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Assistant Professor of Art **Tarrah Krajnak** and her senior thesis art class created an inflatable classroom with visiting artist Katy Cowan. The design was inspired by the Ant Farm, a multidisciplinary art collective founded in the late '60s.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome. This issue of *The Participant* highlights our community coming together for my inauguration as the sixth president of Pitzer College. Suzanne and I were delighted by the activities that were organized by faculty, students and staff leading up to the ceremony, including expert panel discussions on weighty topics and a student-hosted carnival.

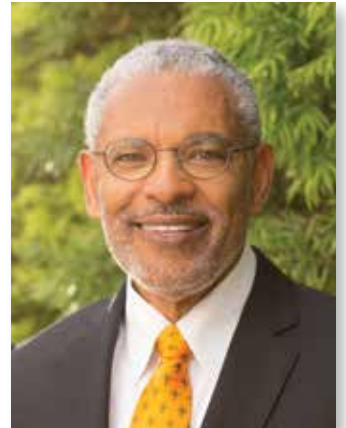
This inauguration was an opportunity to take stock of Pitzer's dialectic of continuity and change over time to help us meet the challenges our College faces. One strand of continuity that was brought home to me recently is our engagement with the environment and the international community.

Following our College's glorious commencement, Suzanne and I visited Pitzer's study abroad programs in Parma, Italy (celebrating its 25th anniversary), Hue, Vietnam (one of our newest programs) and Kathmandu, Nepal (our longest-running program). During our visits abroad, America's president announced that the US would withdraw from the Paris Agreement, severing international collaboration with nearly 200 countries to reduce greenhouse pollutants.

Pitzer College rejects this retreat. Our mission, our values and our international partnerships reinforce Pitzer's commitment to a sustainable world. For us, engagement with the global community is central to training students to become responsible, engaged citizens. Pitzer students become intercultural interlocutors who connect us, not divide us. We value the educational benefits that derive from these international exchanges and the collaborations of our scholars and students.

As president of Pitzer College, I joined with hundreds of other college presidents, mayors, governors, business leaders and investors to "declare that we will continue to support climate action to meet the Paris Agreement." Yes, "we are still in" and in so doing, we hold steadfast to our College's founding principles established in 1963.

Melvin L. Oliver
President, Pitzer College



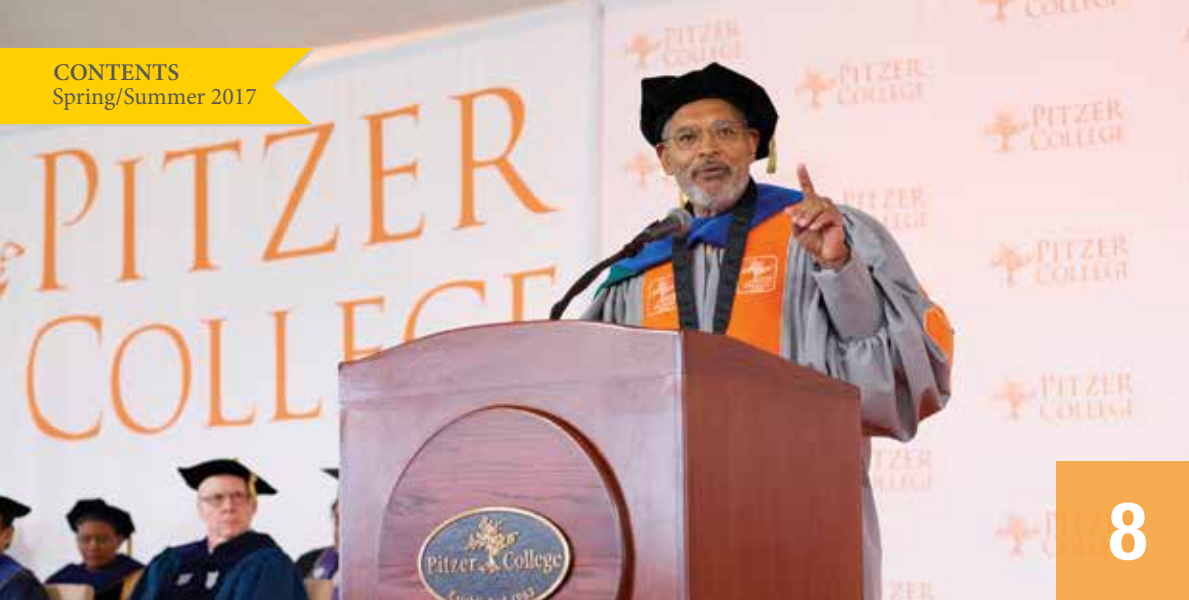
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On the cover: A composite image of the Pitzer College community coming together to inaugurate its sixth president.

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Pitzer College is a nationally top-ranked undergraduate college of the liberal arts and sciences. Pitzer offers a distinctive approach to a liberal arts education by linking intellectual inquiry with interdisciplinary studies, cultural immersion, social responsibility and community involvement.



A MEMBER OF THE CLAREMONT COLLEGES

Gael Sylvia Pullen '78 Bridging Society's Divides and Helping Girls to Fly

After earning her degree in sociology from Pitzer College in 1978, Gael Sylvia Pullen set out to make a difference. She focused her education, energy and vision on the creation of multiple values-centric business ventures: Spanish-language radio, McDonald's Feeds Hungry Minds and Hungry Bodies program, home ownership-credit management programs in Ohio and a minority-owned commercial real estate firm in Southern California.

