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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Creative expression has always been a part of the California experience. Yearbooks more than a century old depict students making music, putting on plays, sketching and writing for campus publications.

W.S. Hertzog, principal of California State Normal School, recruited for the 1915 freshman class by writing that "a brass band has been organized among the students, and all players of such instruments would be most welcome."

Much has changed since those bygone days, but creativity is very much alive. Our University still has a concert band — and a marching band, a jazz band and a pep band, too. We have groups that sing a cappella pop tunes and traditional gospel music. There are mainstage dramas and open mic nights, publications, art exhibitions and more.

Most of these activities are open to students in all programs of study. Far from being "extras," these are valuable opportunities for students to challenge themselves, make new friends and create lasting memories of their college years.

Our talented students enrich the campus experience for everyone around them. So please check our website to see what's scheduled, and join us for a play, a concert or a student art show.

Want more? Come and meet some of the nationally recognized scholars, speakers and artists who give presentations on our campus. Many talks and panel discussions are open to the public.

An appreciative audience is an important part of any creative endeavor, and our Cal U alumni are always welcome at campus events. I'll be watching for you! With warmest wishes.

Geraldine M. Jones

President, California University of Pennsylvania

President Jones communicates regularly with the campus community. To see her messages, visit www.calu.edu; click on "About Us" and choose "Meet the President." To stay up-todate with the latest happenings at California University of Pennsylvania, alumni may send their e-mail address to alumni@calu.edu

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Facing hundreds of students in identical caps and gowns, a U.S. Army general tells winter graduates to treasure their individuality.

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PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT

The Board of Governors for Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education has selected Geraldine M. Jones '72, '80 as president of California University of Pennsylvania.

The announcement was made April 7, 2016, in Harrisburg, after a nationwide search.

President Jones has led the University since May 16, 2012, when she was named acting president. She became interim president on March 20, 2013.

Above: Board of Governors Chair Guido N. Pichini (left), President Jones and Chancellor Frank T. Brogan.

FEATURES



Amazing Grace

After more than 40 years, the Young and Gifted Gospel Choir is still singing, and its members still feel like family.



Opening Night

Roll out the red carpet! A new musical, composed by a student, makes its theatrical premiere.



Little Learners

Tots and future teachers are learning together at The Village Early Childhood Education Center.



Weather Report

State-of-the-art touchscreen technology brings an element of storytelling to broadcast meteorology.



A Soldier's Diary

Word by handwritten word, students create a digital document from a faded, Civil War-era journal.

A NOTE TO OUR READERS

The Cal U Review is published three times a year to keep you updated with alumni news and information from all four Colleges at California University. Both the current edition and back issues, along with Cal U Review "extras," are available online at calu.edu/Review.



Gospel choir 'family' celebrates tradition, worships through song

ike a mother discussing her own children, Almeda Pryor ticks off what she knows about many of the singers from her days as director of Cal U's Young and Gifted Gospel Choir:

There's a drummer who is now a bishop. A former bass guitarist who lives in Connecticut. Three ministers, one lieutenant colonel and a deacon. A retired school administrator.

In the early to mid-1970s they met on Cal U's campus and sang with what originally was called the Young, Gifted and Black Gospel Choir. To reflect the group's racial inclusivity, it was renamed the Young and Gifted Gospel Choir by the early 1980s.

In 1971 student Ida Belle Minnie approached Pryor, whom she knew as a choir director at a church in the area. Would Pryor, of Donora, Pa., be the student choir's first director?

Although she isn't a Cal U graduate, Pryor accepted.

"I wiped away a few tears," says Pryor, 90, as she recalls her first meeting with interested students. "Some of the students were homesick, and they viewed gospel music as a connection to how they were raised at home."

Dinners on Sundays at Mrs. Pryor's house became a regular occurrence for choir members. "We were a family," she says.

In fall 2015, at the group's annual banquet, the Young and Gift Gospel Choir honored Pryor as its founding director. In February, KDKA-TV visited campus to film the choir and interview Pryor for a segment celebrating Black History Month. A few weeks later, the choir performed at the Governor's Residence in Harrisburg, Pa.

"I don't toot my horn, but I am proud that the choir has continued," Pryor says. "I hadn't heard anything about them for a few years, but then they burst back on the scene.

"My kids are still singing!"



Faculty leadership

Indeed they are. But more than 40 years later, the Young and Gifted Gospel Choir is all grown up.

Since 2013, the choir has been under the direction of Dr. Randy Tillmutt, an assistant professor in the Department of Music and Theatre. For most of its history the choir was a club activity under student leadership. But since 2014 it has been offered as a one-credit course.

"Having Dr. Tillmutt at the helm assures a consistency that could not have been achieved otherwise," says department co-chair Dr. Yugo Ikach, director of University choirs.

"His expertise, vision and effort could not be duplicated by even the most overachieving student. His leadership has garnered much praise."

The 2015-2016 Young and Gifted Gospel Choir had 25 voices and seven band members. The group, which is open to all members of the campus community, performs traditional spirituals and African-American gospel music.

Singers and band members travel to workshops and perform at a variety of venues in the region.

Each spring, the choir hosts Joyfest, a concert that features nationally known gospel recording artists. Anita Wilson, nominated for Grammy, Stellar and Dove music awards, was the special guest at Joyfest 2016, in March.

'A sense of togetherness'

Tillmutt sees a variety of reasons why students from all disciplines join the choir, and why it has lasted four decades and counting.

"For many, it's a community where students can come for a religious experience and to worship, or for a sense of togetherness, camaraderie and friendship."

Rising senior Lakijai Bynum, a dual major in business and sociology, says the choir



helps her to manage a busy schedule.

"It's a home away from home. It helps me get through my week. When I walk into the choir room, I leave my stress at the door."

Tillmutt says the choir also exposes students to the rich history of traditional spirituals and gospel music.

"And the fact that Cal U has a gospel choir is an element of diversity that may be appealing to a potential student," he adds.

Rising junior Stephen Shriane, a commercial music technology major, plays saxophone and bass in the gospel choir band.

"It's fantastic," he says. "I've never played gospel music before, but I like the opportunity this gives me to learn something new."

Says Tillmutt, "Whether you're a music major or not, the thing I encourage students to do is to soak up as much as they can while they're here."

Joyce Tracy Wade '75 sang in Almeda Pryor's choirs. A retired educator, she has been the pianist at Beulah Baptist Church in Smithfield, Pa., since 1968.

"By the time I got to college, I played the piano, but I didn't really *like* to play," she recalls.

"But Mrs. Pryor encouraged me. If we were performing five songs, she'd always tell me, 'You can play one or two.'"

Wade also is the founder of the Youghiogheny Western Baptist Association Benefit Mass Choir, which performs in concert every October.

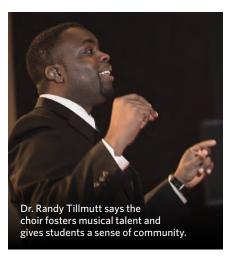
"Mrs. Pryor has attended many of those concerts, and she would always call and say, 'Joyce, I'm so proud of you and how well you've done, and how you've continued on with your music.'

"It's still like we're her little children.

And to a certain degree, we are her children.

Those things make you feel good and warm your heart."

By Wendy Mackall, assistant communications director at Cal U



Scholarship Drive

Efforts are under way to establish a scholarship for members of the Young and Gifted Gospel Choir. Funds raised through donations and the choir's annual dinner and benefit concert, held on the second Saturday in November, will provide scholarships for two members of the choir each academic year. To make a donation, contact the Office of University Development at 724-938-5775. To learn more about the choir, contact Dr. Randy Tillmutt at 724-938-4735 or tillmutt@calu.edu.

To view KDKA-TV's Black History Month segment about Almeda Pryor and the choir, visit calu.edu/Review.



Composed by a student, a musical makes its theatrical premiere

ct I: Curtain opens on two brothers, one a composer, the other a writer. Enter faculty from the Cal U Music and Theatre Department, who offer to stage a musical created by the pair. Cue music ...

Just weeks before graduation, on his 24th birthday, Dominic Carrola settles in to watch his original musical performed at Cal U.

He's already published a book for musicians and written the underscore for a full-length feature film. He's composed and arranged music for the Washington Symphony Orchestra.

He's nearly finished a degree in commercial music technology and a minor in business. Now 17 Cal U actors are performing his work onstage.

"I was a big Broadway fan growing up," says Carrola, who began composing music at age 13.

He returned to the genre after playing piano for Cal U's 2014 production of *Miracle on 34th Street, the Musical*. His first film

scoring job left him a bit disillusioned with the business, "but I was very open to the idea of a musical," he says.

"For me, it breathed new life into music." Yet Another Funeral is Carrola's first venture into musical theater. It's a thought-provoking variation on a boy-meets-girl story, with "a little dark comedy, like film noir with some comical moments" and 21 original songs.

Carrola's younger brother, Anthony, has written the "book," weaving a storyline to support the music and lyrics. It's his first musical, too.

"Tony's the writer," Carrola says. "I handed him the plot and said, 'Write it for me."

"We started with an idea," his brother explains. "What if someone went through a lot of funerals? Since then the plot has changed; the characters have changed. Because it's a musical, it's very character-driven."

Even before the songs are finished and the dialogue fleshed out, this musical has a destination: Cal U.

"I've worked with Dominic at the Washington Symphony Orchestra, so I know what he's capable of," says Dr. Yugo Ikach, the show's musical director.

"I told him, 'Sure, if you write a musical, we'll produce it,'" recalls Dr. Michele Pagen, who directs the production.

"At first I don't know what that means — a staged reading? A workshop? A full production? But if students have a voice and something to say, they should have a platform

"Whatever it turns out to be, I know we'll 'give it feet."

Act II: Stage set for readings, workshops and rehearsals. House lights dim as directors, cast and production crew enter and take their places.

For the cast, Yet Another Funeral is a rare opportunity. Mounting an original Broadwaystyle musical is an enormous undertaking. Few actors — let alone college students — have a chance to participate in the birth of a new artistic work.

INK I Chia

Ensemble members gather around theater major Ryan Carter Johnson as he sings about the hotel business in 'Yet Another Funeral.'

But here, the student performers are part of the musical's evolution. Mike Meketa, a commercial music technology major, arranges Carrola's music for the pit orchestra. There are readings, then workshops where cast members try out their lines and the "beautiful, intricate" songs.

The Carrola brothers listen, tweak dialogue and adjust the score.

"You can't fully understand how the music and script work together until you see it onstage. And that's pretty terrifying," Carrola admits.

But theater and public relations major Sidney Popielarcheck embraces the uncertainty. "It's exciting to take these guidelines and create a totally new character. It's like a coloring book you get to fill in."

"For previous shows, there was always a movie or a review. People have done it before," says Saleem Carpenter, an electrical engineering technology major. "But this is like engineering. As actors, we've been given an assignment and a deadline, and now it's up to us. There's so much potential to create something beautiful, something great."

Carrola's music adds to the challenge. Theater major Ryan Johnson plays one of the leads, the money-hungry manager of the Bottom Line Hotel, where much of the play is set.

"The music is very contemporary," he says. "The rhythms are the most intricate part. It's challenging to sing."

Amelia Wisinski, another theater major, hears echoes of a different musical genre in each number. "But somehow they're all the

same. They sound unified."

While the actors settle into their roles,
Pagen works with adjunct faculty who design
lighting, sets, costumes and props. Ikach
rehearses the singers and musicians.

"I've been in plays before," says English major Maya Tomlin, an assistant stage manager. "But I never really understood how much work goes into it."

Act III: Opening night. Houselights dim. As the overture begins, we see the lobby of the Bottom Line Hotel. The ensemble enters for the opening number ...

Musical theater is a collaborative art, and the pieces have all come together. The costumes are contemporary. Projected images set the scenes. Meketa is at the piano onstage while Ikach conducts the orchestra.

