professor and mentor, he asked someone the signed response: “Her eyebrow went up, and she said, ‘I never thought about that.’”

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It is not the first time something has changed García’s life so quickly and so profoundly. He is the first to say his phenomenal, hard-earned successes at Pitzer are “beyond my dreams.” García’s stepfather was an ex-Navy Seal as well as an alcoholic and recovering drug addict. By the time García was 11, his stepfather was mentally and physically abusive. “After a pretty severe choking and thrashing” one day when he was 15, García left home and lived on the streets for two years. Eventually, he rejoined his mother and two younger sisters who also had become homeless when they left their living situation.

By the time he moved into the Claremont area and enrolled in high school, García’s grades had slipped drastically. But a science teacher saw his potential and heeded him about his plans to go to a junior college while working at Staples. That same teacher obtained an appointment for García with LeeSharn C. radoc Moore ’87, then head of Pitzer’s Early Academic Outreach Program. García talks about the now-indefinite exchange between him and M core that fateful day. Walking into M core’s office with hoop earrings, baggy clothes and looking down the brim of his baseball cap with a “tough-guy attitude,” it dawned on García that Pitzer College was a serious school. “I wanted to just take off, because I thought I was going to embarrass myself,” he says.

Instead, García cut to the chase, telling M core, “Just tell me if I can get in here or not.” García recalls M core’s response: “He raised an eyebrow, and he kind of cocked her head back... and said,”
"I believe we can do something." Once enrolled, Garcia wasted no time building an impressive education, including a double concentration in sociology and psychology. In addition to his course loads, he’s been tutoring disadvantaged youth through the Upward Bound program since his freshman summer—which is how he initially fell into American Sign Language courses. He also has managed to tutor twice weekly—up to three hours a day—for Touch of Life, a program that runs a home in Pomona, Calif., for incarcerated youth. The Pomona chapter of Touch of Life is managed by a Pitzer alumni couple, Charles and Dina Wade, both 1987 graduates.

"I definitely a better student now, by all means," says Garcia, when asked to compare who he was in high school, and who he is now. "I've developed study habits and I think I'm more motivated. I definitely have matured. Before, I wasn't confident in myself to engage people in an intellectual and academically. And Pitzer has given me more than that, and allowed me to grow and change in a lot of ways." Seven other Pitzer seniors received prestigious awards this year.

Micaela Hite of Las Vegas, and Katya Hurwitz of Santa Cruz, Calif., also won Rotaty Ambassadorial Scholarships. White, an economics major, will study development planning and health care in Kenya. Hurwitz, a human biology major, will study public health issues in Africa.

Erik Good of San Diego won a Fulbright research grant for her proposed study, "Cultural Expectations and Language Acquisition by Tibetan School Children." Good, who held a double concentration in anthropology and linguistics, will conduct her research in Nepal.

Heather Miller of Laguna Hills, Calif., won a Fulbright research grant for her proposed study, "The Interactive Relationship Between Western Medicine and Andean Health Concepts." Miller, a sociology concentrator, will conduct her research in Venezuela.

Sacha Moustakas of Ann Arbor, Mich., was honored with a Fulbright teaching grant to teach English in Korea. Moustakas' concentrations include an international/intercultural studies.

Scott Davis of Mosier, Ore., and Min Tran of Hayward, Calif., both received Freeman Fellowships. Tran, an economics-accounting concentrator, will study the culture and industry of rice in Vietnam. Davis, a religious studies concentration, will explore Buddhism and social action in Taiwan.

Several seniors also were selected as alternates or finalists for awards. Sarah Bentley of Portland, Ore., is an alternate for a research Fulbright. Rachel Newman of Bethesda, Md., is an alternate for the Freeman Fellowship. Lindsay T Horson of Alhambra, Calif., and Cristal Torres of Upland, Calif., were selected as finalists for Fulbright awards. Torres also is an alternate for the Coro Fellows Program.

Along with the many seniors who received awards, Pitzer junior Dina Bob became the first student in the College’s history to receive the Udall Fellowship, a scholarship award. Bob is a resident of Ferndale, Wash., with a combined concentration in anthropology and environmental studies.

Film Benefits Reap 11 Scholarships

Two film benefits in April provided entertainment for Pitzer attendees and helped the College raise more than $100,000—enough to provide scholarships for 11 students.

