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Mission Statement

Pitzer College produces engaged, socially responsible citizens of the world through an academically rigorous, interdisciplinary liberal arts education emphasizing social justice, intercultural understanding and environmental sensitivity. The meaningful participation of students, faculty and staff in college governance and academic program design is a Pitzer core value. Our community thrives within the mutually supportive framework of The Claremont Colleges, which provides an unsurpassed breadth of academic, athletic and social opportunities.

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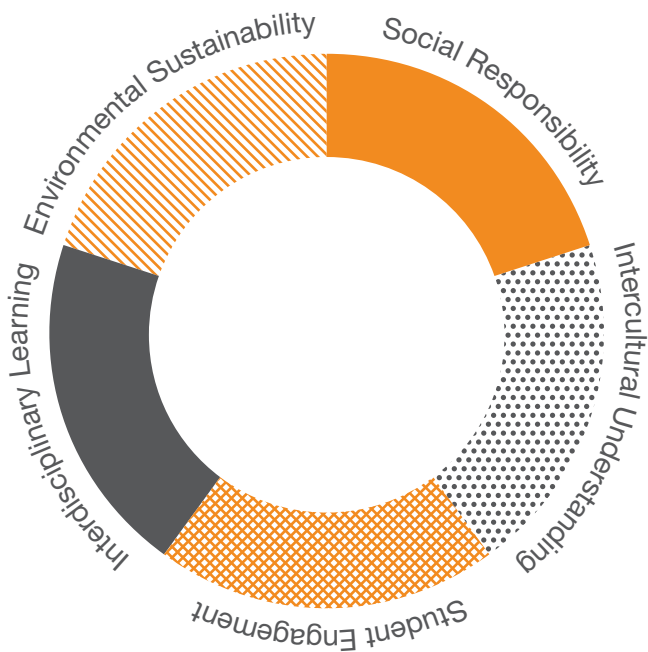
1963 by Russell K. Pitzer

President

Laura Skandera Trombley

Pitzer Core Values

At Pitzer, five core values distinguish our approach to education:



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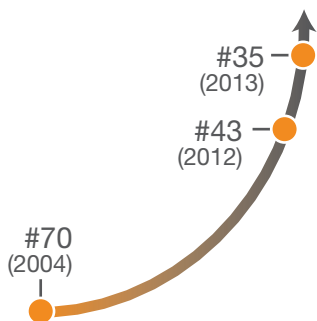
for the

4TH
STRAIGHT
YEAR

Pitzer **won more student Fulbright
Fellowships than** any than other liberal
arts college in the US

–The Chronicle of Higher Education

Nearly **10%** of the **2013** class was awarded
Fulbright Fellowships



#35 Best Liberal Arts College
(8-point jump in one year)
-U.S. News & World Report

A
TOP 20
most selective college
in the nation

A 2013 **Best Value College**
-Princeton Review

100%

of students engage in service learning or
community service before graduation

Pitzer named to the

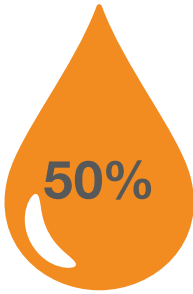
President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll

for the 6th time in 7 years

#6

Faculty/Staff support and
involvement for community service

—Washington Monthly



Pitzer has cut water usage in half since 2002, despite adding 8 new mixed-use residential halls

48%

of campus buildings are LEED Platinum or Gold certified



Student : Faculty Ratio



Healthiest dining options

&



Greenest Campus

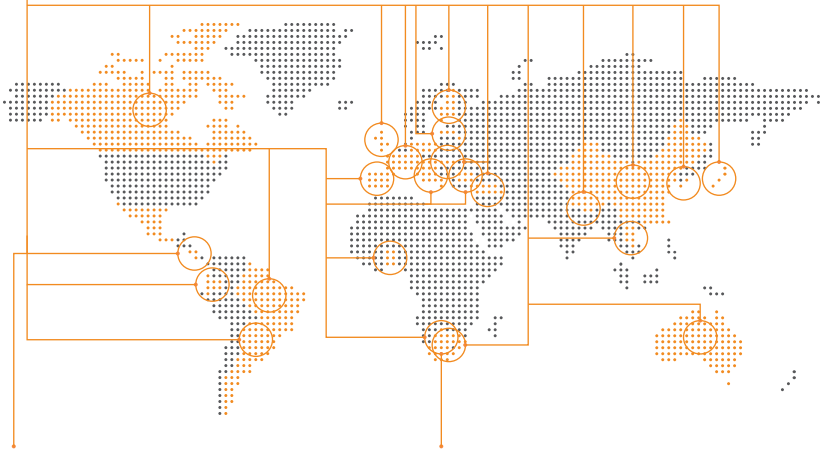
-College Prowler

75%

of the class of 2013 studied abroad

67 Study Abroad Programs

- 5 Pitzer Semester Programs
Botswana, China, Costa Rica, Ecuador and Nepal
- 2 Pitzer Summer Programs
Costa Rica Summer Health and Summer Study in Japan
- 48 International Exchanges
- 12 Domestic Exchanges