"It's all very clean and modern; the designs are very fresh-looking," director Pagen says. "With this production our faculty have taken a major leap as well."

Students, alumni and community members filter in as Carrola takes his seat in the audience. There's been a red-carpet event in the Steele Hall lobby, with a parade of VIPs.

Now it's showtime. And then, in what

feels like just moments, applause.

"From the very first reading, I could feel from the students, and from the faculty, a tremendous amount of support," Carrola says.

Dominic (left) and Anthony Carrola enjoy seeing their 'dark, romantic comedy' come to life onstage.

"Nothing feeds creativity like support from people who are interested in your art." No one wants *Yet Another Funeral* to end

where it began.

"We're going to see it somewhere else,"

Popular there says confidently, "and we're

Popielarcheck says confidently, "and we're going to say, 'This is ours."

Cast member Zach Oney, a commercial

music technology major, "can't wait to see the music out there on CD or MP3."

"I intend for it to go further," Pagen says, mentioning the showcase of new works at the New York Musical Theater Festival.

"It's probably the most exciting thing I've ever been involved in."

Carrola, meanwhile, is contemplating a career change. He's been accepted to law school. But life, like art, doesn't always go as planned

"If Yet Another Funeral does take off," he says with a smile, "I guess I'd have to postpone my legal education."

By Christine Kindl, communications director at Cal U

READ THE PLAYBILL

To see more photos and the cast list for the debut production of *Yet Another Funeral*, visit calu.edu/Review.

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The Village Early Childhood Education Center, within walking distance of Cal U's main campus, has an enrollment of about 70 children — about 60 infants, toddlers and preschoolers, and the rest children in beforeor after-school programs.

It follows The Creative Curriculum, which promotes hands-on learning through play — and the occasional superhero outfit — and aligns with state and local standards to prepare children for kindergarten.

The Village is fully accredited through the National Association for the Education of Young Children and holds the highest Keystone Star 4A rating.

"One of the measures for a Keystone Star is staff education," explains Village director Ashley Baird Roth '10, '12. "The lead teacher in each classroom here has a degree in an education-related field. That's pretty rare."

The relationship with Cal U is strong, with several University faculty and staff on The Village's board of directors.

During the spring 2016 semester, 11 students from the University worked at The Village in paid positions. As assistant group supervisors, they lend a hand with daily activities while observing how lead teachers prepare lesson plans and manage their classrooms. In addition, two students completed fieldwork assignments at the center.

The benefits to Cal U students are many, says Dr. Diane Nettles, chair of the Department of Childhood Education.

"The Village has NAEYC accreditation,

which is very difficult to attain. Many of our students have been hired there, which enables them to get a head start on their careers in early childhood education.

"Faculty at The Village have been able to visit our classrooms at Cal U to share their experiences and wealth of knowledge with our students. The Village children visit our campus rather frequently for events such as Christmas caroling, summer picnics on the Quad, theater and nature activities.

"It's a great opportunity for the children, as well as our teacher candidates."

Echoing that thought is Cherie Sears '81, president of The Village and a graduate student in early childhood education at Cal U.

"The more collaboration, the better, because it brings energy to both Cal U and to us. We have a great working relationship."

Abbey Tirpak '15 earned her bachelor's degree in early education services and began as a lead teacher at The Village in January after starting as an assistant group supervisor.

As she considers returning to Cal U for a master's degree and teaching certification, she applies her skills to what some might consider an unlikely group of students: infants.

"I get that a lot," she says, anticipating a hint of skepticism about what one might teach children in the birth-to-1-year-old age group.

"We do lesson plans that emphasize things like grasping and pulling," she explains. "We sing songs, we dance, we do projects with paint materials or crayons. Even if the babies can't do it by themselves, we'll do it 'hand over hand,' so they get a sense of what it's like to hold a marker.

"We track their progress and document the projects that we do. We notice if they use their hands differently or hold a ball or how they interact with their peers."

There is so much more to working with infants, she says, than "holding them and feeding them and changing their diapers. You can teach them, not just watch them."

Malarkey, the teacher of tiny professionals and superheroes, has been working at The Village since 2013.

She has watched Musa and his classmates grow up, teaching them as toddlers and now as the lead teacher in the preschool class.

"It's fun to see them reach developmental milestones," she says, "writing their names, forming letters, understanding concepts."

Her work at The Village provides real-world examples of classroom topics, Malarkey adds.

"We talk about process- and productoriented learning in my University classes product is the end result, and process is the steps and creativity that get you there. For example, for Valentine's Day, I drew hearts and wanted the children to cut them out, but how they chose to approach it was yery different for each child. But that's OK!"

Her classroom at The Village helps her in practical ways, too.

"I had to write a lesson plan for one of my night classes at Cal U, and I tested it out with my preschool class. It was a good way to see if I needed to make any minor adjustments."

Malarkey says while "her kids" have grown and changed, she has, too.

"My preschoolers ask me a lot of questions when we do experiments — what if we use more, shake it, whatever. It can be challenging when they question things, but we figure it out together."

By Wendy Mackall, assistant communications director at Cal U

VILLAGE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Village provides scholarships for child care to single parents who are also college students. To be eligible, the student must maintain a 2.5 grade-point average, volunteer four hours per week at The Village and attend two free parenting classes per month.

To learn more about scholarships, or to make a contribution, e-mail cherie.sears@thevillagecares.org or visit www.thevillage.yolasite.com.

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Meteorology program adds touchscreen technology

he outlook is clear for the Cal U meteorology program: Expect more timely, interactive forecasts, thanks to a state-of-the-art upgrade to equipment in the forecasting lab.

Called StoryTeller and created by AccuWeather, the 70-inch, high-resolution touchscreen device uses software applications to bring forecasts to life, says Dr. Chad Kauffman, a professor in the Department of Earth Sciences.

"Students are able to gather the weather data and then bring that information to StoryTeller to produce a weather forecast," he explains. "The name 'StoryTeller' is also the mission: You have to tell a story when you present a weather forecast."

The weather app, for instance, uses data from AccuWeather to power what the company calls MinuteCast technology, which allows students to present forecasts that provide precise timing on weather patterns.

Students can use the touchscreen to draw cold fronts, warm fronts, high pressure systems and more as they present their forecasts.

Since interactive screens have become the standard at TV stations from CNN to local

network affiliates, Cal U graduates seeking careers as broadcast meteorologists will be much better prepared to enter the job market, Kauffman says.

Gone is the need to rely on data received through a satellite mounted on the top of Eberly Hall. And the student forecasters don't need to position themselves in front of a "green screen" so maps, graphics and other data can be used in their weather reports.

Instead, the technology upgrade allows them to download data "on demand" from AccuWeather servers, develop their forecasts and present them using the StoryTeller

"It's very different from the green screen," says sophomore Kaitlyn Moffett. "Because you can interact with the StoryTeller (equipment), you can be more creative and personal with how you present a forecast."

Presentations can be recorded on a smartphone and live-streamed with an application such as Periscope, or uploaded to YouTube and archived on the meteorology program's channel.

"A social media presence is simply part of a meteorologist's job these days," says senior Damon Matson, who studied broadcast

meteorology and expects to graduate in May. "This technology makes it much easier to share forecasts and graphics."

Time-consuming video production is a thing of the past, says Kauffman, who also has used StoryTeller for teaching climatology and geography classes.

"This system has rejuvenated the broadcast possibilities for our students in the meteorology program. Overall, this upgrade also will save on costs, with no satellite required and equipment that can be turned off when not in use, because of how the data is received." ■

By Wendy Mackall, assistant communications director at Cal U

SEE IT IN ACTION

Student meteorologists using the new StoryTeller system have posted their forecasts online. See their presentations at calu.edu/Review.

Students create a digital record of Civil War-era writings

ınd Rebecca Kaufman Taylor

at digitized a Civil War journal.

A SOLDIER'S DIARY

■ he experiences of a Civil War soldier from Robinson Township, Pa., will live on in digital form thanks to the work of students at Cal U.

The project to turn the writings of the soldier into a permanent, searchable record was a collaboration involving the University, the Robinson Township Historical Society and the History Center Affiliates Program at the Senator John Heinz Center in Pittsburgh.

HCAP, under the direction of educator Robert Stakeley, works with 250 regional sites says English major Hannah Tervo, who plans — historical societies, history centers, historic homes and the like — to match expertise and resources with an organization's needs.

The journal was discovered in a box of uncatalogued documents and pictures at the Robinson Historical Society. It was kept by George Phillips, a Union soldier from the 102nd Pennsylvania Infantry Regiment, based in Washington, Pa.

Phillips was a German immigrant who fought in the Civil War before he became a U.S. citizen. His journal includes details about the war, such as the battle at Gettysburg, and about his life after the conflict ended.

Eleven students in Dr. Keat Murray's Early American Literature class volunteered to work on digitizing the journal.

Digital images of each page were taken and organized before students got to work analyzing the 19th-century handwriting. Students accustomed to today's electronic forms of communication worked to transcribe each handwritten word as it appeared in

"A lot of the journal was faded and blurred," to graduate in May. "The hardest part was just figuring out exactly what was written."

For another May graduate, Rebecca Kaufman Taylor, the project "is an argument for continuing to teach cursive handwriting."

A liberal studies major, Taylor plans to pursue her master's degree in teaching. "I also want to bring projects like this, which are valuable to the community, into my classroom when possible," she says.

Last fall, seven Cal U students shared their discoveries about Phillips' life during a presentation at the Robinson Township Municipal Building.

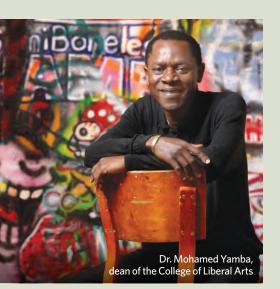
In addition to giving students experience in making a primary resource accessible to researchers, the project provided a new way to teach students about the editing process and the intersection of literature and culture.

"Many of the print texts that we study today were originally script texts, transcribed by any combination of copyists, compositors and editors," Murray says.

"My students have learned about the shaping influence of editors and how original texts are transformed, and sometimes corrupted, by transcribers and editors. This project also shows that common, ordinary citizens in the 19th century were writers, too. Writing was not exclusive to highly educated classes.

"Editing Phillips' journal prompts us to think more about the writer and the conditions in which he wrote his life account. The rich content of the journal refutes the notion that texts are isolated objects of study; it calls us to read with social, historical and cultural contexts in mind."

By Wendy Mackall, assistant communications director at Cal U



New playbook for Liberal Arts

The University has reorganized its College of Liberal Arts, which now consists of seven departments rather than nine.

Within the streamlined College, the newly renamed Department of History, Politics and Society now encompasses anthropology, sociology and women's studies, as well as history and political science. The departments of Music and Theatre have combined, and the departments of Art and Modern Languages have merged.

The former Department of Communication Studies now houses philosophy, graphic design and art history courses, paving the way for innovative collaborations. The conflict resolution program has moved into the Department of Psychology, while the departments of Justice Studies and English remain unchanged.

The reorganization was led by Dr. Mohamed Yamba, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, in collaboration with the Liberal Arts faculty. The changes are intended to make operations more efficient, with no loss of value to students.

Degree lets nurses build business skills

In today's increasingly complex healthcare environment, leaders in nursing require a broad range of skills, including an informed perspective on business issues and management practices. So this spring Cal U launched a program that combines a Master of Science in Nursing with a Master of Business Administration.

The MSN-MBA dual degree program prepares graduates for management positions in nursing and other areas of practice, entrepreneurial ventures, or roles as chief nurse officers.

The new program is delivered 100 percent online, with no campus residency requirement. Students may attend full time or part time, and graduates of Cal U's MSN: Nursing Administration and Leadership program can add the MBA degree on an accelerated schedule.