On April 2, alumni, parents and friends of the College gathered at Paramount and Studio Theaters in Hollywood for the premiere screening of "Along Came a Spider" starring Morgan Freeman and Monica Potter. A post-party followed the screening.

The event, underwritten by Paramount, was co-chaired by Pitzer trustee Susan D'Ollignan and her husband, Jonathan, Actor Morgan Freeman, who was in attendance, served as the event’s honorary chairman.

Later in the month, more than 70 Pitzer alumni and parents gathered at The Village East Cinema in New York for a special preview showing of "The Golden Bowl," a Merchant Ivory Film. Liz Milwe '76 and Peter Wormser '75 hosted a pre-screening party at their Greenwich Village loft.

Four alumni served as co-chairs for the Pitzer benefit: Peter Elson '76, Amy Rosen '76, Milwe and Wormser. About $17,000 was raised.

Alumni in Entertainment Share Experiences

Behind many successes are the stories of struggle. Pitzer alumni from the past five decades gathered on campus this spring to share with students their personal highs and lows in a variety of entertainment-industry careers.

"This is not an easy business," Jana M. emel '75, president of Chanticlear Films and three-time Oscar winner, told those assembled at the Media Studies Alumni-Student Symposium. "The only reason to do this is if you have a passion for it and something to say."

The symposium was the senior project of Rachael Baker '01, a media-studies major. Baker said the symposium participants had valuable advice for the students who were preparing to launch their careers. "The media industry is just so huge," she said. "A lot of us don't know where we are going to be in it. It is important that we get some words of wisdom."

Passion was the common thread running through the disparate tales of success in a notoriously cutthroat industry. Whether the speakers had carved a happy niche for themselves in movies, music, television or radio, whether they honed their skills to become producers, actors, writers, graphic designers, agents or administrators, all shared a seemingly unquenchable love for their work.

"When nobody would return my calls, when I could not get any auditions, I looked in the mirror and said 'I can do this,'" said actor Bruce Locke '84. "This is really what I want to do, and come hell or high water, I am going to do it."

Locke and other symposium participants shared how perseverance eventually paid off. They spoke about starting out at the bottom, taking jobs in their fields wherever they could find them, sometimes working for free.

Music video producer Sylvan Hite, a 1998 Pomona College graduate who credits his courses in media studies at Pitzer for helping him succeed, told of working as a poorly paid production assistant and once picking up cigarette butts on a rain-drenched sidewalk at 3 a.m. because a director asked him to.

Mary Bath Garber '68, president of the Southern California Broadcasters Association, told of working as a file clerk...
Black Studies’ (IDBS) spring conference being in the right place at the right time.”

Pitzer student Dave “Archive” Zinser works the turntables for Abstract Rude during a performance. Photo by Marc Campos

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Jones joined Pitzer’s faculty in 1986 as assistant professor of psychology. He was promoted to associate professor in 1991 and to full professor in 1997. During his tenure at Pitzer, he also has served as director of the Center for California Cultural and Social Issues (CCCSI), as chair of the five College Neuroscience Group of the Colonnels and as director of the Colonnels innovative Pitzer in Ontario off-campus study program.

“Professor Jones’ calls the position an impressive record of faculty lead-

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Chapin Massey. “He is highly regarded as an inspiring and imaginative teacher, scientist and community leader.”

that's the panel of four hip-hop and rap specialists did in a daylong symposium that raised contemporary issues related to hip-hop. The event included both intellectuals and entertain-

Pitzer students,” Massey said. “Having leadership skills and his deep love of service in student affairs, his excellent faculty, students, staff and alumni.

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Women’s Center Tells ‘Her Stories’

Hosting a panel discussion about mothers and their influence in our lives might seem a tame way to celebrate Women’s History Month. When the Pitzer College Women’s Center advertised their “Women’s Her Story” event this spring, however, they were inviting their audience to reflect upon not only the intersections between our public and private lives but also upon the very notion of “history” itself.

“I think it’s ‘white men’s history’ month,” noted Amanda Sher, a junior double majoring in gender and feminist studies and psychology who co-directs the Women’s Center with junior Terra Stlaw, “It’s very telling of where we are as a society that we dedicate just one month to women.”

