The Chronicle of Higher Education ranked Pitzer #1 in Fulbright Fellowships among liberal arts colleges nationwide.

The Chronicle of Higher Education ranked Pitzer #5 in Fulbright Fellowships among research universities nationwide.
In the 2009-10 academic year, Pitzer students and alumni were awarded a record 23 Fulbright Fellowships.

Pitzer was in the top ten in the service category in Washington Monthly’s 2010 College Guide.

Newsweek named Pitzer a Most Service Minded School.

The 2011 Princeton Review named Pitzer a Best Western College.

Pitzer was among Kiplinger’s 2010 Best Values in Private Colleges.

One hundred percent of Pitzer’s tenured/tenure-track faculty hold a PhD or the terminal degree in their field.

The Carnegie Foundation awarded Pitzer its Community Engagement Classification.
Pitzer College jumped in the 2011 US News & World Report rankings, moving from 49th to 46th.

Since 2002, Pitzer has moved from #70 to #46 in the US News ranking—its rise of 24 places is the greatest by any college or university.

Pitzer was ranked fourth nationwide in Most Popular Study Abroad Program by the 2011 Princeton Review.

The 2011 US News & World Report also ranked Pitzer 13th nationwide in Most Students Studying Abroad.

Seventy-four percent of Pitzer’s Class of 2010 studied abroad, compared to under 2% nationally.

One-third of Pitzer’s Class of 2014 graduated from high school with a GPA of 4.0 or higher.

Pitzer was ranked 14th in High School Counselors’ Pick by the 2011 US News & World Report.

Launched in 2010, the Ferre/Marquet Vaccine Research Institute at Pitzer collaborates with the University of Botswana to produce cost-effective vaccines.
Pitzer broke ground on four new LEED Platinum Certified residence halls in December 2010. When complete, 93% Pitzer students will be housed in sustainable halls.

More than 250 employers recruit on campus, and the student/employer ratio is 1.6 to 1.

The Sagehen men’s waterpolo team was ranked first in the nation in a 2010 Collegiate Waterpolo Association poll.

The Sagehen softball team was ranked twelfth in the nation for academics by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association.

As of fall 2010, 48% of Pitzer’s faculty are women, 36% are people of color and 73% are tenured.


Thirty-four percent of Pitzer’s Class of 2014 are from under-represented groups, and 9% are the first in their family to attend college.

Pitzer students donate over 100,000 hours annually to community service in Southern California.

In 2010, for the third year in a row, the Sagehen women’s waterpolo team were conference champions.

Pitzer’s dining hall is trayless, to reduce waste and water consumption.

Most of Pitzer’s campus is native/low-water, and dining hall waste is composted and used to fertilize campus.

native/low-water
PITZER’S 2010-11 FULBRIGHT FELLOWS

Clinton Attaway ’10, Hungary
Danielle Brown ’08, Uruguay
Josh Brown ’10, South Korea
Chris Coughlin ’10, South Korea
Hannah Dithrich ’10, Malta
Solamon Estin ’10, Colombia
Elena Fanjul-Debnam ’10, Indonesia
Heather Halk ’10, Indonesia
Stephanie Hyland ’10, Costa Rica and Nicaragua
Amy Jasper ’10, Cyprus
Jennifer Johnson ’10, Slovakia
Misa Kabashima ’10, South Korea
Caitlin Lacey ’10, Thailand
Steven Liang ’10, Taiwan
Elizabeth Lipschultz ’10, Moldova
Kate McCrary ’10, South Korea
Nick Perry ’09, South Korea
Maya Rosas ’10, Mexico
Yasuhiro Sekiyama ’10, South Korea
Sean Sullivan ’10, South Korea
Olivia Werby ’10, Malaysia
Elizabeth Williams ’10, Malaysia
Eleanor Wolf ’10, Peru
Additional 2010 National Award Winners