Applications are being accepted through Cal U Global Online. For details, e-mail calugo@calu.edu or phone 866-595-6348.

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Online site works for job seekers, employers

Are you seeking a new job or a career change? Looking to hire a qualified Cal U student or alumnus? Check out Hire CALYOU, an "online career center"

that featured more than 4,100 job postings during the 2014-2015 academic year.

Job seekers can use the website to browse job openings, upload a resume, register for a jobs fair or networking event, or practice interview skills online.

Employers can recruit Cal U students and alumni by posting jobs on the site. They also can read resumes of qualified candidates, schedule interviews with students, or arrange an information session or table at a campus event.

In addition to job openings posted directly to Hire CALYOU, hundreds of thousands have been listed there through the NACELink national jobs board.

Hire CALYOU supplements the work of the Career and Professional Development Center, which last year connected 755 employers with about 1,500 students and alumni at career fairs and networking events. Career advisers also reviewed more than 2,000 resumes and other job-search documents to help students and alumni make the best possible impression on prospective employers.

To learn more about the jobs website, visit www.calu.edu/careers and click on the Hire CALYOU logo, or call the career center at 724-938-4413.



Outstanding women

University President Geraldine M. Jones (left) recognizes December graduates Kiyana King '15 (center) and Feleisha Wright '15 as the fall 2015 Women of the Year. King spent 300 hours as an AmeriCorps volunteer for Domestic Violence Services of Southwestern Pennsylvania, based in Fayette County; was president of the Activist Club; and worked in the Women's Studies Office. Wright was a graduate assistant for the Master of Social Work program and an intern with the Cal U End Violence Center. The Women of the Year awards are presented each spring and fall by the President's Commission for the Status of Women.



Ready in red

Vulcan basketball fans turn out in school colors for a 'Red Out' doubleheader vs. the IUP Crimson Hawks in the Convocation Center. ESPN3 aired the NCAA Division II Games of the Week live on the multi-screen sports network available in 99 million homes. Campus organizations lined the concourse, and the pep band provided a musical backdrop for the women's and men's games. Contests, giveaways and performances added to the event, which attracted nearly 1,800 fans.

Athletic trainer wins quiz bowl slot



Here's the plan: Six weeks after he collects his Cal U diploma, Dillon Gorby will represent his alma mater at the National Athletic Trainers' Association

National Quiz Bowl, a *Jeopardy!*-style competition held in Baltimore, Md.

Cal U's first athletic training student to advance to the national quiz bowl, Gorby will be one of 10 competitors vying for top honors in June at NATA's 67th annual Clinical Symposium and Expo.

Gorby earned his slot in the national contest — and placed his name on the District II traveling trophy — by defeating 18 contestants at the Eastern Athletic Trainers' Association's District II Quiz Bowl in Boston.

Regional and national quiz bowl questions are derived from NATA's Athletic Training Educational Competencies, which focus on knowledge, skills, clinical abilities and professional practice.

Shortly after his quiz bowl appearance, Gorby begins a summer internship with

the New Orleans Saints. He expects to work through the National Football League team's preseason with hopes of being asked to stay on.

"This is a tremendous opportunity that only a few students receive each year," Gorby says. "Cal U has prepared me for an excellent start to my athletic training career."

Professor: World's lakes getting warmer



Dr. Derek Gray, an assistant professor in the Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences, is a key contributor to a global study that

finds climate change is rapidly warming the world's lakes, threatening freshwater supplies and aquatic ecosystems.

The study's findings were announced at a gathering of the American Geophysical Union, the world's largest Earth and space science meeting.

Gray and his fellow researchers assembled and analyzed a massive database of temperature readings for

235 lakes and reservoirs — more than half the world's freshwater supply — between 1985 and 2009.

The study reveals that lakes are warming an average of 0.61 degrees Fahrenheit each decade, more than the warming rate of either the oceans or Earth's atmosphere. As lake water warms, evaporation increases and water levels decline, making less water available for human use.

"Fresh water is one of our most vital resources," says Gray, who notes that lakes are important sources of water for drinking, irrigation, energy and food production.

"Ultimately, water security is an issue that affects us all."

Winter courses speed route to graduation

Winter College continues to grow in popularity. This was the third year for the five-week winter session, when students can take intensive courses 100 percent online.

During the 2015-2016 winter break, more than 1,400 students collectively earned nearly 6,600 credits — an enrollment increase of more than 9 percent compared to last year's Winter College, and an 11 percent increase in credits.

It appears that scheduling a class or two during the winter term is becoming the norm not just for online students, but for many students enrolled in on-campus programs, Cal U officials say.

They note that Winter College can accelerate students' progress toward graduation and help them maintain their academic momentum between the fall and spring semesters. The additional credits also can help to improve a student's gradepoint average or allow the addition of a minor or second major.



Multimedia presentation recalls 'King's Dream'



Historical film footage, live narration and song filled the Performance Center when the Cal U community gathered to experience "King's Dream," a multimedia

tribute to the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

"We want college students to understand that the civil rights movement was a grassroots movement," says Joseph Patterson, president and artistic director of Philadelphia-based Key Arts Productions, which specializes in live, educational, multimedia presentations.

"They need to know ... that they can be involved in change."

Images and film footage from the 1950s and 1960s chronicled King's "I Have Dream" speech, the desegregation of schools, Rosa Parks and the Montgomery bus boycott, sit-ins, Freedom Rides and other forms of nonviolent protest.

"We sought to provide a new perspective on Dr. King's life and legacy, for a younger generation that is used to more interactivity," says Sheleta Webb, director of Multicultural Affairs and Diversity Education at Cal U.

"By using video and song, this program speaks to to students — and really to all of us."



Campus pantry stocks food for students

Students who are experiencing food insecurity have a new place to turn. The Cal U Cupboard is a student food pantry based in the Natali Student Center.

"We don't think food insecurity is a widespread problem, but we've heard anecdotally that students sometimes need assistance," says Diane Hasbrouck, director of the Center for Volunteer Programs and Service Learning, which organized the project.

"We're here to help."

Proper nutrition is important to good health, Hasbrouck says, but students sometimes are reluctant to visit community



Let's get moving

Cole Matusik and Alizabeth Leezer, students at Madonna Catholic Regional School in Monongahela, Pa., lead their group in leg exercises during a career day in Cal U's Department of Health Science. First-, second- and third-grade students from the school learned about exercise and other topics during a visit coordinated by Dr. Jodi Dusi, of Cal U's physical therapist assistant program, and Barbara Letourneau, assistant coach for the Vulcans volleyball team.

food pantries even when they qualify for services. The Cal U Cupboard provides food and information about community resources while remaining sensitive to students' privacy concerns.

The Cal U Cupboard accepts cash donations and nonperishable food items to restock its shelves. To date the pantry has received more than 1,500 nonperishable food items, as well as more than \$1,000 in monetary support.

Cal U is one of more than 275 schools nationwide that are members of the College and University Food Bank Alliance.

For details or to support the project, e-mail calucupboard@calu.edu or phone 724-938-4794.

Student research appears in scientific journal

Research into grasshoppers has propelled one Cal U student into print.

Graduating senior Sean Wineland, an environmental studies major, saw his research published in the *Journal of Orthoptera Research*, a peer-reviewed scientific journal.

The article was based on his 2014 summer internship with the University of Notre Dame, when he traveled to

Michigan's Upper Peninsula to study food-web interactions between spiders and grasshoppers, a species within the Orthoptera order of insects.

Having undergraduate research accepted for a peer-reviewed scientific journal is notable, says Dr. David Argent, of Cal U's Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences.

"At Cal U, we offer training that prepares students to compete well with job or graduate school applicants from larger universities."



After a summer 2015 research project at National Bison Range in Montana, a scholarship and a State System grant allowed Wineland to continue building his research portfolio during his final semester as an undergraduate.

He was among the students featured in the State System of Higher Education's "Invest In Me" advocacy campaign, designed to inform legislators about the contributions of public university students.

Athletic trainer enters Hall of Fame



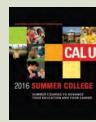
Dr. Thomas West, of the Department of Health Science, will be inducted this summer into the Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers' Society hall of fame, A PATS

member since 1999, West has served as the society's Convention Committee chair and president. He received the PATS Distinguished Merit Award in 2014 and the National Athletic Trainers' Association Service Award in 2015.

West has spoken at athletic training meetings at the state, regional and national level, and he serves as a site visit chair for professional level programs with CAATE, the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education.

A former chair of the Health Science Department, West teaches in both the undergraduate and graduate athletic training programs, and he serves as clinical coordinator for the undergraduate program.

Studies continue at Summer College



Registration is under way for Cal U's 2016 Summer College. Students who attend any college or university, including the 14 universities in Pennsylvania's State

System of Higher Education, may choose from among more than 200 for-credit undergraduate or graduate courses. Both on-campus and online courses are available.

To learn more about Summer College, visit www.calu.edu, keyword "Summer College"; e-mail summer@calu.edu; or call 724-938-4407.

Campus ministries lead alternative spring breaks

Campus ministries led two groups of students to the Sunshine State for "alternative spring break" activities in March.

Six students from the Cal ROCKS (Reaching Out for Catholic Kinship) student group traveled to Destin, Fla., to repair homes, mend fences and pitch in with yard work at a Habitat for Humanity site.

In addition, 13 students from New Life Christian Fellowship headed south to join a Lifeway mission that provides free pancakes during the day and safe transportation at night to the thousands of young adults who vacation in Panama City, Fla., each spring.

"We wanted to offer an opportunity for students to do something ... meaningful over spring break," says senior Kaitlyn Strosnider, a secondary education and biology major who helped to organize the Cal ROCKS trip.

"A lot of students want to donate their time, energy and service to make a difference."



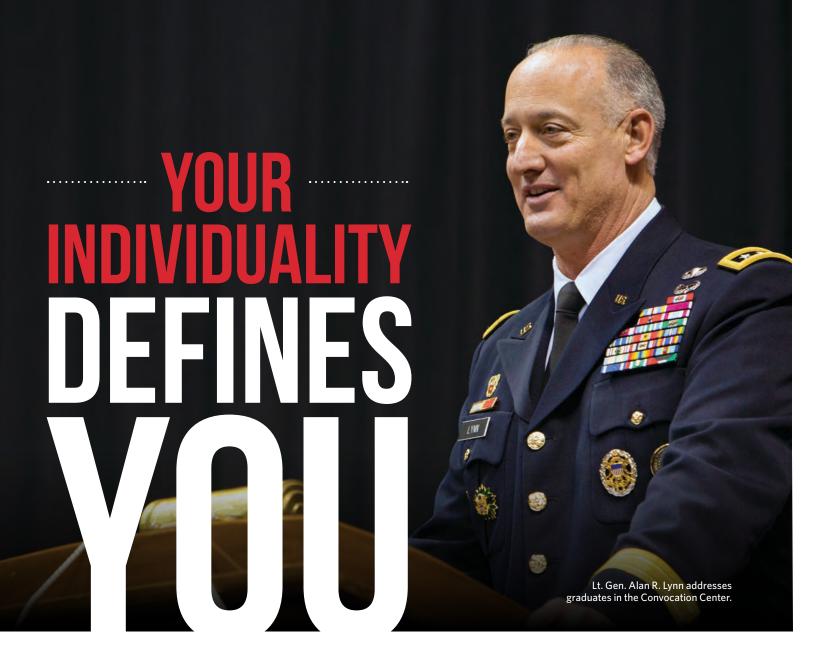
The Rev. Michael Zavage is a campus minister and adviser for Cal ROCKS, while campus minister Kim Wilson advises New Life Christian Fellowship. These organizations and the nondenominational STAND (Students Taking a New Direction) foster student life through character development, prayer, learning, service and social interaction.