Although the etymology of ‘history’ in Latin isn’t ‘history,’” Sher continued, “using the words ‘her story’ may get people to think more about it.”

In fact, the impetus for a public discussion about mothers came from a highly successful and powerful performance workshop the Women’s Center presented in January about eating disorders and body image, another “private” issue that has become a cultural preoccupation over the last decade.

“The workshop was amazing,” said Darcy Buerkle, visiting assistant professor of history and gender and feminist studies, as well as faculty adviser to the Women’s Center. “It provided tremendous relief for young women who felt isolated and alone with traumatic issues. And the idea behind the panel really came out of whether or not they could tell their mothers what they were telling each other.

Sharing their stories before an audience of about 35, four speakers told of their role models, mentors, abusers, activists and survivors — all of whom went by the name “M other.”

“I owe society a lot,” began Deb Wood, dean of students at Scripps College and a single mother of three daughters. “I owe female college students a lot as a part of myself,” said Ahmed, “trying to accomplish the same goals on all of our doles.”

In the range of their experiences and the specificity of their memories, the panelists attest to the need for further analysis of the maternal role in all of our lives. “A little ago,” at the Women’s Center meeting, recalled Hillary Jo Baker, a freshman media-studies major who attended the panel with her mother, Peggy Ahmed, “I felt all was bunted and nothing a female role model. I would say that 60 percent of us named our mothers. This panel was a very good way for us to be mindful of the amazing women in our lives.” — Kristina Brooks

New Trustees Named

The appointment of two alumni, Bill Sheinberg of Los Angeles and James E. Orlikoff of Chicago, to the Board of Trustees was announced recently by Chairperson Susan Pitzker. Sheinberg, a 1983 graduate, is a partner in The Bubble Factory, a Beverly Hills-based entertainment company. Orlikoff, a 1976 graduate, is the president of Orlikoff & Associates, Inc., a consulting firm specializing in leadership issues for healthcare, college and university boards, association boards, financial institutions, symphony orchestras and others. Orlikoff has owned his own business for 13 years.

The appointments bring to 42 the total number of trustees on the Pitzer Board of Trustees. Other prominent trustees include Lisa Specht of Los Angeles, a partner in the law firm of M an, Phelps & Pinker; Congressman Xavier Becerra (D-California); Terry Lenzer of Washington, D.C., chairman of Investigative Group International; and Robin Kramer of Los Angeles, a senior fellow of the California Community Foundation.

Sheinberg previously held prominent positions at M T , an independent television company that produced such programs as “Newhart” and “Evening Shade” during his tenure. He also served as senior vice president at Spelling Television, supervising the development of all series activity, including such shows as “M adam of the People” and “Savannah.”

Sheinberg is an active member of the California Bar, American Bar Association, Los Angeles County Bar Association, Beverly Hills Bar Association, Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, Academy of Television Arts and Sciences and The Producers Guild of America. Sheinberg holds a Juris Doctor from the U.S. Law Center. He is undergraduate degree in psychology and sociology.

Orlikoff has been involved in leadership and strategy issues for more than 20 years. He has written 14 books, including “Board Work: Governing Health Care Organizations” and “The Board’s Role in Quality Care: A Practical Guide for Hospital Trustees,” along with numerous articles. He is the national adviser on governance and leadership to the American Hospital Association and Health Forum, and is the executive director for the American Governance and Leadership Group.

Orlikoff received his M.A. in social and organizational psychology from the University of Chicago. His B.A. degree is in psychology.

Pitzer Alumnus Made Dean at Pomona College

Gary Kates ’74 just can’t stay away from Claremont.

As a student at Pitzer, Kates studied European history with professors Werner Warmbrunn and Lucian M arquis. Then, after obtaining his Ph.D. in history from the University of Chicago in 1978, he came back to Claremont to teach history at Pitzer for the 1978-79 academic year, replacing Warmbrunn while he was on sabatical.

Now he’s returning to Claremont — again — to serve as Pomona College’s dean of the college and vice president of academic affairs.

“I am extremely proud that Pomauna gave me this wonderful opportunity to be a part of their academic program,” Kates said. “My pride in coming from Pitzer is simple — it’s the school spirit. Pitzer provided me with wonderful mentors — specifically in Lucian M arquis and Werner Warmbrunn, but many others as well — that much of my momentum for becoming an academic administrator is drawn from the desire to nurture the teacher-scholar model that makes liberal arts colleges so distinctive.”