Former First Lady Michelle Obama honored Pullen's Girls Fly! initiative as part of the Presidential Proclamation mandates for the International Day of the Girl. Girls Fly! empowers girls and women by matching them up with successful role models in transformative "iFly experiences" in arts, athletics, aviation and equestrian activities.

This year, Pullen won Pitzer's Distinguished Alumni Award, the highest honor the College bestows on a graduate.

While much of the world endures ever-deeper divisions, Pullen bridges opposites, unites disparate visions and builds sustainable futures with passion and purpose.

Follow your passion



PITZER
PATHFINDER

Pitzer alumni take the path less traveled...
and make a world of difference.

Class of 2017

On May 13, 2017, thousands of family and friends joined the Class of 2017 in celebration during Pitzer's 53rd Commencement. Keynote speaker and *TED Radio Hour* host Guy Raz challenged our new alumni to "lead our world to a kinder, more just future," while President Melvin L. Oliver said to the class: "We are all rooting for you, our true hope for the future."

252 GRADUATES

Top 10 Majors

Media Studies, Biological Sciences, Psychology, Environmental Analysis, Sociology, Political Studies & Public Policy, Economics, English & World Literature, Neuroscience and Mathematical Economics

Some graduates will pursue higher degrees at

Harvard University; London School of Economics; New York University; Sciences Po University; UC Berkeley, Irvine and Santa Cruz

...others will start their careers at

Amazon, American Enterprise Institute, AmeriCorps, Creative Artists Agency, Goldman Sachs, Mount Sinai Health System and TM Financial Forensics





New Dean of Students



Sandra Vasquez joins Pitzer this summer as the new assistant vice president for student affairs and dean of students. She comes to Pitzer from the University of California, Santa Barbara, where she served as associate dean of students and director of judicial affairs.

“I am truly honored and excited about this opportunity to work collaboratively with students, faculty and staff to advance student success initiatives at Pitzer,” Vasquez said.

Prior to UCSB, Vasquez served as the inaugural associate dean of students, director of student conduct and ethical development, and chair of the Campus Assessment Response and Education Team at California State University, San Bernardino. She has also held administrative positions at the University of Arkansas and the University of Southern California.

Vasquez was selected following an extensive national search led by a committee composed of Pitzer students, faculty and staff.

Vasquez earned a bachelor’s degree in liberal studies from California State University, Northridge; a master’s degree in higher education leadership from the University of Arkansas; and a doctorate of education in educational leadership from USC. The National Association of Student Personnel Administrators recognized her as the Region IV-West Outstanding New Professional of the Year, and she is a Hispanic Scholarship Fund Scholar.



CONGR

Pitzer 2016–17 Student and Alumni Award Winners

American Sociological Association Honors Program

Adriana Ceron '18

Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship

Victoria Hernandez '18

Claremont Colleges Intercollegiate Neuroscience Summer Fellowship Program

Daisy Brambila '18

Mara Burns '18

Benjamin Cowan '18

Shota Yasunaga '19

Coro Fellowship in Public Affairs

Chance Kawar '17

Jennifer Lesorogol '17

Davis Projects for Peace

Brendan Schultz '20

Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship

Lillian Horin '17

Alfredo “Freddy” Valencia '14

Fulbright US Student Program

Kyra Ghosh '17

Julia Gibas-Jones '12

Natalie Honan '17

Jordan Jenkins '17

David Koren '17

Douglas Lewis '17

Aminah Luqman '17

Andrew Lydens '17

Rebecca Nathan '17

Kristen Park '17

Lily Peterson '17

Uriel Rafael '14

Rebecca Rubin '17

International Writing Centers Association President’s Future Leaders Scholarship

Jordan Jenkins '17

Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship

Victor Bene '19

Kevin Kandamby '19

Javier LopezCasertano '19

Naima OrozcoValdivia '19

Jasmine “Jazzy” Randle '19





ATU LATIONS

Napier Award for Creative Leadership

Tiffany Ortamond '17

National Institutes of Health Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award

Alfredo "Freddy" Valencia '14

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowships

Brian Cohn '15

Kristin Dobbin '13

Lillian Horin '17

Samuel "Yoni" Rubin '15

Princeton in Asia

Madeleine Rawding '17

Princeton in Latin America

Roberto Figueroa '17

Public Policy & International Affairs Program Fellowship

Sydney Warren '18

Teachers for Vietnam

Sachi Watase '17



Lillian Horin '17 capped off her college career at Pitzer by winning both a 2017 Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship and a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship. These prestigious national awards will support her graduate work at Harvard University and her ultimate goal: to be a resource to other underrepresented students and communities.

"I'd like to get my PhD in biology, become a professor and give back to the first-gen community and students of color," said Horin, a first-generation college student whose parents immigrated to the US, her mother from Mexico, her father from Iraq.

Horin came to Pitzer planning to study political science or psychology, but she arrived a week early to participate in the W.M. Keck Science Department Summer Science Immersion Program. That one week changed the next four years and the trajectory of Horin's life.