Service and celebration

Kira Neszpaul, a member of Alpha Sigma Alpha, works on a project during the annual Day of Service that recalls the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The University's celebration of Black History Month continued throughout February with gospel church services, an 'Academic Reflection on Race and Color' panel, and an African-American arts festival. Students also traveled to the National Great Blacks in Wax Museum in Baltimore, Md. The Day of Service is sponsored annually by the Office of Volunteer Programs and Service Learning. Other Black History Month events are organized by the Office of Multicultural Affairs and Diversity Education, as well as the Black Student Union.

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General issues call to action at 2015 winter Commencement

s he addressed the graduating students at Cal U's 181st Commencement, Lt. Gen. Alan R. Lynn '79 quipped that seeing the audience members all dressed in the same outfits made him feel right at home.

Although their uniforms of caps and gowns united them as graduates, the career Army officer told the students that their differences would matter more in the days ahead.

"Individuality is the key to success," Lynn said. "Your individuality and that quality of your character ... will define you in every choice you make."

He spoke to master's degree candidates Dec. 11 and undergraduates Dec. 12. Both ceremonies were held in the Convocation Center. Lynn's 36-year military career has included command assignments at every rank from captain to lieutenant general.

Currently he holds dual roles as director of the Defense Information Systems Agency, a combat support agency of the U.S. Department of Defense; and commander of the Joint Force Headquarters–Department of Defense Information Networks, based at Fort Meade. Md.

"It's been more than 36 years since I graduated from Cal U," he told the graduates. "Although this University gave me a great start, I never imagined that I would be a general or be invited as the Commencement speaker.

"Often the best of plans change, and you must be able to adapt."

'Never hold back'

Following the general's remarks, theninterim University President Geraldine M. Jones conferred more than 645 graduate and 565 undergraduate degrees. Not every student attended the ceremonies.

"Graduates, please know that I am very proud of you for your hard work and the sacrifices you have made to reach this point," President Jones said.

"You truly can do anything you put your mind to, so never hold back. Whatever you choose to do, give it your all. Be courageous and know that you can, and will, make a difference for those you meet along the way."

Giving back was a goal for Ephraim Yoder '09, who was among the first students to earn a master's degree History is replete with people who have changed the world. ... Believe that it can be you.

LT. GEN. ALAN R. LYNN '79

in English as a Second Language through an agreement between California University and Intermediate Unit 1.

He called the specialized degree "a way to open more doors" for the special needs students he teaches.

"I made the most of my Cal U experience," he said. "My mother always said, 'Don't do what you like to do; do what you're called to do.' I did both, right here at Cal U."

Senior gift

The University's tradition of "paying it forward" continued during the undergraduate ceremonies when Nicole Alfer, chair of the Senior Gift Drive Committee, presented President Jones with a check for more than \$28,000 contributed by graduating seniors and their families.

More than \$140,000 has been raised for an endowed scholarship since the first senior class donation was delivered at the spring 2010 Commencement.

The President acknowledged Emily Grace Dickey and Kayla Nicole Zaken for earning bachelor's degrees while attaining a perfect 4.0 grade-point average. Eight other students earned two separate degrees simultaneously.

President Jones also acknowledged Global Online student Amy Sherell Walker, who traveled from Qatar to receive her master's degree in Exercise Science and Health Promotion: Wellness and Fitness.

Family was definitely front and center for Nicole Husk '13, who received her master's degree in school psychology. She wore a cap decorated with glittering beads and LED lights, a design created by her 6-year-old son.

"I was the only married woman and the only mother in my cohort," said Husk, who also has a younger son. "It was really hard, but I wanted to do it. It taught my children the importance of education."

Haylee Kraushaar, who graduated *magna cum laude* with a bachelor's degree in education, said she was "beyond excited" to have completed her studies. She worked full-time as an EMT while attending school and finishing her student teaching.

"I'd go to class all day and work all night," she said. "I can't wait to get some rest and start my life." Ever the general, Lynn left the graduates with a

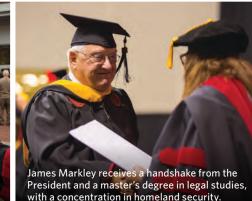
Ever the general, Lynn left the graduates with a call to action:

"History is replete with people who have changed the world. ... Believe that it can be you."















Greeting5 FROM THE OFFICE OF ALUMNI RELATIONS!

Our calendar is filling up with exciting events for our Cal U alumni.

Whether you enjoy a night at the ballpark or a friendly gathering indoors, let's plan to spend some time together. Summer is a wonderful time to reconnect with friends old and new.

If your summer travels bring you to campus, do stop in at the Kara Alumni House. I look forward to seeing you soon!

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Director of Alumni Relations



CONNECT WITH OUR ALUMNI DIRECTORY

Cal U has partnered with Publishing Concepts Inc. (PCI) to produce an updated edition of the Cal U alumni directory. It's our guide to the more than 53,000 California graduates living across the country and around the world.

During the course of this project, postcards and e-mails will be sent to all Cal U alumni, giving you the opportunity to call in and verify or update your contact and employment information.

The print edition of the directory will be available for purchase by California University of Pennsylvania alumni only. We expect it to be completed in early 2017. Read more about the project at www.calu.edu/alumni-directory.

ALUMNI CALENDAR



JUNE 4 ALUMNI AWARDS LUNCHEON

Honor some of Cal U's most distinguished graduates at the Alumni Awards of Distinction Luncheon. Reservations are required for the noontime event in the Convocation Center. For details, contact the Alumni Office at 724-938-4418.

JUNE 18 CAL U NIGHT AT CONSOL ENERGY PARK

Meet your Mon Valley neighbors, support Cal U students and enjoy great baseball at CONSOL Energy Park. On this Mon Valley Community Night, proceeds from 50 percent of all tickets sold will support the California University of Pennsylvania Scholarship Fund. To order tickets online, visit www.washingtonwildthings.com and click "Get Game Tickets" near the top of the page. Type in username "Mon Valley" and password "Vulcans." For a brochure, visit the "Events and Reunions" page at www.calu.edu/alumni.

JUNE 20 GOLF OUTING AT SOUTHPOINTE GOLF CLUB

Don't miss our 35th annual golf outing at Southpointe Golf Club, in Canonsburg, Pa. Cal U Athletics sponsors this popular event, and proceeds benefit the Athletic Scholarship Fund. For more information, call Staci Tedrow in the Alumni Office at 724-938-4418.

JUNE 23 ATHLETIC TRAINING SOCIETY ALUMNI GATHERING

Meet up with Cal U athletic training alumni at the National Athletic Trainers Association convention in Baltimore, Md. Stop in at The Baltimore from 8-11 p.m. for the Cal U Alumni Reception. Cost to attend is \$10 for alumni, \$15 for guests; admission includes two beverage tickets and light hors d'oeuvres. For details, e-mail Shelly DiCesaro at dicesaro@calu.edu.

JULY 20 ALUMNI NIGHT WITH THE PITTSBURGH PIRATES

Cheer on the home team this summer at PNC Park. Check www.calu.edu/alumni for the date and time, or call the Office of Alumni Relations at 724-938-4418.

SEPTEMBER 17 FAMILY DAY & PRESIDENT'S SHOWCASE

Look for a lineup of family-friendly activities, including the third annual President's Showcase talent show.

OCTOBER 21 CLASS OF 1966 50TH REUNION

Formal invitations will be sent for the Class of 1966's 50th Class Reunion in the Kara Alumni House.

OCTOBER 22 ANNUAL HOMECOMING CELEBRATION

Mark your calendar for for Cal U's annual Homecoming celebration and parade!

SUNSHINE AND BASEBALL

On March 6 the Alumni Association hosted its annual gathering at McKechnie Field, the spring training home of the Pittsburgh Pirates. Sixty-five alumni and friends from Pennsylvania, Florida and points in between joined the get-together in Bradenton, Fla. After catching up on University news during a pre-game picnic, they watched the Pirates take on the Houston Astros.







all ages enjoy the chance to mingle at

Alumni Association events.







A STORY IN SOUND

helby Bischoff '14 never dreamed of producing an audiobook, but she learned as a freelancer that any opportunity is a good one.

Through a connection at her full-time job at Dickinson College, Bischoff produced the audiobook *No Greater Sacrifice, No Greater Love: A Son's Journey to Normandy* for author Walter Ford Carter.



The story is about the author's father, Elmer Norval Carter, who died just 11 days after D-Day during World War II. Although the author's mother rarely shared stories about his father, in 1995 Carter discovered hundreds of personal letters that his father had written in the months leading up to his death.

"It was such a touching story, and I cried through the entire recording process because I could feel the love and pain (Carter) experienced growing up without a father," Bischoff says.

"I didn't have experience in creating audiobooks, but I had the skills necessary and the drive to learn specifics of the industry. It was such a great project to be involved in."

Bischoff learned many of those skills in Cal U's commercial music technology program.

"While I was working on the audiobook, I was able to reflect a lot about my time on

campus at Cal U," she says. "I can say with great pride that the skills I learned in the CMT program made projects like this audiobook possible."

Bischoff isn't using her skills only for freelance work. She is a concert manager and audio engineer for the Music Department at Dickinson, where she is responsible for the sound quality and recording of all concerts the department hosts each year.

"I knew I wanted to be involved with music, but I wasn't sure how," Bischoff says. "My skills probably were not good enough to be a (professional) musician, but technology is being used more in the industry, and I thought it was a good opportunity.

"The program allowed me to produce the audiobook, and I never say 'no' to an opportunity where I can gain experience."

By Jeff Bender, assistant director for digital communications at Cal U

'MAKE IT CREATIVE'

plan to run the half marathon," Cana Carter '93 says, going on the record with her plans to run her second race of that length in Pittsburgh this May.

"I'm not able to run the whole time, but I'm in there trying." And then she adds, "I do it for Team CF."

Carter, 44, of Washington, Pa., has cystic fibrosis, which primarily affects the lungs but can affect other organs, as well. Ten years ago she received a double-lung transplant.



"A positive attitude is everything," says Carter, who has taken her lifelong experiences with the disease, combined it with her love of teaching and her artistic talents, and, well, run with it.

She majored in elementary education at Cal U and now is a substitute teacher in the Trinity School District.

"As soon as I got to the core education classes in college, I knew I wanted to be a teacher for sure," Carter says.

"Every day is different (when you're a substitute). One day you're teaching Earth science; the next day it's algebra. I love the variety!"

To keep her students engaged, she taps into her artistic side, asking sixth-graders to draw and label parts of a volcano, for instance

"You have to follow the lesson plans, but I try to make it creative." In 2014 she opened Cana Rochelle Art Design out of her home. You can find her business on Facebook and on Etsy.com.

"It's mostly abstract," she says of her style. She has created cards, T-shirts, matte prints, canvas paintings and tote bags. Lately she's been trying her hand at jewelry design.

A portion of her proceeds goes to local charities.

"I feel that having cystic fibrosis has made me more compassionate toward people," Carter says.

As a transplant recipient, she volunteers for the Center for Organ Recovery and Education, helping to spread the word about the lifesaving choice to be a donor.

"It's how you cope with what life gives you. Donate your time and give back." \blacksquare

By Wendy Mackall, assistant communications director at Cal U

PEAK PERFORMANCE

teven Labate '12 lived a dream at the 2016 Super Bowl.
One of six athletic trainers for the

One of six athletic trainers for the Carolina Panthers, Labate joined the NFL team in April 2015. A busy 10 months later he found himself at Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara, Calif., on the morning of the big game.

"Right after setting up the locker room I went out on the field and was standing on the 50-yard line. I looked up at the scoreboard and it had this big 'Super Bowl 50' sign on it," he recalls.

"That's when it really hit me: Everything I'd worked for had finally paid off. I was at the Super Bowl."

Labate's moment of reflection followed a whirlwind of work that began almost immediately after Carolina won the NFC Championship game.

"During the regular season we are only away for a couple of days, but for the Super Bowl we were gone for an entire week," Labate explains.