Prior to the Pomona appointment, Kates served on the faculty at Trinity University in San Antonio, teaching courses in European history with an emphasis on the French Enlightenment and the French Revolution. He also served as chair of Trinity’s history department.

Widely regarded as one of Americas leading historians of the French Revolution and its era, Kates authored two books on 18th century France and served as the editor for a third. He received the American Historical Association’s Nancy Lyman Rossik M entor Award in 1999, and his book, “M onsieur d’Eon is a Woman: A Tale of Political Intrigue and Sexual M asquerade,” was named among the “Best Books of 1995” by Knight-Ridder Tribune News wire service.

Kates’ wife, Lynne Diamond, also attended Pitzer.

Weaving Tales

A group of weavers from Guatemala visited Pitzer in the spring to demonstrate their art. Sheryl Miller, professor of anthropology, has brought the group to campus a village that is said to create the most complex of Guatemalan weaving styles. This group of weavers, who give demonstrations around the world, hail from San Antonio Aguas Calientes, and are said to create these intricate, colorful textiles in a village that is said to create the most complex of Guatemalan weaving styles.

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1968
Linda DeBaun (Yucaipa, Calif.)
In October 2000, Linda was one of three teachers to receive the San Bernardino County Teacher-of-the-Year Award. Linda has been teaching English at Yucaipa High School for 20 years. In addition, she was just nominated for the Disney American Teacher Award.

Betty Houbion-Greenwood (Vernon Hills, Ill.)
Spent a month in Zimbabwe on an agri-volunteer assignment with USAID-funded Citizens Network for Foreign Affairs, teaching cooperative development and leadership skills to the leadership team of an agricultural cooperative manufacturing dried fruits and vegetables. Believe me—The Anytime Mango Timesun-dried mango slices sweeten the day. My daughter toured with me. She'll use the experience for her senior-year capstone project. June sends me to Canada, to present a U.S. resolution on genetic engineering at an international conference.

1970
Leslie Dashew (Scottsdale, Ariz.)
The high point for me of this year is moving into the home of my dreams in Scottsdale. I built an adobe pueblo and live in the desert. It’s beautiful! I’m trying to focus my consulting here in Arizona so I can enjoy it. My daughter, Baleigh, chose the other coast and will start her junior year at Skidmore College. She has a double major in theatre and economics. My other “project” is serving as a trustee at Pitzer and I am really enjoying seeing our alma mater from the vantage point of 30 years later. It is a very exciting time of growth and transition at Pitzer. I am enjoying renewing friendships with Pitzer folks at this juncture in life: an incredible source of fascinating, accomplished and generous people.

Jennifer Mackby (Thoiry, France)
I have been living in France for a number of years and working in Geneva for the Conference on Disarmament. This included the negotiations on the Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty. My eldest daughter just completed her first year at Harvard, my son is entering his last two years of high school and my youngest is 10. It passes too fast!

Susan C. Price (Santa Monica, Calif.)
Just a quick clarification regarding information noted in the last Participant about the tutorial program I help to run. A.) I work for the Century Housing Corporation (the Century Freeway Housing Program ended in 1995). B.) Our after-school tutoring program located in affordable housing serving low-income students is named Century/Learning Initiatives for Today = Century/LIFT. Maaaalap! Our apologies, Susan, for the error.—Editor

1971
Paddy O’Brien (Salem, Ore.)
It was a great reunion weekend and I am sorry a lot of you couldn’t make it. I brought Dina Lockhart (Malan) to Saturday dinner. She's still the same feisty and classy! President John Atherton was there and did he remember our class?

Lucian Marquis is not feeling well but Kristin Olsen and I left a long phone message with his wife to let him know we were thinking of him. Lew Ellenbom was teary with pride at all of us. And Werner Warmbrunn is ageless and told me getting married in “your 50s is the best... only then do you know what you want!”

1972
Judith Selby (Forest Knolls, Calif.)
Judith will be leading a painting workshop in France this summer. For further information, please contact her at (415) 488-1818 or jselby@marin.cc.ca.us.
1973
Olivia Abraham (Philadelphia)
Olivia will be in a reading at Cybe rMonth, sponsored by the International Women’s Writing Guild. Please contact her by e-mail at: thevillage@janel. hotmail.com or voice mail: (212) 414-7632.