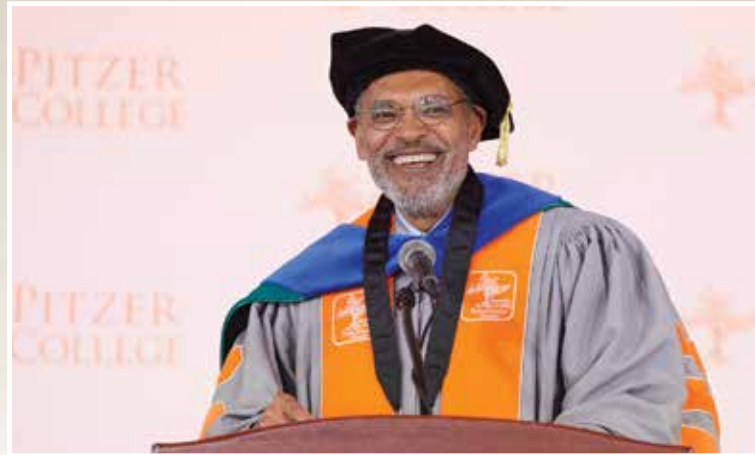
"It got me really excited about science," Horin said. "As a first-gen student of color, you don't grow up seeing people like you in the sciences. Sometimes your parents can't help you with your homework and you think that struggling with science means you're not good at it."

At Pitzer, Horin wrestled with the college-level material at first, but after putting in long hours and seeking help from peer and faculty mentors, she discovered that she could not only do science, she could do it exceptionally well. She graduated in May with honors in biology, a minor in chemistry and a résumé full of accomplishments, including serving as the vice president of The Claremont Colleges' chapter of the Society for Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science and earning a Barry Goldwater Scholarship.

One of her first peer mentors at the summer immersion program was **Alfredo Valencia '14**, who won awards from both the Ford Foundation and the NIH to support his doctoral studies in chemical biology at Harvard. This fall, Horin and Valencia will again find themselves on the same campus, now as grad students studying science to unlock the secrets of diseases and their cures.







INAUGURATION PITZER'S 6TH PRESIDENT MELVIN L. OLIVER

A lifetime of seeking knowledge and redressing inequality led up to this moment on March 25, 2017:

Following two days of festivities and a procession down 50 feet of orange carpet, Melvin L. Oliver stands before more than 450 guests gathered from around the globe on Pitzer's Commencement Plaza. Pitzer's Board of Trustees Chair Shahan Soghikian '80 presents Oliver with a medallion, inscribed with the College's founding seal and motto, *Provida Futuri*, Mindful of the Future.

Oliver turns to the audience, some who have known him for more than 40 years, one who traveled 28 hours from Pakistan, all who came to celebrate the man Pitzer chose to lead the College into the next chapter of its history.

Everyone rises to their feet. Cameras click. Lifting both hands in the air, Soghikian says: *Pitzer community, I present to you the sixth president of Pitzer College, Dr. Melvin Lee Oliver.*

Visit Participant Plus to view the entire ceremony and additional content





“I speak for my colleagues in higher education... when I say that Pitzer College is immensely fortunate to have appointed an inspirational leader who upholds a strong commitment to excellence and diversity and an unwavering devotion to the virtues of higher education.”

—Henry T. Yang, Chancellor, University of California, Santa Barbara

PASSION. PURPOSE. PITZER.

Inaugural Address Excerpts
Melvin L. Oliver

*Good morning!
It's a good morning.*

To members of the Board of Trustees, to faculty, emeriti faculty, students, staff, administrators and alumni, it's a great honor for me to join you at this remarkable institution.



...
I am ennobled by the presence of each and every one of you, but I am especially humbled that many of you have come from far and wide to celebrate this day with me and Pitzer College; this includes friends, relatives, former students, colleagues, co-authors and mentors from places as distant as my high school career, my college, graduate school, UCLA and UCSB, amongst other places. I am here,



“The term mentor does not even begin to describe the role Melvin Oliver has played in our lives... The words he spoke in the classroom more than two decades ago are still with me.”

—Janelle S. Wong, former student of President Oliver and Director of Asian American Studies Program, University of Maryland



“To meet Melvin is to at once be struck by his steadiness, his intelligence, his compassion, his genuine warmth and that just stunning smile.”

—Lawrence D. Bobo
W.E.B. Du Bois Professor of Social Sciences
Harvard University



“Under the leadership of Dr. Oliver, Pitzer College will continue producing alumni who will transform the world.”

—Tim Campos '10, Incoming Chair, Pitzer College Alumni Board



“Every day she’s my MVP in the game of life.”

—Melvin L. Oliver,
thanking his wife, Suzanne

in great part, because of the belief you had in me, the belief that I could grow emotionally, intellectually and ethically and that I would use those gifts to support others. Thank you for your belief in me. Finally, I want to thank my best friend, my wife, my partner in life, Suzanne Loth Oliver. I want to thank her for her support, her strength and her laughter. Every day she is my MVP in the game of life.

...

I stand as the sixth president of Pitzer College in relation to the preceding five: John Atherton; Robert Atwell; Frank Ellsworth, who is here; Marilyn Chapin Massey and Laura Skandera Trombley. I feel a powerful sense of purpose, perhaps even destiny, being here with you today.