"We basically had to pack up the entire athletic training room, which was stressful. But we did it."

Labate's road to the Super Bowl began at Cal U, where he earned his bachelor's degree in athletic training. He credits head athletic trainer Dr. Jamie Weary, an associate professor in the Department of Health Science, with steering him toward six-week summer training camp internships with the Cleveland Browns and Buffalo Bills.

"That's where the whole process started, and I'm grateful," says Labate, who later earned a master's degree from South Dakota State University.

The Panthers' 24-10 Super Bowl loss to Denver was a tough end to the team's 17-2 season.

"I'm pretty good at understanding that sometimes in life you lose, but that one stung for a couple of days," he admits.

But being part of a Super Bowl is a thrill that lasts forever.

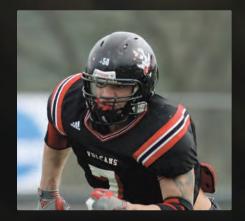
"That's why I came to Cal U for athletic training. That's why we work 14- or 15-hour days for seven months. It's every athletic trainer's dream to get to the Super Bowl.

"It was everything I'd ever wanted."

By Bruce Wald '85, information writer at Cal U

Steven Labate '12 holds his Super Bowl trophy.

It's the highest University honor bestowed on former members of the Vulcan athletics program, recognition shared with a select group of onetime teammates or fellow alumni. This spring University President Geraldine M. Jones honored six Vulcan standouts by inducting them into the Cal U Athletic Hall of Fame.



GARY BUTLER '08

Gary Butler '08 was a three-year starting linebacker for the football team from 2005-2007.

The 2007 PSAC-West Defensive Player of the Year, Butler earned D2Football.com and Daktronics All-American honors after setting single-season school records with 12 sacks and 19 tackles for losses.

He helped Cal U's 2007 defense rank first nationally among all NCAA Division II teams in scoring (11.1 points per game), rushing (55.9 yards per game) and total defense (207.6 ypg).

That year the team won a schoolrecord 13 games (13-1) and advanced to the NCAA Division II national semifinals.

Over Butler's final three seasons, Cal U compiled a 29-6 cumulative record with a 16-2 divisional mark, along with PSAC-West championships.

After graduation, Butler played four years of professional football in the Canadian Football and Arena leagues. He is now in his fourth season as a coach at North Park University in Chicago, Ill.



CHRIS CLARK '08, '09

Chris Clark '08, '09 was a five-time NCAA Division II All-American — four times in track and field and once in cross country — as a Vulcans runner from 2007-2009.

His indoor NCAA All-American time (13:58.51) at the 2008 Nationals remains a PSAC record for the 5,000-meter run.

In cross country, Clark finished fourth at the 2008 NCAA Division II Nationals after winning the PSAC and NCAA Division II Regional titles.

Among his numerous honors, Clark was named the 2009 Athlete of the Year by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association. He also received the conference's inaugural PSAC Sportsmanship Award in 2008-2009, and was a 2009 College Sports Information Directors Association (CoSIDA) Academic All-American.

Today Clark is a science teacher at Atholton High School in Columbia, Md., where he is the head coach for the boys' cross country and track and field teams. He lives in Catonsville, Md., with his wife. Jillian.



SIMONE DESOUZA '09

Simone DeSouza '09 was a three-time NCAA Division II national qualifier and All-American for the women's golf team from 2006-2009.

She was the first Cal U women's golfer to earn All-American honors and to medal at the PSAC championships.

In her senior season DeSouza posted 11 top-20 finishes and finished fourth overall at the NCAA Division II Women's Golf Championships. She was named the 2008-2009 PSAC Women's Player of the Year, with a team-best scoring average of 76.3 through 13 events.

DeSouza won the 2008 PSAC individual championship and led the Vulcans to the program's first of five conference championships that fall. She also earned first-place honors at the Grand Valley (Mich.) State and Cal State San Marcos invitationals.

She finished 10th at the NCAA national tournament in 2007 and 15th in 2008.

Still a competitive golfer, DeSouza placed a strong 10th at the 2015 South American Amateur Women's Championships. She is a resident of Lima. Peru.



EUGENE HESTER

Eugene Hester is remembered for his 30-year career as an educator, coach and administrator at California.

A World War II Navy veteran,
Hester became an assistant professor
at California in what was then called
the Health and Physical Education
Department. He also began coaching,
serving as head coach for both golf and
tennis, and assistant coach for football
and basketball.

Eventually Hester was promoted to associate professor, became chair of his department and served for 18 years as athletic director. He also spent 12 seasons as head coach for Vulcans men's basketball and 18 years as president of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, District 18.

Hester retired from Cal State in spring 1976 and received emeritus professor status in June of that year. He passed away on Sept. 22, 1979.

He and his wife, the former Betty Little, lived in California, Pa., for many years. The couple's son, Dr. Joseph Hester, accepted the award in his memory.



JOANNA NIST-HAUPT '10

Joanna Nist-Haupt '10 was a four-year starting outside hitter for the women's volleyball team from 2006-2009.

A two-time American Volleyball Coaches Association and three-time Daktronics All-American, Nist-Haupt also was the Daktronics Atlantic Region Player of the Year for three consecutive seasons.

A three-time, first-team all-conference pick and the 2009 PSAC-West Athlete of the Year, she was a two-time CoSida Academic all-district selection.

During Nist-Haupt's four seasons, the Vulcans won three straight PSAC and NCAA Division II Atlantic Regional championships.

Also a track and field standout, Nist-Haupt still owns the school indoor record in the high jump.

Today Nist-Haupt is a fifth- and sixthgrade reading teacher in the Blacklick Valley School District in Nanty Glo, Pa. Since 2013 she also has been the head women's volleyball coach at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown, where her husband, Justin, is the assistant coach.

The couple lives in Johnstown, Pa. They are expecting their first child this summer.



BROWSE THE HALL

Learn more about past Cal U

Athletic Hall of Fame inductees, or make a nomination, at www.calvulcans.com/hof.

BROOQUE WILLIAMS '10

Brooque Williams '10 was a four-year starting guard for the women's basketball team from 2006-2010.

A two-time Women's Basketball Coaches Association All-American and three-time first-team all-conference selection, Williams was the 2009 PSAC-West Player of the Year and the 2009 NCAA Division II Atlantic Regional Tournament's Most Valuable Player.

She is the program's career leading scorer with 2,205 points, which ranks third in PSAC history. Her 424 career steals remain a conference and team record; so do the 744 points and 303 field goals she scored in 2008-2009, when Cal U won the regional title.

Williams' 892 career field goals rank third in the PSAC, and her 1,023 rebounds and 375 assists place third and seventh, respectively, in the school record book.

Williams now plays professionally overseas. This season she is averaging 13 points and 8.0 rebounds per game for the Arras Pay d'Artois team of the French Basketball Federation.

By Bruce Wald '85, information writer at Cal U



Alumnus to lead Vulcan football; history-making basketball coach retires

t's great to be home," says Gary Dunn '94, '96, the new head coach for the the Cal U football program.

University President Geraldine M. Jones welcomed the former Vulcan player at a Jan. 29 news conference in the Natali Student Center.

"Coach Dunn was a student here and a graduate assistant with the Cal U football program, so he knows our University well. But what impresses me most is his total commitment to student-athletes. He expects them to represent the University in an outstanding manner."

Dunn returns to to Cal U after five years as offensive coordinator at Duquesne University. He is the first alumnus to lead the football program since Jeff Petrucci '69, who recruited Dunn as a player and coached the Vulcans from 1981-1992.

"We are going to move this program forward," says Dunn, noting that he's focused on recruiting players from the Mon Valley and western Pennsylvania.

As a four-year starting center for the Vulcans, Dunn earned a *Football Gazette* All-American honorable mention in 1993 and was a first-team all-conference selection in 1994.

He replaces Mike Kellar, who coached the Vulcans from 2012-2015. Kellar resigned in December to become the head coach at North Carolina's Lenoir-Rhyne University.

Dunn, who also was an assistant coach for 14 years at Morehead State (Ky.) University, says he intends to build ties throughout the campus community.

"The program is always open to our alumni. We want to be good representatives of the student body, and we want (students) involved as fans. We need their support."

The Vulcans open their 2016 football season Sept. 10 at Cheyney University. The Family Day home opener is scheduled for Sept. 17, when Cal U hosts Millersville.

Basketball era ends

Men's basketball coach Bill Brown coached his last game Feb. 24 and retired with more victories to his credit than any coach in program history.

But that's not what matters most.

"My goal has always been to impact
players, not just in the game of basketball,
but in life skills and how to treat and

communicate with people," he says.

"As a coach, I believe you must give them opportunities to grow and become responsible young men."

Still, the scoreboard speaks for itself. In 20 years at Cal U, Brown won a recordsetting 365 games. Add his wins from prior stints at Kenyon (Ohio) and Sacramento (Calif.) State, and he closes his career with 490 collegiate victories.

Under his guidance the Vulcans appeared in 14 PSAC and six NCAA tournaments, reaching the national quarterfinals once. They won eight PSAC-West titles, two conference championships, and one NCAA Division II Atlantic Regional title.

Brown was named PSAC West Coach of the Year five times and NABC Regional Coach of the Year twice. In 2012 he received the prestigious NABC Guardians of the Game Pillar Award for Advocacy.

"He gave me my first shot in coaching," says Brown's most recognizable protégé, Texas head coach Shaka Smart. "I just wish him and his family the best as he moves on to the next stage of his life."



Swimmer places 3rd, 6th in national competition

At the NCAA Division II National Championship, swimmer Jade Arganbright earned All-American honors for a second consecutive year, finishing third in the 100yard breaststroke and eighth in the 200yard breaststroke.

She is only the third Cal U swimmer in program history to earn individual All-American honors at least four times in a career, and the most recent of 18 Cal U swimmers to earn this national distinction.

At the PSAC finals Arganbright repeated as the 100-yard breaststroke champion and finished third in the 200-yard breaststroke.

Runner repeats as PSAC champ

Alex Zanella repeated as PSAC champion in the 1-mile run and helped the Vulcans indoor track and field team achieve its third consecutive top-five finish at the conference's indoor championship meet.

The championship qualified Zanella for the NCAA Division II Nationals, where she finished 14th in the preliminaries.

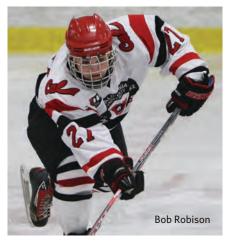


This was her fifth appearance at NCAA nationals, where she has run twice in cross country and three times in track and field.

Zanella also helped the distance medley relay team, which included Summer Hill, Gabby Irving and Jaclyn Reinbold, win the league title for a third consecutive year.

Hockey clubs enjoy success

The ACHA men's hockey team won its ninth College Hockey East championship in 10 years and competed in the American Collegiate Hockey Association Division III National Tournament. Forward Bob Robison scored six goals and was named CHE Tournament MVP.



Brad Richards, a defensemen who scored 16 goals with 18 assists for the Cal U 1 men's team, was named an ACHA Division III men's All-American.

After reaching the CHE Women's Division finals, the women's hockey team advanced to the ACHA Division II Nationals for a fifth consecutive year.

Forward Kelsey DeNardo finished ninth nationally in scoring with 35 goals and 13 assists. She received American Collegiate Hockey Association Division II first-team All-American honors for the third consecutive season.

The Cal II men's team finished with nine victories and competed in the College Hockey East Open League Conference Playoffs.

Top scholar times two

Morgan Huegel became the first Cal U student-athlete to receive the PSAC Champion Scholar Award in two different sports.

Presented at each of the PSAC's 23 team championship finals, the

award honors the student at each contest with the highest cumulative grade-point average.

Just weeks before he graduated with a 4.00 GPA, the secondary education/mathematics major accepted the award at the 2016 PSAC Indoor Track and Field Championships.