Pitzer's Firestone Center for Restoration Ecology in Costa Rica serves as a biological reserve and base for ecological research

Students and faculty at the Ferré/Marquet Vaccine Research Center develop vaccines on campus and in Botswana

#13
most popular study
abroad program
—Princeton Review

TOP 20
in nation with most students
studying abroad among
undergraduate institutions
—U.S. News & World Report

Pitzer is the first and only college to offer a degree in secular studies

Students participate in college governance through dozens of committees and the Student Senate

Students run the Green Bike Program, organic garden and the Shakedown Café

more than **14%**
of graduates in 2013
designed their own major

Pitzer is home to the

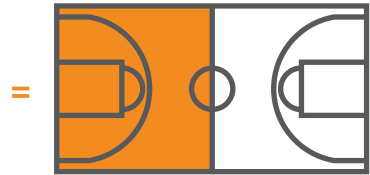
Robert Redford Conservancy for Southern California Sustainability the first conservancy

devoted to Southern California environmental issues



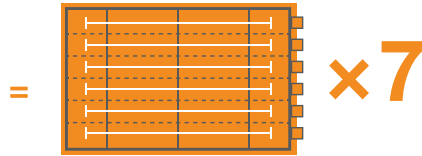
of Pitzer's energy comes from
renewable resources

2,560 cubic feet of trash
diverted from landfill
through a recycling/reuse
program



About half a basketball court

190,000 gallons of
water Pitzer saved
through its graywater
system



About seven swimming pools

Pitzer's landscaping is largely low-water and its dining
hall is trayless, reducing waste and water use

Pitzer is one of the 311 **greenest
colleges** in the country

—Princeton Review



LEED-certified
residential buildings

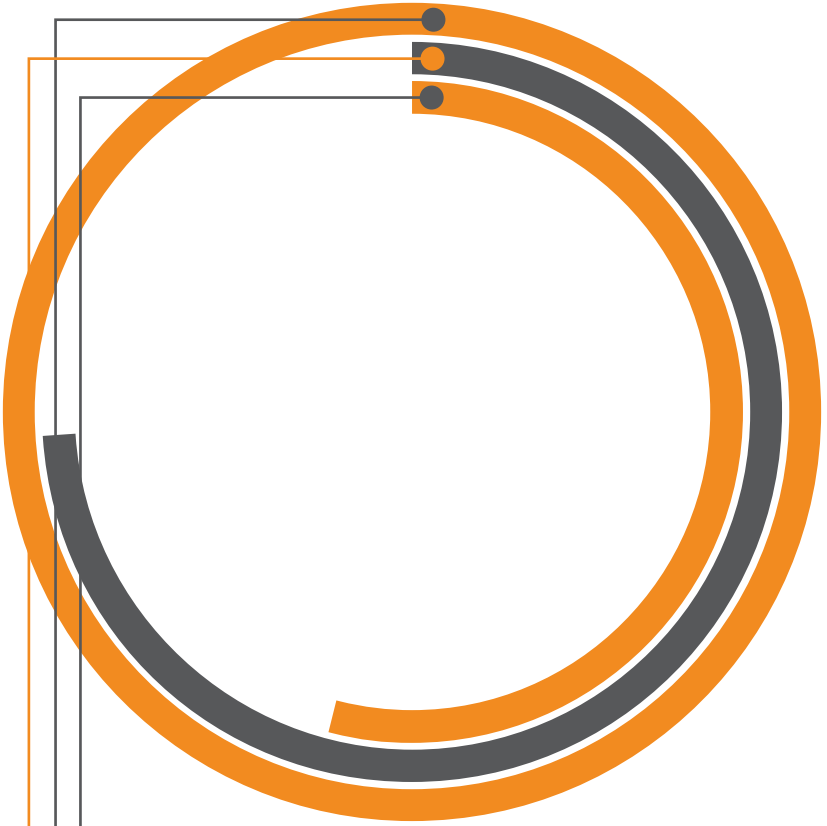
Since 2007

100%

of all new construction
is LEED certified

48% of all buildings on campus are
LEED Platinum or Gold certified

Pitzer could ultimately be
the first college in the
country to have all gold or
platinum LEED-certified
residence halls