1975
Robin Groch (Davenport, Calif.)
Well, I haven't written in years, but here goes. My husband and I will be celebrating our 26th anniversary next week, and two days later, our oldest daughter is getting married. My other two are still in college. I'm finishing my 11th year teaching high-school biology, including AP Biology, and I finally worked up the courage to begin a master's in science curriculum at CSU Hayward.

1976
Sasha Stots Carnell (Los Angeles)
I have a new position with the Actors' Fund as the new Western Regional Career Counselor Coordinator.

1979
Bruce Cowans (Glencoe, Ill.)
Bruce lives in Glencoe, a northern suburb of Chicago. He and his wife, Deborah, have three children (Dena, 12; Aaron, 10; and Naomi, 6). By day, Bruce is a management consultant with MAXI-US, Inc., in charge of the firm's two Illinois offices. Spare-time pursuits include children's activities, tennis, running, the beach and the local Jewish community. E-mail to brucecowans@maximus.com.

Cathy Curtis (Claremont, Calif.)
My partner, Diana Miller, and I own and operate Bella Cosita - a specialty store in the Claremont Village. We carry casual women's clothing (including Fabric) and functional art, and are always interested in hooking up with like-minded artists and crafts people who might fit in our mix of gifts, home accessories and fun stuff. Right now we were especially interested in finding a local production potter to expand our tableware section and local furniture makers. Stop by or drop us an e-mail: www.bellacosa.com; cathy@bellacosa.com.

1980
Johanna Siegmann (Los Angeles)
2001 is just flying by! Since I last wrote, my book is beginning to gain momentum. I've seen several radio interviews, a few Internet interviews – which can be accessed worldwide! – and in a couple of weeks, I'll have my third television interview! Still struggling to get a newspaper or magazine review, so if any of you out there can be of any help ... In addition, I'm working toward producing a play I wrote. I'm having a staged reading on June 20, and hopefully will be in production by the fall. Please visit my web site (www.TaoOfTango.com), which provides all the links to listen to (or buy) "The Tao of Tango!"

Eric Nasess (Annapolis, Md.)
Greeting! I am back on extended active duty in the Army as lieutenant colonel, assigned as a staff officer on the Army staff at the Pentagon. I am long hours, but very rewarding work, on behalf of America's Army.

Maurya Simon (M.T. Baldy, Calif.)
I have worked at AIDS Project Los Angeles for six-and-a-half years and was recently promoted to human resources manager. I have a partner of 11 years named Kathy Kreyns and we have a 2 1/2-year-old daughter named Emily Jayne. Kathy is an operations manager with a technology center of the Forest Service.

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Mark Shapiro (Philadelphia)
Mark will be acting as spokespeople for Whole Foods Markets in Southern California, life moves at a very hectic pace. But they welcome a new member of the ALI for more than 10 years.

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1981

Ruetta Foster (Compton, Calif.) I have recently taken over the directorship of the Drew Child Development Foster Family Agency in South Central Los Angeles. I have been working in the area of child welfare for the past several years. My wife, Rhonda '82, and I have suffered the tragic and senseless loss of our innocent 7-year-old, Evan, to gun violence. He was fatally wounded at a park we safely utilized for several years in December 1997. Since that time, we have been very proactive in dealing with this consuming problem of gun violence and societal decadence. We have committed ourselves to going in to the California Youth Authority prisons and actively working with those young men toward a true conversion of heart and mind, with the help of our Lord and God. We are on the process of establishing the Evan Leigh Foster Foundation, which will continue to address the plight of youth concerns. We thank you, Pitzer family, for your support and prayers during our difficult ordeal. We would be happy to communicate with you concerning the activity of our foundation, or simply just to share about the events of your lives since Pitzer. We hope to complete the 501C3 process within months. We can be reached at evanleigh@earthlink.net. We are well. Take care.

Julie Duffin Fountain (Youngsville, N.C.) I am still in Pocomoke, Md., watching up the surrounding landscape. I am very happy working as a teacher's assistant at my daughter's preschool. It's my back door entrance to child psychology, my first interest that led me to Pitzer. Somehow, I got derailed into environmental studies! "Hello" to all my buddies.