In 2013, Huegel received the award for cross country.

A two-time U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association indoor all-region selection, Huegel set a school record in the 800-meter at the Kent State Tune-Up Invitational.

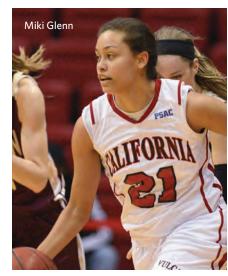
Women's basketball tops conference again

The women's basketball team enjoyed another championship season as fifth-year head coach Jess Strom guided the Vulcans (25-6) to a second straight Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference title.

This was the sixth time in program history that Cal U has won the PSAC championship, tying the PSAC record.

The Vulcans also won the PSAC-West title, with an 18-4 divisional showing.

The season culminated with the Vulcans making their 13th NCAA Division II Tournament appearance in 15 years.



Guard Miki Glenn was named PSAC Championship Tournament MVP for the second consecutive season and was selected as the 2015-2016 PSAC-West Athlete of the Year.

Forward Seairra Barrett was tabbed the PSAC-West Defensive Athlete of the Year, and Strom repeated as PSAC-West Coach of the Year.

By Bruce Wald '85, information writer at Cal U



Campus may be quieter on weekends, but the lights are always on at the Convocation Center. Events were booked at the facility for weekday events and all but two weekends during the spring semester, and 80 percent of summer weekend dates are filled. In fact, the Conference Services team anticipates a 15 percent increase in revenue-generating business for the spring and summer terms.

Nearly **74,000** visitors came through the doors of the Convocation Center last year. Here's a look at the types of events beckoning them to campus.

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Scholastic competitions bring middle school and high school students to the Convocation Center arena. Young athletes from organizations such as NUWAY wrestling, BG's Gymnastics and AAU basketball are in their comfort zone at the home of Cal U's intercollegiate volleyball and basketball programs. The sizeable, high-tech arena also

hosts "smart sports," including regional FIRST Robotics, BotsIQ and National Robotics League tournaments.



Conferences attract students and adults who are eager to learn in a comfortable, academic setting. In recent months Cal U faculty have shared their expertise at conferences on problem gambling, the region's waterways, STEAM education, women's history and more. In addition to the flexible space within the Convocation Center,

clients such as the Wilderness Education Association use other campus locations, including the 143-seat Vulcan movie theater and the climbing wall in the Herron recreation center.



Business and corporate clients find efficient, reliable partners in the Conference Services staff. Cal U's professional meeting planners handle the details, so training sessions and executive events run smoothly. Whether they are working with the state Department of Transportation or a local business like Keegan Electric, their expertise is the "plus" that convinces clients to return.



Community and church groups avoid city traffic when they hold an event at Cal U. Smaller gatherings fit comfortably in the Convocation Center's north and south wings. Larger groups can utilize a host of campus venues, with oncampus housing available in summer. Events this season range from a lecture sponsored by

Fayette County master gardeners to the Church of Jesus Christ's annual GMBA Youth Campout.



Cheer, dance and twirling contests sparkle in the Convocation Center. The facility's high ceilings, in-house technology and concession options make it ideal for these family-friendly events. In recent months Cal U has welcomed Champion Force, JAM Brands and Cheer City Beach Blast cheer groups, the Modernettes twirlers, and the

Three Rivers Winter Ensemble, with NCA Cheerleading slated to arrive this summer. The Convocation Center has become the region's "go to" venue for these events.



California University welcomes its own campus community to the Convocation Center. In addition to Vulcan athletics, the facility hosts Cal U events from Move-In Day through Commencement. Students, families, faculty and alumni visit this landmark building for the annual "Strike a Spark" undergraduate research conference, Honors Convocation, the Alumni Association awards banquet and many other events.

Consider the Cal U Convocation Center for your next event.

Learn more at www.calu.edu/conferences,
e-mail conferences@calu.edu or call (toll-free) 866-941-7437.

CALU MILESTONES

50s

Ken Kulak '58 has been inducted into the Mid Mon Valley All Sports Hall of Fame. Ceremonies are scheduled for June 17. Ken was a quarterback at Cal U and played semi-professional football for the Pittsburgh Ironmen. He is a retired teacher from the California (Pa.) Area School District, where he also was the high school football coach for five years.

60s

Charles Berty '63 is retired. He and Joyce Berty live in Arcadia, Fla.

Chuck Gismondi '64 is retired. He and Barbara Gismondi live in Elco, Pa. While studying education, speech and hearing at Cal U, he was a member of the Speech and Hearing Club, the Jazz Club and the Alpha Kappa Lambda fraternity.

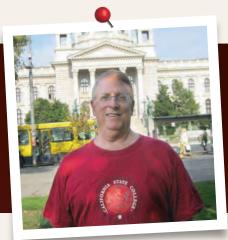
Ray Johnston '67, who studied industrial arts at Cal U, is retired. He and Isabel Johnston live in Glen Burnie, Md. At Cal U, he was a member of the I.A. Club and Fraternity.

Ada Vallecorsa '69, of York, S.C., is a retired associate dean at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Ada studied education and speech pathology at Cal U, and was a member of Sigma Kappa.

70s

Joyce Stripp '70 has joined Howard Hanna Geary Real Estate in Somerset, Pa. She is a member of the National Association of Realtors, the Pennsylvania Association of Realtors and the Cambria-Somerset Association of Realtors. She was a pilot with US Airways for 25 years.

Dr. Ernie Dettore Jr. '71 retired in May 2015 after more than 40 years in the field of early childhood education. He taught at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, where he received the Gold Apple Award for teaching. He taught



Sally Phillips '72 is a retired Ringgold Middle School teacher and current coach of the district's girls tennis team. She and her husband, Byron "Bucky" Phillips '71, also care for dogs for the Angel Ridge Animal Rescue in Washington County, Pa., until permanent homes are found.

at the University of Pittsburgh, where he

received a Teacher of the Year award.

received the Chancellor's Award. He ended

his career at Duquesne University, where he

Dennis Nixon '72 is a retired teacher from Virginia Beach (Va.) Schools. He studied education at Cal U, where he was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon. He lives in Virginia Beach.

Miles Karson '72 recently won election as district attorney of Mercer County, Pa. He served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Army and was awarded a Bronze Star for Valor, Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman Badge and Bronze Star for Meritorious Service. He has served as president of the Mercer County Bar Association.

Mary Naccarato Sims '72, of Shinnston, W.Va., is staying busy as a substitute teacher since her retirement in 2010 from the Harrison County (W.Va.) Schools. She majored in elementary education at Cal U and was heard for 10 years on the Homework Hotline program on WNPB radio in Morgantown, W.Va.

Cheryl Stotz Randolph '72 is a retired elementary school teacher in the Kiski (Pa.) Area School District. She and Paul Randolph live in Lower Burrell, Pa.



Dr. Caryl Sheffield '73, who retired from Cal U in 2015 as associate provost and associate vice president for Academic Affairs, now lives in Sarasota, Fla., with her husband, Dr. James Stewart.

Caryl had been a professor at Cal U since 1991 and was chair of the Department of Early, Middle and Special Education from 2002-2012.

CAL II PROLID

Ban Church '74, a former industrial arts major, represents Cal U with a California State College shirt in front of the Serbian Parliament in Belgrade, Serbia. He and his wife, Patricia, enjoyed a Danube River cruise in October 2015 and visited Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Hungary, Austria, Germany and the Czech Republic. Carl Felice '73, of Greensburg, Pa., is retired. At Cal U, he majored in psychology and was on the wrestling team.

Charlesa Monosky Fassinger '74 received a Great Teacher Award, given annually by St. Vincent College, near Latrobe, Pa., to teachers who have had an enduring and positive influence on students. Charlesa teaches advanced French and gifted education, and she oversees online classes at Mars (Pa.) Area High School. She also directs school plays and musicals and sponsors the National Honor Society chapter.

John Chuhran '75 is retired from Verizon Communications. He studied urban recreation and parks administration at Cal U. He and Betsy Chuhran live in Pittsburgh, Pa. At Cal U, John played basketball and was a member of Alpha Kappa Lambda.

Dr. Richard Creehan '76 has resigned his position as president of Alderson Broaddus University in West Virginia. He earned his bachelor's degree in education at Cal U.



Dave Strcula '76, of Vienna, W.Va., recently retired after a 39-year career as an elementary school teacher in the Wood County (W.Va.) Schools. He was head basketball coach at Hamilton Junior High

for 18 years and a track coach for 10 years. He is a state basketball official in the Ohio-W.Va. Association. He and his wife, Pam, who is also a retired teacher, have five children and eight grandchildren.

James Egros '76, '78 is a retired educator. He and **Bonnie Egros** '70 live in Monessen, Pa.

Ralph Shupp '76, '80 is a retired teacher. He taught in Pendleton County, W.Va., and in the Hempfield (Pa.) Area School District before spending the last 21 years of his career at Connellsville (Pa.) Junior High School East. While at Cal U, he belonged to Gamma Theta Upsilon and the Veterans Club. He spent three years in the U.S. Army, serving at Fort Knox, Ky.; Fort Bliss, Texas; and Fort Lewis, Wash. He served as a radar specialist in Florida during the Cuban missile crisis. He is active in the Gen. Arthur St. Clair Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, where he serves as chaplain. He enjoys traveling, reading and cooking.

Lawrence "Larry" Maggi '79 is the vice chair of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission. He is a Washington County, Pa., commissioner and chair of the Cal U Council of Trustees. The WPC is the region's forum for collaboration, planning and public decision-making for the use of state and federal transportation.

CALU MILESTONES

Albert C. "Cliff" Hudson Jr. '79 has joined the board of the Grand Foundation, a community-based nonprofit organization that supports cultural arts and entertainment programs at the Grand Theatre Center for the Arts in Tracy, Calif.

80s



John McCoy '80 was honored by the University of Pennsylvania for his years of community service. John received the Community Involvement Award in the faculty/staff

category. He is registration supervisor for the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania's emergency department.



IN PRINT

Chris Hogan '95 has written a book, Retire Inspired: It's Not an Age, It's a Financial Number, published by Ramsey Press. An expert on mortgages and investing, Chris lives in Thompson Station, Tenn., and speaks nationally on financial matters as part of financial expert and radio host Dave Ramsey's team.

Dr. Shirley Babilya Dickinson '83, '90 is the author of two books, including the recently released Queens of Mean: A Call to Action to Stop the Vicious Cycle of Girls Bullying Each Other. Shirley also is the author of Children First: ABCs of School Success — A Guide for Parents. She has served as a teacher, principal, federal programs coordinator, author, parent, grant writer and child advocate in Pennsylvania. Shirley also has been a judge for two pageants, Miss WV USA and the 2016 Miss Connecticut USA. Her son Don Hilenbrant '11, '15 graduated from Cal U with education and geology degrees.

Dr. Christine Romani-Ruby (left), an associate professor in Cal U's Department of Exercise Science and Sport Studies, shares a moment with

Dr. Christine Romani-Ruby (left), an associate professor in Cal U's Department of Exercise Science and Sport Studies, shares a moment with Cal U Global Online student Irem Irdem at the Pilates On Tour conference in Istanbul, Turkey. Irdem, of Turkey, is seeking a master's degree in exercise science and sport studies, with a concentration in performance enhancement, through Cal U's 100 percent online learning community. In Istanbul she served as a translator for Romani-Ruby's conference presentation.



Karen Urbanski Pavlecic '81 is a retired special education teacher from Duquesne (Pa.) City School District.

Shelly Lasek Valentino '83 is a teacher. She studied early childhood/elementary education at Cal U and lives in Moundsville, W.Va., with Charles '82.

Steven Jefferies '83 has been named trooper of the year by the Chardon Post of the Ohio Highway Patrol. He was chosen for his leadership, ethics, courteousness, enthusiasm, work ethic and cooperation.