- **100%** of Pitzer's tenured/tenure-track faculty hold a PhD or terminal degree in their field
- **74%** of faculty are tenure/tenure-track
- **52%** of tenure-track faculty are female

For **10 years**, Pitzer College has been the

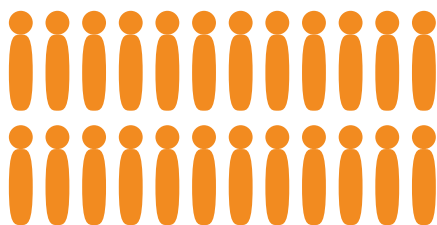
NATIONAL LEADER

in **Fulbright Fellowships** per thousand students

Students and alumni have been awarded a total of

182 Fulbrights

in less than **15 years**



Twenty-
four

Pitzer students and alumni were awarded Fulbright Fellowships for the 2013–14 academic year, setting a new college record

Elisa Asdourian '13, Armenia
Sophie Beiers '13, Malaysia
Ana Berry '12, Malaysia
Sydney Calander '13, Poland
Rachel Conrad '13, Ecuador
Kristin Dobbin '13, Honduras
Karen Eisenhauer '13, Taiwan
Alison Espinosa-Setchko '13, Spain
Jason Fields '12, Turkmenistan
Kayla Friedman-Barb '13, Turkey
Elizabeth Heinlein '13, Brazil
Acacia Hori '13, Malaysia
Zara Howard '13, Greece
Micah Huang '13, Hungary

Erin Komplin '13, Malaysia
Joel Ledezma '13, Malaysia
Gabriel Loewinger '12, Nepal
Lila Mendoza '13, South Korea
Hannah Miller '13, China
Victoria Morales-O'Connor '13**
Nathan Pensler '13, Australia
Julianna Quinn '13, Argentina
Jonathan Rice '13, South Korea
Alyssa Solis '13, Malaysia*

*declined

**French Government English
Teaching Assistantship



Pitzer students were awarded positions with **Teach For America**, setting a new college record.

Teach For America

Evelyn Cheung '13, New York, NY
Alison Espinosa-Setchko '13*
Molly Hasegawa '13, Hawaii
Dusty Havens '13, Miami, FL
Acacia Hori '13*
Xochil Johansen '13, Los Angeles, CA
Danielle Johnson '13, Detroit, MI
Jessica Keener '13, Tulsa, OK
Casey Leek '13, Tulsa, OK
Benjamin Levine '14, Los Angeles, CA
Victoria Morales-O'Connor '13*
Tara Rothe '13, Chicago, IL
Danielle Ryu '13*

*declined or deferred

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Environmental Analysis Fellowships

Evelyn Byer '14
Zoe Elkin '15
Karina Faulstich '15
Jessica Grady-Benson '14
Robert Little '15

Coro Fellows Program in Public Affairs

Jared Calvert '13

Harvard National Model United Nations

Elizabeth "Biz" Pedersen '14

Napier Awards for Creative Leadership

Rachel Conrad '13
Caitlin Watkins '13

Robert Day Scholarship

Rachel Aronoff '15

Braden Bernards '15

Braden Holstege '14

Udall Scholarship

Keiko Budech '14

Jessica Grady-Benson '14

US Department of State Critical Language Scholarship

Samantha Morse '14

Watson Fellowship

Haley Brown '13

Sagehen Sports

Women's Water Polo won the SCIAC Championship

Men's Water Polo tied as SCIAC Champions

Men's Soccer won the SCIAC Championship

Women's Tennis ranked in top 10 nationally

Men's Tennis ranked in top 25 nationally

Jason Cox '13 was named the Division III Men's Water Polo Player of the Year by the Association of Collegiate Water Polo Coaches

Alex Johnson '13 earned All-SCIAC and All-West Region Cross Country honors from the US Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association after finishing second in the SCIAC Championships and fourth in the NCAA Division III West Regionals

Rachel Kessler '14, Casey Leek '13 and Jana London '14 were named first-team All-SCIAC in Women's Lacrosse

Erik Munzer '13 earned first-team All-West honors from the National Soccer Coaches Association of America and was named first-team All-SCIAC for soccer

Maxwell Sabel '13 and Christopher Wiechert '14 were named first-team All-SCIAC in Men's Tennis

Katya (Katy) Schaefer '16 was named the SCIAC Water Polo Newcomer of the Year

Alyssa Woodward '15 was named first-team All-American by the Association of Collegiate Water Polo Coaches

Alumni Achievements

Thomas W. Brock '83 was named commissioner of the National Center for Education Research.

Lauren Dolgen '97 was promoted to head of West Coast reality programming and executive vice president of series development for MTV.

