

RESIDENTIAL LIFE PROJECT

Dedication & Celebration

With a backdrop of the San Gabriel mountains and gorgeous Southern California weather, the completion of Phase I of Pitzer College's Residential Life Project was celebrated on Monday, September 24, 2007, in the interior courtyard of Pitzer's three new residence halls. A large crowd of students, faculty, staff, alumni and community members were joined by environmentalists Robert Redford and Ed Begley Jr. to celebrate the official opening of these beautiful and sustainable buildings.

The College's new residence halls were named in honor of: Flora Sanborn, wife of the College's founder Russell K. Pitzer; John W. Atherton, the founding president of Pitzer College and his wife Virginia; and Kenneth S. and Jean M. Pitzer, two of the College's earliest benefactors and son and daughter-in-law of Russell K. Pitzer. In addition to celebrating the College's commitment to sustainability, this event honored the three lead donors who made these dedications possible: the Pitzer Family Foundation, led by the grandchildren of Russell K. and Flora Sanborn Pitzer; Susan and Nicholas Pritzker P'93; and Peter and Gloria Gold P'74.

In addition to Redford and Begley Jr., speakers at the event included President Laura Skandera Trombley, Pitzer College Board of Trustees Chair Gene Stein, Professor of Environmental Studies Paul Faulstich '79 and Convenor of Student Senate Ben Kramer '08. The event culminated with a laser light show of texture and color planned and executed by trustee and alumnus Marc Broidy '95 in collaboration with Vanessa Rundle '08.

Pitzer's new buildings are expected to earn Gold LEED certification from the U.S. Green Building Council, the highest ever awarded for residence halls.

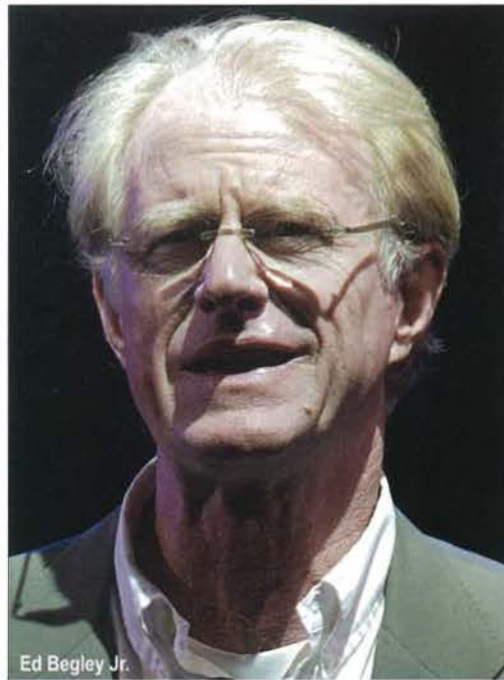


President Laura Skandera Trombley





Robert Redford



Ed Begley Jr.



Pitzer trustee and alumnus Marc Broidy '95 and Vanessa Rundie '08 prepare for the grande finale light show. A feature story focusing on their efforts appears in the December issue of *Live Design*.



Jacob Brooks '09 enjoys a buffet-style dinner made from organic and locally grown foods. In addition, all of the event's cups, plates, napkins and utensils were biodegradable and were composted, along with food waste.



Cameron Kinslow '11, Carmen Blatt '11, Terra Michalowski '11 and Eric Dauenhauer '11



For more information regarding the Residential Life Project and other green initiatives on campus, please visit www.pitzer.edu/sustainability.



KENNETH S. AND JEAN M. PITZER HALL

Pitzer College Trustee Emeritus Peter Gold and his wife, Gloria, have tirelessly supported the College for over three decades, since their daughter Melinda was a graduate of the Class of 1974. The Golds have provided extraordinary leadership and shown their dedication to the mission of the College in many ways, including naming the Peter and Gloria Gold Student Center on campus and by creating an endowment for the Peter and Gloria Gold Professorship. Most recently, the Golds made a lead gift to the new Kenneth S. and Jean M. Pitzer Hall in honor of the Pitzer family's legacy at the College.

Pictured at left the Gold and Pitzer families.



Karla Davenport '11 watches the evening's festivities from a Sanborn Hall hallway niche.



JOHN W. AND VIRGINIA R. ATHERTON HALL

In 2005, then-Board Chair Susan Pritzker (right) pledged a gift to pay tribute to the College's founding president, the late John W. Atherton, and his wife Virginia (left) by naming a new residence hall in their honor. President Atherton was called to lead the College in 1963 and aided by Virginia, he created an academic environment where faculty and students were empowered.



FLORA SANBORN HALL

Pitzer College was founded in 1963 by Russell K. Pitzer, a California citrus magnate, philanthropist and visionary. The first residence hall on Pitzer's campus, Sanborn Hall, was named in honor of Flora Sanborn, Russell Pitzer's wife, in recognition of her lifelong interest and involvement in education. The original Sanborn Hall will be demolished this year to make way for a new Joint Science building, but the Pitzer Family—led by Flora's grandchildren Russ, Ann and John—generously enabled construction of a new Sanborn Hall by providing major funding from the Pitzer Family Foundation, established by their parents Kenneth S. and Jean M. Pitzer. Currently, both Russ and Ann Pitzer serve on Pitzer's Board of Trustees and continue their family's legacy of supporting outstanding education.

A MINDFUL MOSAIC



"Actually the most important and difficult task was creating the circular pattern in the white tiles," recalled artist Monika Scharff, "Even though this is the element of the mosaic that one should not see, it's imperative that perfect symmetry be achieved."



Artist Monika Scharff and three expert craftsmen install the mosaic in Pitzer Hall.

Scharff used ten shades of Venetian opaque glass tiles—five white, four orange and one black—to create the new mosaic that adorns the floor of the new Admission Office lobby in Pitzer Hall. Over approximately six weeks, Scharff crafted the mosaic in twenty-six sections and then it was installed in Pitzer Hall over two days.



Monika Scharff

Guess the correct number of pieces used in the mosaic and win a (PRODUCT) RED™ iPod Shuffle. Send your guess to opr@pitzer.edu by February 1, 2008. One entry per household.