Pamela Thistlethwaite Tomay '83 studied math and computer science at Cal U. She and John Tomay live in Monessen, Pa.

Wayne Lock '85 is a warehouse general manager for George Delallo Co. Inc. He studied math and computer science at Cal U, where he also played baseball. He and Cynthia Lock live in Trafford, Pa.

John Interval '86 is a petroleum geologist for John Interval Geological Services. He and Amy Interval live in Bridgeville, Pa. At Cal U, John was in the Geology Club.



Dr. Thomas Walters '87 owns a dental practice, with four partners, in Erie, Pa. Tom has recently started a business, Erie Sleep Treatment, which aids in the treatment of obstructive sleep apnea.

Edward Hood '88 is a correctional officer for the state of Delaware. He majored in education at Cal U and was in ROTC. He and Dawn Beauchamp Hood '88, who does clinical social work for Coastal Therapeutic Services LLC, live in Felton, Del.

Scott Fowler '85, '89, of Ocean City, Md., is a consultant. He earned his Cal U degrees in education.

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Tom Yosko '91 is a machine operator at Parker Plastics. He and Natalie Yosko live in Pittsburgh, Pa.



Marcia Zucconi '80, '93 of North Belle Vernon, Pa., recently earned certification in English as a second language. She earned her bachelor's degree in elementary education and her master's degree

as a reading specialist, both at Cal U.

Kelly Shannon Schoepf '95 is a teacher in the Highlands School District. She and Mark Schoepf live in Apollo, Pa.

Stephanie Tyler '96 lives in Bridgeville, Pa. She majored in education at Cal U.

Audra Kiraly Corente '96 is a corrections monitor for Renewal Inc. She majored in English, with a journalism concentration, at Cal U, where she also was a pledge trainer for Alpha Sigma Tau. She and Frank Corente live in McKeesport. Pa.

Traci Carney '98, of Pittsburgh, Pa., is an account manager for TrueSense Marketing. She studied communications at Cal U, where she was a member of Phi Sigma Sigma and the Cal U Dance Team

Marykate "Katie" Brown Evans '98, of California, Md., is a senior operations office for Tekla Research Inc. She majored in education at Cal U.

Christie Kiser Shehan '98 is a compliance and security specialist for F&M Trust Co. She studied parks and recreation management at Cal U, where she also was a member of Phi Sigma Sigma. Christie and Jim Shehan live in Dry Run, Pa.

2015 FOUNDATION AWARDS

The annual awards presented by the Foundation for California University of Pennsylvania honor two alumni for professional excellence and service, and a corporation for its support of Cal U.



Dr. Angela Covert '56, an independent education consultant, received the 2015 Job Johnson Award.

Angela has shared her expertise with The Atlantic Philanthropies (USA) Inc.; The Teachers for a New Era Project at the University of Washington, Seattle; an education program at Carnegie Corp. of New York; and the nonprofit New Teacher Center, where she is vice chair of the board of directors.

From 2009-2011 she was a senior fellow with City Year, a national AmeriCorps program that engages youths in community service.

In 2013 Angela received the Cal U Alumni Association's Meritorious Award.

Named for a University founder, the Job Johnson Award recognizes alumni who have received recognition outside the University for excellence, innovation, community service or other notable achievements.

The Dr. and Mrs. Arthur William Phillips Charitable Trust received the Society of 1852 award. The trust is dedicated to providing Pennsylvania's young people with a university education.

Named for a physician who put his career on hold to serve two years in the U.S. Navy during World War I, the trust has established an endowed fund that provides scholarships to Cal U students from the Oil City area and the region that includes Venango, Mercer, Erie, Forest, Lawrence, Crawford, Clarion, Butler and Jefferson counties.

The Society of 1852 Award celebrates the year of the University's founding as it recognizes distinguished contributions to the enhancement and excellence of California University.





The late **Dr. Burrell A. Brown** '69, a longtime Cal U faculty member, received the Dixonians Award.

A labor lawyer and former counsel to the Pennsylvania NAACP, Burrell joined the University's faculty in 1989 and later became chair of the Department of Business and Economics.

He was a founder of the Pittsburgh chapter of the National Black MBAs and an active member and

past president of the faculty union at Cal U. He served as vice president of the Association of Pennsylvania State College and University Faculties, where he helped to negotiate four contracts, and was appointed to Gov. Mark Sweiker's Advisory Commission on African-American Affairs.

Among his numerous awards was the 2001 President's Faculty Award for Distinguished Service.

The Dixonians Award is named in honor of John N. Dixon, the "Grand Old Man" among Cal U's founders who served as a Trustee for 46 years. This award honors individuals who unselfishly serve the University.

Mary Popovich '98 was a candidate to replace retiring state Rep. Ted Harhai, a Democrat from Monessen, Pa. Mary teaches in Cal U's Department of Health Science.

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Randy Persi '89, '00 works as a project manager for Curtiss-Wright in Cheswick, Pa. He studied business and communications at Cal U and lives in Irwin. Pa.

Jim Lokay '02 has joined WTTG Washington as a reporter and anchor. Most recently, he was the weekend morning anchor and news/sports reporter for WCVB in Boston. He majored in communication studies at Cal U.

Josh Fosbrink '01 is a meteorologist at WJAC-TV in Johnstown, Pa. He studied Earth sciences and broadcast meteorology at Cal U.

Chad Bogdewic '02 is the minister of the Wurtemburg United Methodist Church in Ellwood City, Pa.

Dr. Jessica Croushore Petko '02 is an assistant professor of biology at Penn State York. She studied biology with a minor in psychology at Call I

Cynthia James '02, of Pittsburgh, Pa., is president and chief executive officer of Youth Places. She studied political science, with a pre-law concentration, at Cal U, where she was a member of Zeta Phi Beta, Black Student Union, Student Government Association, University Ethics Committee, Student Activities Association and the Pre-law Society.

Sherry Yocco Sillings '04 is a teacher in the McKeesport (Pa.) School District. She majored in education at Cal U. She and Matthew Sillings live in Clairton. Pa.

Robert Geletko '04 is the business manager for the Penn Hills (Pa.) School District. He studied business administration at Cal U.

Megan Ardary Albright '05 is a human resources manager for Synchrony Financial. Megan studied criminal justice at Cal U. She and Bernie Albright '05 live in Alpharetta, Ga.

Julio Caprari '05 owns Caprari Media and works at his family's store in Pittston, Pa. He and Melissa Maros were married Nov. 15, 2014, in Pittston

Melissa Kalina Meyers '06 is an office manager for Window World. She studied business administration at Cal U. She and Michael Meyers lives in Boswell, Pa.

Dana Keener Schneider '06, of Pittsburgh, Pa., is an assistant professor of psychology at Cal U.

CALU MILESTONES

Charles Schweinsberg '07 is a business analyst for PNC. He majored in business administration at Cal U, where he was a member of the band. He and Amanda Cassady-Schweinsberg live in Greensburg, Pa.

Tanya Flentroy-Parker '07, who earned her master's degree in legal studies from Cal U, lives in Troy, Mich.

Elana Anthony '07 writes blogs on fitness and health. She is a certified group fitness instructor with the Aerobics and Fitness Association of America. She earned her graduate degree in exercise science and health promotion from Cal U. She also has a graduate degree in writing from DePaul University, in Chicago, III.

Shawn Sejpal '08, of Bel Air, Md., is a logistics management specialist for the Department of Defense. He studied geography at Cal U, where he was a member of the Travel and Tourism Research Association, the Geographic Information Systems Club, a Peer Mentor, and a member of the Commuter Council.

Dax Fiore '08 has joined the Rochester (N.Y.) Red Wings as strength and conditioning coach. He earned his master's degree in exercise science from Cal U.

Marshal Carper '09, of Canonsburg, Pa., has written or co-written nine books, runs an independent publishing house, works as a marketing consultant and teaches Brazilian iii.iiisu.

Demetrus Caldwell '09 is assistant director for NCAA compliance at Northwestern State University in Louisiana. He earned his master's degree in sport management from Cal U.



STEPPING DOWN

of the University's Council of Trustees, is stepping down from his elected position as state representative in the 49th Legislative District. Pete was elected to the state House in 1982. Before taking state office, he served as mayor of California, Pa., from 1973-1981.

HARRISBURG INTERN

"To work at the state Capitol, in the governor's residence and with the first lady is a dream come true," says **Adisa Hargett-Robinson**.

And wherever the future takes her, the May 2016 graduate is certain that her internship in Harrisburg will stand out on her resume.

Adisa, an honors student with a political science major and a communication studies minor, spent a 15-week internship in the Office of the First Lady in Harrisburg.

She was one of 16 students participating in The Harrisburg Semester, a program sponsored by Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education.

In addition to their work in state government, THIS interns attend academic seminars and complete an individualized research project as part of the program's requirements.



Adisa's internship took her from Harrisburg news conferences to the governor's residence, where she coordinated a sleepover for elementary school girls.

More than 600 students from State System universities have participated in THIS since the program began in 1989. Interns have worked with dozens of state agencies, as well as in the offices of the governor, the speaker of the House of Representatives and the attorney general.

Monda Williams '09 has been elected to Washington (Pa.) City Council. Monda is a U.S. Army veteran and mother of three.

Ashley Altemare '09, marketing director for the Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority, is a volunteer for the Young Professionals of the Mon Valley. For the Young Professionals, she coordinates social events, development seminars and community involvement.

Joanne Duncan-Carnesciali '09 is an adjunct associate professor at City College of New York. She studied exercise science and health promotion at Cal U, where she also was a Jennie M. Carter Scholar. Joanne and Aldo Carnesciali live in New York, N.Y.

10s

Mandy Woodford Mitchell '10 and Reno Mitchell live in Portland, Ore. At Cal U, Mandy was a member of Delta Zeta and an Alumni Ambassador.

Greg Johnson '10 of Sacramento, Calif., won the Life Fitness 2015 Personal Trainers to Watch competition, which recognizes elite training skills and passion for fitness. He owns Varimax Fitness and is the lead trainer of FitGolf in Sacramento. He earned his degree in exercise science and health promotion from Cal U.

Stefan Getzik '10 is a chiropractor and CrossFit gym owner in Washington County, Pa.

Steve Roach '10 has been named director of athletics at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He studied sport management at Cal U.

Ryder Weischedel '10 is the new strength and

conditioning coach for Buena Vista University, in Iowa. He earned his master's degree in sport psychology from Cal U.

Matt Shelton '10 is the new athletic director at Southwestern College, in Kansas. Matt had been the associate athletic director at Graceland (lowa) University. He earned his master's degree in sport management from Cal U.

Kim Jackson '08, '10 is a licensed social worker for SouthernCare Hospice in Washington, Pa. She earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in social work at Cal U. For the past four years she has served on the Washington County Committee for the Walk to End Alzheimer's.

Peter Hoosac '11, of New Eagle, Pa., works for the U.S. Postal Service. He studied liberal arts at Cal U, where he was a member of Campus Crusade and the Accounting Club.



Annie O'Shea '12 earlier this year became the first American woman skeleton racer in nearly two years to win a World Cup event. She studied sport management at Cal U and has her eye on the 2018 Winter Olympics.

Carlene McGinty '12 is the new Mt. Lebanon (Pa.) High School dean of students. She earned her master's degree in education from Cal U.

Marcus Lambert '12 has joined the Siegfried Group, based in Wilmington, Del., as a staff accountant. He earned his accounting degree at Cal U.

Brody Carcella '12 is a Realtor for Northwood Realty Services in North Belle Vernon, Pa. He earned his master's degree in business administration from Cal U.

Matthew Kroetch '12 is a teacher and founder of a property management company. He and Stacey Nobles live in Chantilly, Va. Matthew majored in mathematics and was on the track and field team at Cal U.