Todd Eachus '84 was named the chief external affairs officer of Opportunity Finance Network.

John Landgraf '84 was named chief executive officer of FX Networks and FX Productions.

Jenn Louis '93 was one of 13 award-winning chefs to compete on Bravo TV's *Top Chef Masters*.

Richard McKinney '10 won a StartingBloc Fellowship to the Institute for Social Innovation.

Faculty Achievements by the Numbers

Approximately
\$1,000,000
in grants and fellowships in support of
faculty research



131

presentations at
conferences &
invited talks



77

articles &
book chapters



11

exhibitions, film
& video



10

books

2013 Faculty Awards and Publications

Faculty Research Grants & Awards

Bill Anthes (Art)

Professor Anthes received an Art and the Environment Program Development Grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation for Pitzer College's Art Field Group. **\$600,000**

Jennifer Armstrong (Biology)

Professor Armstrong received a National Science Foundation (NSF) grant supplement for "RUI: Investigations into the role of the CHD1 ATPase in chromosome structure in Drosophila" to determine the precise localization of the CHD1 protein along genes. **\$38,142**

Nigel Boyle (Political Studies; Institute for Global/Local Action & Study)

Professor Boyle was awarded a Fulbright-Hays Group Project Abroad grant to take students and local school teachers on a five-week study-tour of Nepal. **\$66,000**

Roberta Espinoza (Sociology)

Professor Espinoza was awarded a Haynes Foundation Faculty Fellowship to support her project, "The Emerging Role of Nonprofit

Organizations in Creating a Path to College for Low-income and Minority Students.” **\$12,000** (2013–14)

Judith Grabiner (Mathematics)

Professor Grabiner was selected as an inaugural Fellow of the American Mathematical Society.

Ethel Jorge (Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures)

On behalf of Pitzer College, Professor Jorge was awarded an Andrew W. Mellon Foundation grant to enhance the College’s Latin American Studies program by developing Portuguese language courses and interdisciplinary courses focused on Brazil. This is a collaborative effort involving Pitzer Professors Nigel Boyle, Leda Martins and Adrian Pantoja. **\$250,000**

Timothy Justus (Psychology)

Professor Justus received a GRAMMY Foundation grant to support his project, “Music Perception in Aphasia: A VLSM Approach,” which examines whether brain damage that impairs language comprehension also impairs music perception. **\$19,900**

Aaron Leconte (Chemistry)

Professor Leconte received a Research Rewards grant from TriLink Biotechnologies to fund the purchase of synthetic, modified DNA for a project titled “Discovery and Characterization of New Mutant DNA Polymerase—Modified Substrate Interactions,” which seeks to identify proteins that can recognize modified forms of DNA. **\$10,000**

Donald McFarlane (Biology and Environmental Science)

Professor McFarlane was awarded a National Geographic Global Exploration grant to support an expedition to laser-scan the Gomantong Caves in northern Borneo. **\$15,275**, plus **\$10,000** in in-kind support from the Faro Corporation.

Lance Neckar (Environmental Analysis; director of Robert Redford Conservancy for Southern California Sustainability)

NSF planning grant to strengthen research and academic opportunities at The Claremont Colleges’ Robert J. Bernard Field Station. **\$25,000**

Lars Schmitz (Biology)

Professor Schmitz’s project, “Integrating Approaches to Macroevolution: Combining Fossils and Phylogenies,” was awarded a NESCent Catalysis Meeting grant, allowing Schmitz to attend an international meeting of

leading palaeontologists and comparative biologists to advance the study of macroevolution. With Samantha Price and Graham Slater. Funding covered cost of travel and accommodations.

Faculty Publications

Emily Chao (Anthropology)

Lijiang Stories: Shamans, Taxi Drivers, and Runaway Brides in Reform Era China. University of Washington Press.

Roberta Espinoza (Sociology)

Working-Class Minority Students' Routes to Higher Education. Routledge.

Ming-Yuen S. Ma (Media Studies)

Resolutions 3: Global Networks of Video. University of Minnesota Press.

Peter Nardi (Sociology, Emeritus)

Doing Survey Research: A Guide to Quantitative Methods (3rd edition). Paradigm Publishers.

Claudia Strauss (Anthropology)

Making Sense of Public Opinion: American Discourses about Immigration and Social Programs. Cambridge University Press.

Albert Wachtel (Creative Studies)

Critical Insights: James Joyce. Salem Press.

Phil Zuckerman (Sociology)

Invitation to the Sociology of Religion (Chinese translation). Peking University Press.

Society without God (Italian translation). Malcor D'Edizione.

Society without God (Korean translation). Maumsanchaek.

Studying Religion and Society: Sociological Self-Portraits. Routledge.



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