Robert Koppelman (Hollywood, Fla.) I am now a tenured assistant professor of English at Broward Community College in Ft. Lauderdale. Still pursuing research and a university-level teaching position. I also am active in the local music scene, performing on guitar and banjo.

Barbara Sagat (O maha, Neb.) I was elected to the position of senior pastor of the Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, Neb., on June 2 and will begin there this July. My spouse, Beverly, will be following as soon as she is able to obtain a job transfer from the post office where she has worked for the past 20 years. I also am the coordinator of our denomination's Junior Jubilees, an international gathering of children from primarily gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender Christian families in Toronto, Canada, the first week of July. This is the third Children's Conference where the jubilees are held; we have met for more than 10 years. We are enjoying a strong upswing in activity and volunteerism. As a result, we have seen great strides in the alumni-giving percentage, total amount of dollars raised, and alumni presence with on-campus committees and the Board of Trustees. We thank you very much for your past support, and I encourage your even greater participation as we move into the spring. Pitzer only will be as great as the alumni presence. I ask you for your continued support. Thank you.

1982

Ed Kania (Potomac, Md.) Ed, wife, D. Ann, and children Brooke and Blair just returned to the U.S. after seven years in Singapore.

Brad Rothman (Philadelphia) I am a registered sales associate for Deutsche Banc Alex Brown in Philadelphia, and have been known to visit the nightclub scene in New York. Hope all is well and I can be reached at brad.arothman@db.com.

1983

Jeanette Woo Chhitlan (Altaadena, Calif.) We moved last year, still in Altaadena and loving it. I'm working at Marlborough School in H. Arnock Park, now doing both admissions and a teeny bit of college counseling. Had lunch with Debra Wong Yang '81, and Andy Goodman '81 recently to share news and pictures of our kids.

1984

Katrelya Angus (Sierra M. adre, Calif.) I just want to share some very happy news with the Pitzer community. My sonnet, Holy Sonnet 11, written in the style of John Donne, was published in Renaissance Magazine, a magazine aimed at medieval and renaissance scholars, featuring historical re-enactors and sold at Renaissance fairs and on newstands throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Rene Benitez (Philippines) My wife, Bettina, just gave birth to a boy (our third child) on June 4, named Melanie Vito. 

Kathryn Mannfield Materia (Pepper Pike, Ohio) Kathryn M. ansfield M. ater, assistant professor of chemistry at Baldwin-Wallace College, recently received the Sroslaw Award for Excellence in Teaching. The award is presented to one professor annually who is nominated for outstanding and inspiring work in the classroom. The winner is selected by a committee of former winners from nominating letters sent by students, colleagues and alumni. Kathryn received her B.A. degree from Pitzer and a Ph.D. from U.C. Davis.

Heather Rockhill Nelson (West Chester, Pa.) We're having a wonderful time in our new home in West Chester. Our children are growing up before our eyes! Jennifer is 11 years old, and Andrew is nearly 9 years old. After years of technical writing and help development, I'm considering a career change to software design. We would love to hear from our Pitzer friends. E-mail us at h.nelson3@verizon.net.

1985

Drew Krolick (Amplewood, N.J.) I recently sold my new Internet company, deliveryE x, to a Canadian venture-backed logistic company called Veredex Logistics. As a result of the sale, I am now CEO and president of Veredex Logistics based in Toronto, Canada. With that said, I still live in New Jersey and commute a few days a week. On a family note, my newest child, Tate, will be turning 1 in July. My other three, Austin, 4, Shane, 6, and H annah, 8, Anybody in the New York area please give me a "ring" at dikronick@veredex.com.

1987

Connie Kesser Tierney (Woodstock, Ga.)
Still at home, enjoying being an "at home mom". My marriage to Patrick in 1987, and two kids have been such a blessing in my life. I'd love to hear from old friends. E-mail me at ctierney@mindspring.com. It is a fun way to keep in touch.

1988
Doug Calvert (Del Mar, Calif.)
I was accepted to medical school! I'll be attending the Touro University College of Osteopathic Medicine (TUCOM) in Vallejo, Calif., beginning this August. (Vallejo is north of San Francisco). My wife, Rachel, started a high-tech consulting company named MainNerve recently and two kids have been such a blessing in my life. I'd love to hear from old friends (who knew me as Lamphere): nicolehohmann@campbellhall.org.