Whitney Ferguson '13 is the program director for the Moshannon Valley (Pa.) YMCA. She earned her master's degree in exercise science and health promotion from Cal U.

Kayla Fransko '13 recently finished her first season as head coach of the Ringgold Lady Rams soccer team. She was a member of the Cal U women's soccer team, earning all-conference honors in 2011 and 2012. Kayla is an accountant for Crown Castle at Southpointe, Canonsburg, Pa.

Erik Harris '13 has signed a contract with the New Orleans Saints of the National Football League. Erik spent the past three seasons with the Canadian Football League's Hamilton Tiger-Cats.

Kellie Polvinale '13 was chosen by officials in Brownsville, Pa., as the school district's Herald-Standard Excellent Educator for February 2016. Kellie is a kindergarten teacher at Cox-Donahey Elementary School.

Codie Onderko '14 is a graduate student who also works for UPMC. She studied geography at Cal U. She and Kaleb Bowser '14 live in Greenville, Pa.

Kaleb Birney '14 is an athletic trainer at the University of Montana Western, in Dillon, Mont.

Paula Cappellini Coville '14 is a registered nurse for Washington Health System Greene, in Greene County, Pa. She and Dominick Coville live in Masontown, Pa.



Logan Lowanse '14 is an environmental technician with KU Resources. Logan will perform water and soil sampling and analyze data from those samples for the consulting firm, which

specializes in environmental management and site development engineering. Logan was a teaching assistant in the Department of Physics and Chemistry at Cal U, where he majored in environmental science with a chemistry minor.

LASTING LEGACY



James Stofan '71 has endowed the John and Jean Stofan Music Scholarship to honor his parents for making his education possible. The scholarship will be awarded annually, with first preference given to a commercial music technology student who meets the eligibility guidelines.

James graduated from Cal U with a bachelor's degree in mathematics education. He has spent his career at various universities, including the University of California and Vanderbilt, in Tennessee. He currently serves as vice president of alumni relations at Tulane University in New Orleans, La.

James writes:

I was able to attend California University because of the complete support and love of my parents. They constantly encouraged me to study and strongly urged me to continue my education after high school.

Both of my parents worked extremely hard to support three children and to make sure we always had what we needed. My dad worked two jobs and my mom worked for little compensation so that she could have a schedule that would complement my dad's schedule. This was in spite of the fact that she had earned a degree in violin from Duquesne University. They were great parents and did all they could to assure that all three of their children could get a college degree.

My career in higher education was made possible due to my parents' sacrifices. I wanted to honor the effort they made to help me succeed, and I thought that best way was to endow a scholarship in their name at the university where I got my start.

I know many others have family members that have helped them over the years, and I hope they will consider endowing a scholarship of their own to recognize that support. It's a great way to thank those who have helped to put us on the path to success.



CALU MILESTONES

Michael Kubicek '15 is a substitute teacher. He studied secondary education at Cal U and lives in Ruffsdale. Pa.

Jamie Mitchell '15, an elementary and special education graduate, lives in Connellsville, Pa.

Adam Gresh '15 studied environmental science at Cal U, where he was a member of the Wildlife Society. He lives in McClellandtown, Pa.

Jeremy Pell '15 is the new assistant golf professional at Cuscowilla on Lake Oconee, in Georgia. He majored in professional golf management at Cal U.

Jason Shultz '15 is assistant principal of Urbana (Ohio) Junior High School. He earned his principal certification from Cal U.

Ava Donaldson '15 and Brian Donaldson live in Baldwin, N.Y. Ava earned her master's degree in exercise science and health promotion from Cal U.

Emma Mahady '15 is a member of the Sunbury Jets Basketball Association, in Australia. Emma was a member of the Cal Vulcans women's team that won the NCAA Division II women's basketball championship in 2015.

Aaron Dinzeo '15 earned a spot on the U.S. Track and Field Team for the Pan-American Games, which were held in March in Venezuela.

NEW TRUSTEES

A Cal U alumna and a current student have joined the University's Council of Trustees.

Sorah Cassin '97 is legislative director for state Sen. James R. Brewster (D-45th Senatorial District). As a Cal U student she earned her bachelor's degree in secondary education/social sciences and played on the Vulcans softball team. She was inducted into the Cal U Athletic Hall of Fame in 2007.

claudia Pelrowie, the student Trustee and Council secretary, is a rising senior in the University Honors program. She is a communication studies major with a concentration in speech communication and a minor in political science/pre-law. Claudia is an intern with the American Democracy Project, a tutor at the Cal U Writing Center and a staff writer for the Cal Times student newspaper.

Both new Trustees attended their first meeting in March 2016. They are the first new members since Sean Logue, an attorney with the criminal defense law firm Sean Logue & Associates, joined the panel in March 2015.

Christopher Schreiber '15, of Pittsburgh, Pa., is a geographic information systems developer for Knowledge Center Enterprises LLC. He majored in geography with a GIS and applied climatology focus at Cal U, and he also minored in computer science. In addition, he was a member of the marching band, GIS Club, Meteorology Club and WCAL.

ENGAGEMENTS

Laura Stibich and Phillip Kniss are planning a wedding for June 24, 2017. Laura is a math teacher at Greater Johnstown (Pa.) Middle School and is pursuing her master's degree in education from Cal U.



Zachary Parks '13 and Lindsey Longstreth '13 are engaged and are planning a July 2016 wedding. Lindsey has a Cal U degree in pre-K to Grade 4 education, and Zachary graduated from the computer science program. Lindsey is a preschool teacher with Community Action Southwest in Waynesburg, Pa., and Zachary, a former member of the Cal U marching band, is a software developer at Bombardier Transportation.



Philip Locante '10, '11 and Brianna Akins '15 were engaged in spring 2015 and are planning a wedding for September 2017.

Christine Costello '13 and David Mori are engaged. Christine works for Enterprise. They are planning a June 2016 wedding.

Kelly Deets '11 and Josh Watt are engaged. Kelly works for the North Allegheny School District, near Pittsburgh, Pa. They are planning a wedding for September 2016.

WEDDINGS

Elise Duranko '12 and Ryan Jones '08 were married Oct. 31, 2015. Elise is an editorial production assistant at the Observer-Reporter newspaper in Washington, Pa. Ryan is a math teacher and cross country coach at McGuffey High School in Washington County, Pa.



Jennifer Anne Holleran '96, '97, '04 and Edmund Thomas Nusser Jr. were married Aug. 29, 2015, at Clarksville (Pa.) Christian Church. Jennifer studied education and geography at Cal U, where she was a member of Kappa Delta Pi and Phi Alpha Theta. She also was a student worker in the College of Liberal Arts. Recently, she was promoted to director of the Talent Search program, a federal TRIO program, at Seton Hill University in Greensburg, Pa. Edmund is a scientist in the toxicology laboratory at the Allegheny County Medical Examiner's office in Pittsburgh, Pa. They live in Castle Shannon, Pa.



Sarah Tomcik '04 and Zack Rutherford '03, who met at Cal U, were married July 10, 2015. Zack earned his degree in criminal justice and is a public safety officer and substitute teacher. Sarah majored in elementary education. After completing her middle-level English language arts certification, she is teaching eighth-grade reading in the South Allegheny School District.

Jared Russell '09 and Emily Null are planning a May 2016 wedding in Uniontown, Pa. Jared works for U.S. Steel's Clairton Works.

Michael Mucciola '09 and Gabrielle Ash were married Oct. 4, 2015, in Morgantown, W.Va. Michael studied criminal justice at Cal U and works for the West Virginia State Police. He and Gabrielle live in Grafton, W.Va.

Tara Sharpe '15 and Daniel Polvinale were married May 16, 2015. Tara studied science and technology at Cal U. They live in Republic, Pa.

Christina Cuppett '06 and Richard Smith were planning an April 2016 wedding. Christina majored in history and political science at Cal U.

Timothy DeFelice '08 and Kristen Slavick were married July 25, 2015. Timothy studied technology education at Cal U. He and Kristen are employed by the Prince William County Public Schools, in Virginia, and live in Manassas, Va.



Michael Ward '08 and Rebecca Avakian '08 were married Oct. 30, 2015, in Alpharetta, Ga. Michael studied marketing and is a Realtor for Keller Williams. Rebecca studied communications and is an account executive in advertising and media sales in the Atlanta, Ga., area.

Marielle Silvio '14 and Jeff Debick '14 were married Jan. 9, 2016. Marielle majored in secondary education with a mathematics concentration. She works in the accounting department at Passumpsic Savings Bank. Jeff majored in electrical engineering technology and works as a product test engineer at Fairbanks Scales. They live in Johnsbury, Vt.

ANNIVERSARY

Janice Zimmer '89 and Gerald Zimmer '90, of Red Lion, Pa., marked their 25th anniversary with a trip to Ireland. They were married Oct. 13, 1990. Janice is a photographer, and she volunteers for the Feline Rescue Association. Gerry works for the Social Security Administration.

BIRTHS



Andrew Herwig '09 and Ashlee Herwig welcomed their son, William, on Nov. 21, 2015. The newborn weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces. Andrew is a graphic designer at 2U and Ashlee is a sales manager at Marriott.



Rebecca Smith '01, '05, of Waynesburg, Pa., and her partner, Michael Russell, welcomed a baby boy, Maxwell Freeman Russell, on July 13, 2015. The newborn arrived weighing 6 pounds, 15 ounces.



Louis "Rusty" Richards '10 and Angela Lutrario Richards '09 welcomed their first child, Bria Marie Richards, on Nov. 9, 2015. The newborn weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces. Louis is an income maintenance caseworker for the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, and Angela is a special education teacher for the Uniontown (Pa.) Area School District.

IN MEMORIAM

Barry Wayne Anthony '74 Adrienne Arlene Ferguson Baldwin '84 Jerry M. Blackmon,* emeritus faculty, former chair, Department of Math and Computer Science John Robert Bowden Jr. '87 Donald O. Buttermore Jr. '51 Richard S. Caputo '64 Joseph P. Cardinale '70 James "Jim" Edward Daniero Sr. '47 The Rev. William Harry Davis Sr.* Dr. Robert Dillon Sr.,* emeritus professor of English Dr. Ronald Dreucci '70, emeritus professor, industrial arts and technology Mary Helen Stout Dunham '37

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REMEMBRANCES

Len Keller '61, a devoted alumnus, passed away on March 2, 2016.

A successful businessman, Len was a retired sales consultant with Triumph Learning, the largest publisher of test preparation materials for state-mandated tests for grades K-12. The firm develops and distributes the widely used Coach series for test programs in 25 states.

Len was an active brother in the Alpha Kappa Lambda fraternity and supported a number of scholarships for Cal U students, including the Michael Keller Memorial Scholarship and three school district scholarships.

In recognition of his exemplary dedication to and support of his alma mater, Len was awarded California University's Medallion of Distinction in 2009. In 2010 he served as grand marshal for the University's Homecoming parade.

Last summer he received the the Pavlak/ Shutsy Special Service Award from the Alumni Association, where he was a lifetime member of the board of directors.

John E. Kovalchick '53, a member of Cal U's Hall of Fame for baseball Doris I. Sharpnack Kovalik '51 Robert LaPorte '59 David Leonard "Peachie" McCann '89 Bradley Allison Moore '63 Robert Lloyd Moore '50 Eric T. Myers '16 Isabelle Aitken Naylor '35 Mary Jane Taucher Pleva '78 Robert S. Rable '64 Mason Reiff* Constance L. DeCarlo Rydeski '59 Bernadette Marie Sokol '87 Theodore J. "Ted" Tarka Sr. '99 Florence Koury Thomas '70 Donald E. Saunders '71 William Wayne Simms '70 Marilyn C. Kielbasa Smith '73 Alicia Kave Vicinelly '74 Mary Ann Cairns Vittone '75

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