Like Pitzer, I am a product of my time—idealistic, committed and energized. My parents cared deeply about the future and instilled in me an abiding connection to values of empathy, higher truths and hard work in service to others. My life experience and passion for understanding social inequality drove me to college and beyond. For more than four decades, I have studied, researched, taught and collaborated with academic,



Frank Ellsworth, Pitzer's third president, with Oliver

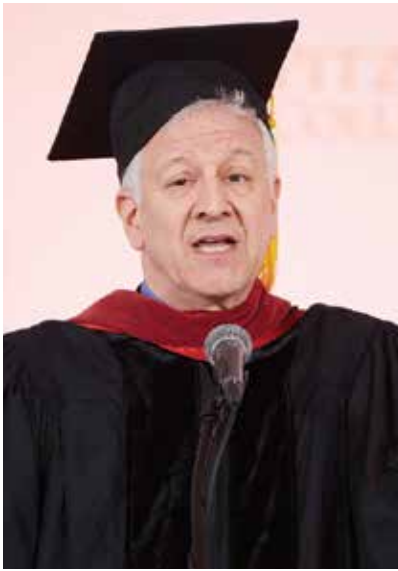
social, philanthropic and academic leaders to map the frontiers of social inequality in America and beyond to develop solutions to seemingly intractable problems. My journey of discovery has paralleled Pitzer's exploration of intercultural values and its rise to a leadership position as



“Pitzer College was born from a commitment to improve the world, to put liberal arts to the grand purpose of addressing challenges in the human condition. And today, Pitzer College inaugurates a great president, an inspired and inspiring leader who personifies the College's institutional commitments as well as those of The Claremont Colleges as a group.”

—Hiram E. Chodosh, President, Claremont McKenna College;
Chair, The Claremont Colleges Council of Presidents

The Claremont Colleges Council of Presidents (L-R): Sheldon Schuster, KGI; Maria Klawe, HMC; Lara Tiedens, Scripps; Melvin L. Oliver; David Oxtoby, Pomona; Jacob Adams '78, P'08, CGU; Hiram Chodosh, CMC



“We need more college presidents like Melvin who can provide the leadership that young people need to navigate our rapidly changing, globalized world.”

—Sheldon H. Danziger, President, Russell Sage Foundation

“Truly we have at our helm a scholar, activist and forever student.”

—Alicia Bonaparte, Associate Professor of Sociology; Chair, Pitzer College Faculty Executive Committee



a liberal arts institution of higher education.

Separately, Pitzer and I have invested ourselves in understanding the human need for recognition, cultural identity and the untapped power in new and evolving cultural intersections. Today, with my inauguration, we come together to collaborate on the exciting next era of one of America's leading and most innovative models of the liberal arts—Pitzer College.

Oliver with master of ceremonies and newly minted Dean of Faculty Nigel Boyle



Pitzer's founders shared a sense of passionate engagement. It is an enduring feature of Pitzer College to this day; a passionate sense of engagement first, for what the College's founding president, John Atherton, called "that constant search for truth and freedom." Second, for a style of college governance that involved every constituency and which *Time* magazine called at the time "tumultuously democratic." Third, a passionate commitment to the notion that "genuine education" can be marshaled to address the "forces of bigotry, racism, ignorance and repression" but only in the context of "an open community, which encourages free inquiry and stimulates individual development and social responsibility." These passionate engagements remain at the core of Pitzer College.

In 1966...Pitzer took the unprecedented step of hiring the first African-American faculty member in The Claremont Colleges, Dr. William Russell Ellis, a sociologist. And, as the first African American president of a Claremont College, I am proud that Dr. Ellis is here with us to close this amazing circle.

Oliver and William Russell Ellis, former Pitzer professor and the first full-time African American instructor at The Claremont Colleges



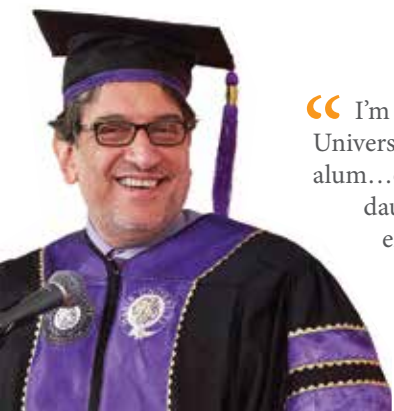
“On behalf of the Pitzer College Staff Council and the many members of staff here at Pitzer, we welcome you and your wife, Suzanne, to campus as a member of our community.”

