PITZER COLLEGE
REPORT OF EXCELLENCE
2013
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.

Founded
1963 by Russell K. Pitzer

President
Laura Skandera Trombley
Pitzer Core Values

At Pitzer, five core values distinguish our approach to education:
Pitzer won more student Fulbright Fellowships than any 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.

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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.

50% of campus buildings are LEED Platinum or Gold certified.

Student : Faculty Ratio

#1 Healthiest dining options & #1 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.

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 × 7

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
8 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

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Students and alumni have been awarded a total of **182 Fulbrights** in less than **15 years**

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**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)

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)

Claudia Strauss (Anthropology)

Albert Wachtel (Creative Studies)
*Critical Insights: James Joyce.* Salem Press.

Phil Zuckerman (Sociology)

*Society without God* (Italian translation). Malcor D’Edizione.

*Society without God* (Korean translation). Maumsanchaek.