1989
Anne (Davidson) Babineau (Saundersotwn, R.J.)
Anne says hello to her friends and former Pomona-Pitzer volleyball players. She and husband John are the proud parents of a daughter, Allie, born in 1999, and call southern Rhode Island home. They would love to hear from Pomona-Pitzer friends at babineauaj@msn.com.

1990
Adam Gould (Houston)
I have struck out on my own here in Houston and am loving it. I am still undergoing intensive paternal training under the wing of my incredible son, Sammie, who will celebrate a big 3 years this month. Doctor says he is doing extremely well and is perfectly healthy. I received my master's degree in kinesiology in 1996 from Indiana University. I am currently a teacher in North Hollywood, at the Campbell Hall School. I teach biology and ecology at the high school level. My wonderful experience at Pitzer encouraged me to become a teacher. I especially loved Dr. Sadava and his witty sense of humor. In my freetime, I work as an athletic trainer for the teams on campus, coach track and write poetry. I would love to hear from old friends in my class. My e-mail address is jacksog@campbellhall.org.

1991
James Foley (Phoenix)
James Foley is applying for high-school teaching jobs in Phoenix and enjoying Mesico City in the summers. Hugs to Huong, Victor, Caroline, Larry, Kim, Parla and others. Saben quinncesaz. My e-mail: lifeface@netzero.net.

1992
Seth Leibsohn (Washington)
Seth has become the director of policy at Empower America, the D.C.-based think tank founded and run by Bill Bennett and Jack Kemp. He is honored by his new position and asks any old pals from Pitzer days to drop a line next time they are in D.C. He can be reached via e-mail at slevsohn@aol.com.

1993
Germaine Jackson (Valley Village, Calif.)
I received my master's degree in kinesiology in 1996 from Indiana University. I am currently a teacher at the National High School in Hollywood, at the Campbell Hall School. I teach biology and ecology at the high-school level. My wonderful experience at Pitzer encouraged me to become a teacher. I especially loved Dr. Sadava and his witty sense of humor. In my freetime, I work as an athletic trainer for the teams on campus, coach track and write poetry. I would love to hear from old friends in my class. My e-mail address is jacksog@campbellhall.org.

1994
Amy Champ Spinetta (Sacramento, Calif.)
I got married. My new name is Amy Spinetta, but my e-mail remains the same as it ever was: amychamp@yahoo.com.

1995
Brendan McDermott (Los Angeles)
I recently became engaged to Cristina Culino.

Kate Post (Los Angeles)
I just moved back to Los Angeles after spending the last five years in New York City working as a talent executive. I'm taking a much-needed break between television projects, enjoying putting around in my garden, and looking forward to scaling a few M ayan ruins on an upcoming visit to Tulum, Mexico.

Jennet Patrick Zelinsky
I got married in August 2000 to a wonderful man. We currently live in Brentwood.

1996
Paul Frankel (Redwood Valley, Calif.)
My son, Paul Frankel III, was born March 18 in Ukiah, Calif. The time was 12:44 a.m. and he weighed in at 8 pounds, 4.5 ounces, and was 22 inches long. He just had his two-month checkup and weighed in at 13 pounds, 6 ounces, and is 24 inches. Dr. says he is doing extremely well and is perfectly healthy.

Nicolle Hohmann (Evinston, Ill.)
This year, I finished my master's in oriental medicine, got my acupuncture license and am building my practice now in Glenview and Chicago. I'd love to hear from old friends (who knew me as Lamphere): nicolehohmann@acupuncture.com.

1997
Dione Barnes-Proby (Fontana, Calif.)
In June 2000, I received a master's of social work (M SW) degree. God blessed me with a wonderful job at the RAND Corp. in Santa Monica, where I have been working for almost a year and it has been fabulous. I work as a research analyst doing in-depth fieldwork on welfare reform, education, child-policy and criminal-justice projects. My duties at RAND include writing protocols for interviews, conducting in-depth interviews, synthesizing data and data analysis. I have learned a great deal from this job. Probably the most important thing that I have learned is that I need more education if I want to be a researcher. I plan to attend UCLA in fall 2002 to acquire a Ph.D. in sociology.