—Kirsten Carrier, Co-chair, Pitzer College Staff Council



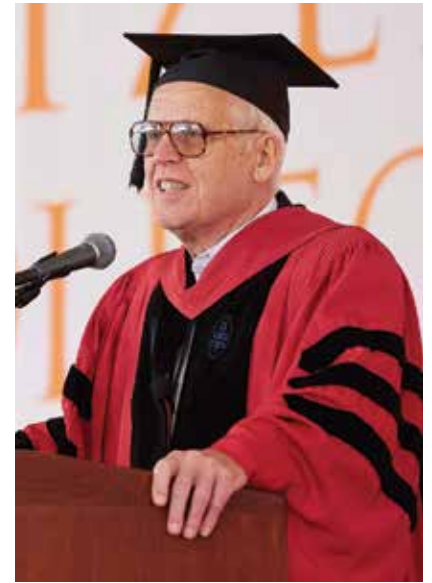
“I'm here as the founding president of the first liberal arts university in Pakistan....A few years from now, when Habib University may be choosing another president, and the choice could be to go safe and find some Harvard Business School alum...or someone with a keen insight into structured, pernicious, ossified injustices and inequalities, someone with a daunting command of empirical data and facts, someone who would push the institution further in its mission of engagement with the hardest societal and global challenges...in the face of such a dilemma, the job of that would-be search committee has been made a lot easier: *All they would have to say, 'See, Pitzer College picked one such president.'*”

—Wasif Rizvi, President, Habib University



“As a representative of the Pitzer family, we’re delighted to be here today to welcome Melvin Oliver as the sixth president.”

—Russell M. Pitzer, Trustee Emeritus; Grandson of Founder Russell K. Pitzer



“...the Pitzer College Student Senate and the entire student body are here to work with you to make our campus and the world a better place.”

—Josue Pasillas '17, President, Pitzer College Student Senate

How do we take the passion and purpose that is Pitzer’s legacy into the future?... First, we must reaffirm our commitment to the liberal arts....Our challenge for the future is: How do we give our students both the skills and the moral sensibilities to engage in effective civil dialogue in pursuit of social justice in a globalized and digitally connected world? Second, we must reaffirm our commitment to environmental sustainability. Our focus on environmental sustainability is a commitment expressed in our campus architecture and grounds, our interdisciplinary environmental academic focus and our institutional practices.... Third, we must reaffirm our commitment to intercultural understanding. A key dimension of Pitzer College’s education is providing students with the ability to transcend the biases of one’s lived experiences and preconceived notions and incorporate the perspectives and worldview of other cultures.... Finally, we must reaffirm our commitment



Board Chair Shahan Soghikian '80 presenting President Oliver with a medallion featuring the College’s official seal

to diversity and inclusion.... We must reassert our moral obligation to be a ladder of social mobility for the dispossessed, the first-generation students, while simultaneously creating a community of learners that are economically and socially stratified.

As Pitzer College’s sixth president, I accept these challenges. I am comforted by my sense that the strength of Pitzer lies in its commitment to a mission whose value today is more important than ever. In a world of “alternative facts,” we need rigorous analysis of the facts from a multidisciplinary perspective; in a world of absolutist and polarizing

thinking, we need open inquiry that incorporates multiple perspectives in the search for elusive truths; in a world of debased dialogue, we need the communicative competence to lead civil discourse that reflects the humanistic values embedded in the world’s great philosophical and religious traditions of mutual respect, the sanctity of the individual and the mutual interdependence of humanity. I ask you, join me on this journey as Pitzer College moves toward its next era of *provida futuri!*

“Dr. Oliver understands that change happens not just because we have a good idea, not just because we’re outraged at what exists, but because we invest in young people to help them believe in themselves.”

—Angela Glover Blackwell, CEO, PolicyLink



“Here is my prayer for Pitzer College at this new beginning: That this community of students, faculty and staff build Rumi’s field... a field where we can meet together to construct bridges of understanding over our fears...”

—Arthur Gross-Schaefer, Rabbi; Professor, Loyola Marymount University

OVERTURE TO INVESTITURE

Leading up to the big day, Pitzer celebrated the inauguration of a man described by colleagues, friends and fans as a life-changing teacher, ground-breaking scholar and an inspired and inspiring leader. Students hosted a carnival featuring a Ferris wheel, professors from Pitzer and across the country explored the future of higher education and guests toured the worlds of art, science and the natural environment on campus.



A panel of prominent national scholars discussed the future of liberal arts education in the new political climate on March 24. (L-R) Manuel Pastor, USC; John R. Kroger, Reed College; President Oliver; Cheryl I. Harris, UCLA School of Law; Lawrence D. Bobo, Harvard University



Pitzer staff members honored the president with a reception on March 23.



Pitzer's emeriti faculty kicked off the three-day celebration with a luncheon in McConnell Center's Founders Room.



The entire Pitzer community celebrated at a Student Senate-hosted carnival in honor of President Oliver.



A self-guided tour featured faculty and student exhibitions and research at Nichols Gallery, Scott Hall and Broad Center gardens and the W.M. Keck Science Center.



Pitzer's faculty panel with (L-R) Michelle Berenfeld, Kebokile Dengu-Zvobgo, Ruti Talmor and Colin Robins was moderated by Melinda Herrold-Menzies on March 23.



A close-up portrait of a young man with dark hair and a beard, wearing a plaid shirt, looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. The background is blurred, suggesting an outdoor setting.

A Revolving Door of **Cultural Exchange & Learning Opportunities**

When Bhuwan Kafley, 20, returns to Bhutan this summer after a year as an international exchange student at Pitzer College, he's taking back more than knowledge, friendships and memories. He's taking a tangible symbol of challenges overcome and lessons learned: a plaster cast, one he wore for weeks.

Kafley broke his foot last October when he tried to master a jump-and-twist move in his African aesthetics dance class. Off balance, he landed hard on his ankle.