Jemima Barrios ’13, Bank of America Boston Neighborhood Excellence Initiative Award
Marie Claire Burt ’12, Collaboration Fellow
Lizette Ceja-Urena ’11, Public Policy & International Affairs Fellow
Kymberli Corprue ’13, Smiley 100 Young Leader of the Decade
Solomon Estin ’10, Harvard National Model United Nations Best Delegate; Rotary International Ambassadorial Scholar
Jeremiah Gregory ’11, Getty Foundations Multicultural Undergraduate Intern
Misa Kabishima ’10, Japan Exchange Teaching Program Awardee
Cody Klock ’12, Critical Language Scholar

Simon Lee ’11, Skidmore Scholar
Yuki Sugawara Lin ’08, Asia Pacific Leadership Program Fellow
Richard McKinney ’10, Peace Corps
Brianna Moffitt ’12, UCB Crohn Scholar
Alex Friedlander Moore ’10, Teach for America Corps
Taylor Aston Nielsen ’10, Japan Exchange and Teaching Program Awardee
Benjamin Rubin ’10, Capital Fellow
Sean Sullivan ’10, Japan Exchange and Teaching Program Awardee
Kari Todd ’12, Kemper Scholar
Delaine Ureño ’09, Getty Foundations Multicultural Undergraduate Intern
Stefan Vallecillo ’11, Getty Foundations Multicultural Undergraduate Intern
Eleanor Wolf ’10, Critical Language Scholar
Christopher Young ’11, Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholar
2010 Faculty Publications

Bill Anthes (Art)

Brent Armendinger (English and World Literature)


Flying Fish,” *Barn Owl Review*, vol. 1, no. 3 (April 2010).

David Bachman (Mathematics)


Martha Barcenas-Mooradian (Community Engagement Center)


José Z. Calderón (Sociology and Chicano Studies)


Carmen Fought (Linguistics)

Sarah Gilman (Biology)
Judith Grabiner (Mathematics)


Tessa Hicks Peterson (Cultural Studies/Urban Studies/Community Engagement Center)

Jim Hoste (Mathematics)

Alex Juhasz (Media Studies)


Azamat Junisbai (Sociology)


Jesse Lerner (Media Studies)
Ronald Macaulay (Linguistics, Emeritus)


Ntongela Masilela (Creative Studies)


Kathryn Miller (Art)

David Moore (Psychology)

Lee Munroe (Anthropology, Emeritus)


Joseph Parker (International and Intercultural Studies)


Susan Phillips (Environmental Studies)

Thomas Poon (Chemistry)

Susan Seymour (Anthropology, Emerita)

Laura Skandera Trombley (English and World Literature)
*Mark Twain’s Other Woman: The Hidden Story of His Final Years* (New York: Knopf, 2010).

Andre Wakefield (History)

B. Scott Williams (Chemistry)

Kathleen S. Yep (Asian American Studies)


Phil Zuckerman (Sociology)
*Atheism and Secularity* (Santa Barbara: Praeger, 2010).

2010 Faculty Awards and Honors

Jennifer Armstrong (Biology) received a grant of $442,052 from the National Science Foundation to support "Investigations into the Role of the CHD1 ATPase in Chromosome Structure in Drosophila."

David Bachman (Mathematics) received a Mathematical Association of America Tensor-SUMMA grant of $5,100 for the Claremont College’s Gateway to the Mathematical Sciences program.

José Z. Calderón (Sociology and Chicano Studies) received a Partnership in Service Learning Grant of $5,000 from the Glikbarg Foundation to advance a partnership between day laborers and students. He was also appointed to the American Sociological Association 2010 Program Committee.

Ciara Ennis (Pitzer Art Galleries) was awarded a Curatorial Residency by the Viafarini Foundation and served as a judge for the 2011 Visions from the New California Awards. Her interviews with artists ran on LatinArt.com and in Mousse Magazine.

Paul Faulstich (Environmental Analysis) received a grant of $10,000 from the William Waterman Jr. Memorial Fund in support of the Leadership in Environmental Education Partnership Program at Pitzer College.