1998
Amanda Harris (Fountain Valley, Calif.)
I am currently enrolled in a M.A. psychology program at Pepperdine, and will complete my degree in June 2002. I plan to continue in a psych degree program. In the summer, I will continue to teach in the high school for the L.A. County Fire Department, and in the fall and winter, I am a substitute teacher in the Santa Ana School District.
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Len Davis (Seattle)
Len Davis and Paul Abeely are living together in Seattle, actually embracing the revolution and in steady pursuit of the American Dream, eating, laughing and living large. For more information, contact: (206) 365-1315, yolendavis@yahoo.com or paulabodeely@hotmail.com.

Jason Lowery (Fullerton, Calif.)
"What's up" to my boys D. Bradley '98, D. Bonds '95, D. Newsom, J. Swanson '96, D. Newson, and L. Parker '96. I recently married my Pitzer o-chemistry band, Michael, and I began revitalizing our relationship. I'm still just a little passionate about writing. I'm just finishing my first year of law school at Arizona State University. I will be spending my summer working on death row cases at the office of the Federal Public Defender for the District of Arizona. Would love to hear from any alumni! I can be reached at BKAs21206@aol.com.

Alissa Ruby (M alibu, Calif.)
I am living on the beach in Malibu and focusing on my acting career and helping to launch a non-profit organization that teaches disturbed children organic farming.

Aleza Posner Weber (Reisterstown, Md.)
I recently married my Pitzer o-chemistry lab partner, Eric Weber.

1999
Katharine Albert (Alta Loma, Calif.)
Since graduating, I've been working. The San Francisco Ballet. I am up here in San Francisco planning big parties for the San Francisco Ballet. I have been here at the Association for almost a year. I think I will be moving up the coast and going back East for vacation. Future plans? Well, I love San Francisco, but I think that it is time to go back to grad school, so I am in the process of applying to a bunch of Ph.D. programs for fall 2002. To give you an update on my past, the scoop from my end...

Bryn Kanter (Phoenix)
I just finished my first year of law school at Arizona State University. I will be spending my summer working on death row cases at the office of the Federal Public Defender for the District of Arizona. Would love to hear from any alumni! I can be reached at BKAs21206@aol.com.

Nicholas Duise (Washington)
I interned last fall with Northwest Eco-system Alliance in Bellingham, Wash. I worked on issues related to trade in forest products. I am now in D.C. working with the Bank Information Center, monitoring multilateral development bank projects. I would be happy to talk about forest/environmental activism opportunities in the Northwest or possible work with development NGOs in D.C. with anyone interested in those issues at Pitzer. I will be attending University College London next fall, studying geography and environmental change. I would also be happy to talk to anyone interested in the field of geography. E-mail me at ndusic@hotmail.com.

Matty Morin (Seattle)
I graduated last year and have been living in Seattle. I worked at a Natural Foods Grocery Cooperative and as a barista at a neighborhood cafe. But just yesterday, I accepted a position working for Cornell College in their admissions office. Anyone interested in contacting me should send e-mail to: matty_nw@hotmail.com.

Hannah Pass (San Francisco)
I am up here in San Francisco planning big parties for the San Francisco Ballet.
Pitzer Makes Mother Jones’ List of Top 10 Activist Campuses

Pitzer College has secured a high place this year on the list of Top 10 activist campuses compiled annually by Mother Jones magazine. Pitzer’s campus activists secured the No. 2 position in the magazine’s third-annual ranking of activist colleges for protests last March over plans to build a seventh college on the Bernard Biological Field Station. Several students chained themselves to concrete-filled trash cans and barricaded entrances to the main business building of Claremont University Center for 28 hours until local authorities were called. Ten students were arrested; three of them were from Pitzer. The students were charged with misdemeanor trespassing and released. To compile the rankings, Mother Jones asks for nominations from national groups like Amnesty International, Habitat for Humanity and Act Up. This year’s No. 1 slot went to Yale University for releasing a patent on an AIDS drug, thereby allowing its export to Africa. The list will be published in Mother Jones’ September/October issue, which hits newsstands in early September. Mother Jones also is available on the web at www.motherjones.com.

In light of this honor, we’d like to pose a question to our readers: What do you think of student activism today versus when you were in college? Please respond via e-mail to Letters@Pitzer.edu. Answers received will be published in our fall edition. The first 25 respondents who provide a name and address will receive a free coffee mug for The Campaign for Pitzer College!