"I was pretty sad," he said, thinking his opportunities for study and exploration were now limited.

"In Bhutan with such an injury, I would have missed a whole year," he said. His school, Royal Thimphu College, in a mountainous region in Southeast Asia, has no elevators. "It would have been impossible for me to get to classes."

Kafley, however, comes from a country famous for coining the phrase "Gross National Happiness," and his wide smile and optimistic spirit soon reemerged, with a significant boost from the Pitzer community.

The Office of Student Affairs transported him by electric cart to and from classes, and many at Pitzer helped him get meals. "My professors were all so accommodating and thoughtful," he said.

Kafley didn't let his injury stop him from engaging in life at Pitzer and beyond. He traveled to the East Coast over winter break and spent spring break in Cancún.

Still, almost everything was new to him—from the arid climate to idiomatic expressions he found perplexing, even though his English is strong. When he was greeted with "Hey, what's up?" and started to explain, he was shocked when his classmates didn't really expect a response.

Kafley chose classes unavailable to him in Bhutan, such as black-and-white photography, British literature and organizational behavior. In the

latter, at Pitzer, he said he learned how to be a better leader. Focused on how to work effectively in groups, the class taught him life skills and was "one of the most practical classes I have taken."

In all of his classes, he found more discussion, more analysis of texts than in Bhutan, where classes are primarily lecture-based. He said he will try to incorporate more independent reading back home to create a balance between the two systems of education.

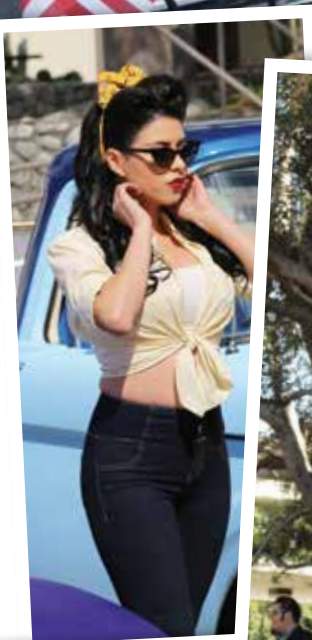
Kafley spoke often to classmates about the demands of college life and the need to de-stress. He loved the natural surroundings, and especially the stillness of the Outback Preserve and the serenity of the Mounds. They gave him a chance to reflect on what Pitzer has given to him and how it has changed his life.

When Kafley first came to Pitzer College, he saw himself as a thirsty sheet of paper, ready to absorb many different colors. "There is so much to see, so much to do here. I am filled with many colors now," he said.

The exchange program that was instrumental in coloring Kafley's life is a revolving door of benefits to all involved. According to Kebokile Dengu-Zvobgo, associate dean of study abroad and international programs: "Exchanges enable Pitzer students to study in more diverse locales, and, as a result, we also have more diverse students from around the world enriching the Pitzer campus community." Kafley was one of around 60 international exchange students at Pitzer this year who have helped the College live its values of intercultural understanding and social responsibility.

Those core values were one of the reasons Kafley fell in love with Pitzer, he said, along with its international focus and commitment to the environment.

"I have bittersweet feelings about leaving," Kafley said. "Pitzer College is truly a magical place."



FINDING A BEAT

Latinx Rockabilly at Pitzer

A vibrant mix of rock and roll, oldies and cumbia music, interjected with a Latino influence, streamed across the Pitzer College campus. Custom cars from the '50s and '60s decorated areas around the Mounds. Food trucks offered temptations. Artisan vendors displayed their work and wares.

It was a lively, joyous scene at Pitzer College for the 10th Annual Rockabilly Festival, organized by the Latinx Student Union (LSU) on Saturday, April 29, during Alumni Weekend.

The people were the real stars of the day. They included the Claremont Colleges community, alumni, families and friends. Well over a thousand attended, according to organizers.

The event also drew hundreds of members of the rockabilly subculture in Southern California, a group that embraces the look and attitude of the '50s—edgy and self-assured. Think wing-tip shoes, pompadours, pencil skirts, bright red lipstick and bangs; think Elvis Presley and pinup icon Bettie Page.

“It was amazing,” said Francisco Tejeda '17, festival coordinator for the past three years. “LSU has the reputation of having events that foster community across the 5Cs. Rockabilly brings us visibility on campus, with other affinity groups, and with the other Claremont Colleges.”

Tim Campos '10, incoming president of the Pitzer College Alumni Board, and Betty Avila '08, have been involved from the start, in 2008. “One of our faculty members, Adrian Pantoja, professor of political studies and Chicano studies, was part of the rockabilly subculture,” said Campos. “He introduced us to it as another identity within the Latino culture.”

The rockabilly movement, with roots in the '50s and the South, found a fertile home in Southern California, where members of the Latino community made it their own. “With the Latino influence, you’re getting the fusion not only of aspects of rockabilly, but cumbia and other forms of music that we consider Latino rockabilly,” said Campos.

The Rockabilly Festival has grown every year, adding new musical groups to attract a wider audience. “Students also want to make sure it’s highlighting other experiences within the Latino community,” said Avila, last year’s Young Alumni Achievement Award recipient. For example, this year all festival proceeds go toward the Dreamers (DACA) emergency fund.