Judith Grabiner (Mathematics) won a Lester Ford Award for best article in the American Mathematical Monthly. She is the only person to receive this award four times.

Tessa Hicks Peterson (Cultural Studies/Urban Studies/Community Engagement Center) received a Bringing Theory to Practice: Engaged Learning, Student Civic Development and Student Well-Being grant of $2,500 from the American Association of Colleges and Universities. She also received a grant of $7,000 from the California Council of the Humanities to support the Community Engagement Center’s Borrowed Voices program.
Jesse Lerner (Media Studies) received the City of Los Angeles Award from the Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs.

Azamat Junisbai (Sociology) received a $1,700 grant to participate in the 2010 Regional Policy Symposium on Regional Security in Eastern Europe and Eurasia, funded by the US Department of State’s Title VIII Program and implemented by IREX and the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars’ Kennan Institute.

Ming-Yuen S. Ma (Media Studies) showed his work at the 2010 Xcentic exhibit at the Center of Contemporary Culture in Barcelona, Spain.

Donald McFarlane (Environmental Analysis) received a National Science Foundation (Geosciences Division) grant of $57,151 to support “Sedimentology and Tephrochronology of Caves in the Melinau Karst, Sarawak, Malaysia.” He was elected to the International Society of Explosives Engineers.

Jessica McCoy (Art) received an Ox-Bow Artist Residency through the Art Institute of Chicago, and won the Purchase Award and the Carter Sexton Award. Her exhibit, Dollhouse, was displayed at ARC Gallery in San Francisco.

Katie Purvis-Roberts (Chemistry and Environmental Analysis) received a National Science Foundation Grant of $460,101 to support “Collaborative Research: Reactions and Fate of Amines in the Atmosphere Emitted from Animal Feeding Operations” in collaboration with Dr. Phil Silva at the US Department of Agriculture and Professor David Cocker at UC Riverside.

Andre Wakefield (History) was appointed to the editorial board of Isis.

B. Scott Williams (Chemistry) received the National Institute for Technology in Liberal Education and Academic Commons Community Contribution Award.

Kathleen S. Yep (Asian American Studies) received a grant of $10,000 from the California Council for the Humanities for her digital social documentation project “Women, Faith, and Action” co-directed with Rev. Deborah Lee.
A Tradition of Excellence

Between 2003 and 2011, Pitzer’s endowment rose from $43 million to $108 million.

Since 1992, nearly 81% of Pitzer’s science program students who applied were admitted to medical, dental and veterinary schools—the average national acceptance rate is 43%.

Pitzer’s Program in American College English has been recognized by the American Association of Intensive English Programs and the Japan Foundation for International Education as one of the most effective language programs in the US.

In 2001, Mother Jones ranked Pitzer #2 on its list of Top 10 Activist Campuses.

In 2001, Pitzer initiated the first community-based Spanish program in the country.

In 2002, the National Wildlife Foundation named Pitzer one of the foremost schools in the nation for environmental studies.

In 2003, Pitzer adopted an SAT-optional admission policy—one of the first in the country to do so.

Pitzer was included in The Princeton Review’s Colleges with a Conscience: 81 Great Schools with Outstanding Community Involvement.

In 2005, Pitzer founded the Firestone Center for Restoration Ecology in Costa Rica, which serves as a base for faculty/student research, and adding 155 acres to the total amount of land owned by the College.

Pitzer was named to the President’s Higher Education Service Honor Roll by the Corporation for National and Community Service in both 2009 and 2010.

Pitzer has been a member of Project Pericles since its founding in 2001. Project Pericles encourages liberal arts colleges to train students to be responsible citizens.

In the last decade, Pitzer students and alums have been awarded 12 Gilman International Scholarships, nine Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarships, nine McNair Scholarships, seven Watson Fellowships, seven Kemper Scholarships, seven JET Awards, six Coro Fellowships, among many others.