The Rockabilly Festival was formed a few years after the LSU, originally called the Latino Student Union, was founded on campus. Campos explained that the decision to change the “o” in Latino, which denotes a masculine noun, to an “x” in Latinx Student Union’s name evolved from “students deciding they wanted an inclusive name that represented all genders and identities.” Striving to do more than just promote activities, Latinx Student Union members wanted to create a safe shared community. Now there is an actual physical space on campus, the Dolores Huerta Activism Room, that hosts LSU meetings and gatherings.

Campos, who remains an event adviser, encourages other Pitzer alumni to become involved with the dynamic growth of LSU and its festival. “What I hope is that someone picks up info about the Rockabilly Festival and says, ‘Wow, I didn’t even know this existed. How do I support this, how do I become engaged?’”

Around the Mounds

News from Campus and Beyond



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The Wall Street Journal



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A Justice on Justice

As part of the Student Senate's Mindful of the Future speaker series, Washington Supreme Court Justice **Steven González '85** spoke on campus about immigration, security and the promise of equality.



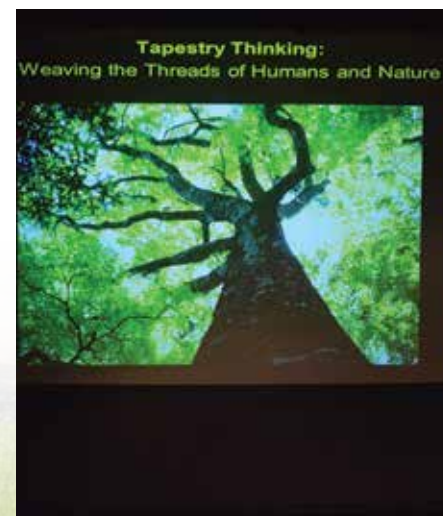
New Resources Refresh

Kevin de León '03, California State Senate president pro tempore, cut the orange ribbon during the re-opening of the renovated New Resources program lounge in March. De León, an alumnus of the program, joined current students, faculty and alumni to celebrate the lounge's new look and New Resources students' contributions to the entire Pitzer community.



Felice Anniversario

The Pitzer in Italy study abroad program celebrated its 25th anniversary this year. The program, led by Director Franca Mora, includes a partnership with the University of Parma. Below, President Oliver and Suzanne Oliver with Antonella Cortese, University of Parma; Mora; and Alessandro Bernazzoli, University of Parma.





100,000 Strong

The 100,000 Strong in the Americas Innovation Fund awarded Pitzer and Vancouver Island University a \$25,000 grant for a new joint program designed to increase access to higher education for Indigenous students in North America.



Art in an Airstream

The Artstream Nomadic Gallery, founded by Pitzer alumnus **Alleghany Meadows '94**, rolled into Claremont in April, bringing ceramic art, artist demonstrations and lectures to campus. The traveling gallery, housed in a restored 1967 Airstream trailer, aims to increase access to, and appreciation of, ceramic art.

WE ARE STILL IN

Hey, Planet Earth,

President Melvin L. Oliver signed an open letter pledging ongoing support of the Paris Agreement and its goals to address climate change. In June, Pitzer and other colleges, universities, governors, mayors, businesses and investors came together to declare, "We Are Still In" despite the White House's announcement that the US would withdraw from the international accord.



Civic Actions for Civil Rights

Claremont Mayor **Sam Pedroza** signed a resolution re-affirming the city's "commitment to diversity and safeguarding the civil rights, safety and dignity of all people" at Pitzer in February. The Claremont City Council passed the resolution, which was drafted by city officials, including Director of Human Services **Anne Turner '92**, following the urging of student activists.



Speaker's Corner

This spring, a parade of prominent, national scholars, writers, activists and artists spoke at Pitzer about everything from ecology in the rainforest canopy to the roots of imperialism in modern art. Forest ecologist Nalini Nadkarni (left) delivered the Distinguished Scientist Lecture. Other endowed lectures included the Stephen and Sandra Glass Humanities Lecture by Brown University Professor Ariella Azoulay, the John D. Sullivan Memorial Lecture by Juliet Christian-Smith of Union of Concerned Scientists and the Murray Pepper and Vicki Reynolds Pepper Distinguished Visiting Artist and Scholar Lecture by artist, writer and activist Gregory Sholette.



Supporting Sciences

A new \$1 million donation from the **Pitzer Family Foundation** will support Pitzer's expansion of sciences at the W.M. Keck Science Department, a joint program of Pitzer, Claremont McKenna and Scripps colleges. Since 2002, the number of Pitzer students majoring in sciences at Keck has increased by more than 200 percent. Pitzer has also seen a nearly 150 percent increase in students earning science degrees in the past 13 years. The gift is part of a legacy of generosity that dates back to 1963, when philanthropist and citrus grower Russell K. Pitzer founded the College.



Dorm Raising in the Rainforest

This spring, Pitzer broke ground on a new dormitory at the College's **Firestone Center for Restoration Ecology** in Barú, Costa Rica. The four-room dorm, which can house up to 16 people, will allow the center to expand teaching and research opportunities and host research teams from local schools and other colleges.



The dorm will be christened "Albergue Stromberg," in honor of Professor Emerita of Sociology **Ann Stromberg**, who established the Pitzer Summer Health Program in Costa Rica. The *albergue*, which means shelter or refuge in Spanish, will open later this year.



Robert Redford Conservancy

UPDATE: The solar panels are on, the dry wall is up and the windows are in as renovations continue apace at the **Robert Redford Conservancy for Southern California Sustainability**. The construction plans incorporate sustainable, adaptable, site-aware designs that serve both Pitzer's educational objectives and environmental ethos. Landscaping will feature native plants cultivated from seeds collected on the grounds. Skylights, stormwater retention basins and windows that can be used for cross-ventilation will decrease the conservancy's dependence on electricity and irrigation. Solar panels on the two outdoor classrooms will provide power as part of the conservancy's goal to be a net-zero energy site. **Brinda Sarathy**, the director of the Redford Conservancy, said each step of the renovation starts with the question, "How can this project be a model for the region?" The conservancy is scheduled to open for academic programming in spring 2018.





Washington State Supreme Court Justice Steven González '85 with Gabriel Madrid '17

Learning on the Job

Students get insider view of alumni and parents' working worlds

In early January, more than 30 Pitzer College students fanned out across the country to join alumni, parents and trustees at work. By spending up to three days with their hosts, these students gained valuable exposure to careers in fields ranging from medicine to marketing to environmental policy. This is Pitzer's Office of Career Services Winter Break Job Shadowing Program, and it has a powerful impact on students as they explore career paths and build professional connections.

Pitzer alumnus and Washington State Supreme Court Justice **Steven González '85** has hosted Pitzer students for the past two years. This year, he mentored senior **Gabriel Madrid '17** in Olympia, WA, where Madrid observed oral arguments in the state's highest court. Madrid, who majored in sociology, has participated in the Winter Break Job Shadowing Program for two years. At first, his experience was predominantly exploratory; he was interested in a legal career but wanted to watch the justice system in action firsthand before committing to a career path. Following his visit to Olympia, Madrid was so inspired by González that he arranged to bring the justice to speak with students and faculty at Pitzer. Today, Madrid is studying for the LSAT as he prepares for a career in the law.

Pitzer parent **Felipe Negritto P'19** has also hosted students for the past two years, including two students this January. Through his position in planning and portfolio management for The Walt Disney Company, Negritto connected students with colleagues in many different departments of the organization.

"The Disney job-shadowing experience put me on cloud nine," says **Mallory Roth '17**, a media studies major who shadowed Negritto this January. "It was such an incredible experience getting to learn more about how the magic of Disney is made possible. Interacting with employees from all of the different segments truly painted a nice picture of what it's like to work at Disney. A big thank you to Felipe for so graciously donating his time to us!"

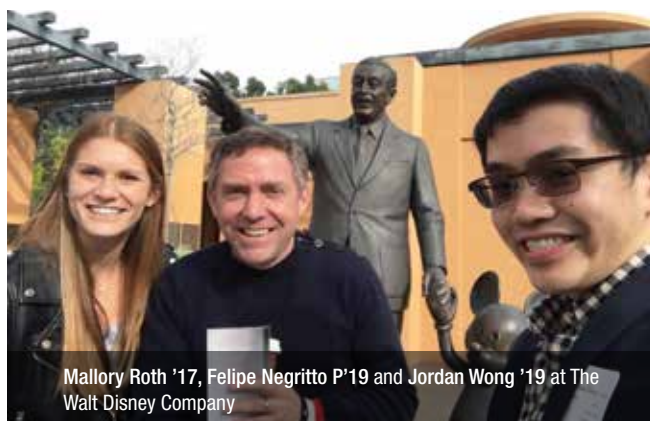
Pitzer's Winter Break Job Shadowing Program provides valuable opportunities for students like Madrid and Roth to be matched with hosts in their chosen fields. Each fall, Pitzer invites alumni, parents and trustees to serve as program hosts. If you would like to engage with the energy, passion and talent of Pitzer students as a program host, please watch for invitations this fall or contact the Office of Career Services at careerservices@pitzer.edu.

Ryan Holzberger '19 with showrunner for *The Americans* Joel Fields '85

Christine Leung '19 with Judge Karen Crawford P'19 at the US District Court in San Diego



Liam Brooks '18 and Creative Strategist Gigi Pandian '97 at the ACLU



Mallory Roth '17, Felipe Negritto P'19 and Jordan Wong '19 at The Walt Disney Company



To learn more about Pitzer's Career Services, visit www.pitzer.edu/participantplus.

From the Archives

Pitzer inaugurations past and present

Inaugurations mark the beginning of a new president's tenure, so, given that Pitzer has now had six presidents, one would think the College has had six inaugurations, right? No. But what Pitzer's inaugural history lacks in continuity it makes up for with a tradition of non-traditions, bolstering the College's reputation as an institution attracting—and attractive to—nonconformists.

Pitzer's first president, John W. Atherton (1963-70), commemorated the beginning of his tenure by combining a modest inauguration ceremony with the dedication of Scott and Sanborn Halls, the College's first (and, for a while, only) buildings. Perhaps Robert H. Atwell (1970-78) was reacting to a sign of uncertain times when he recommended to the Board of Trustees that a ceremony in his honor not be held at all. And then, in what looked to be a Pitzer tradition in the making, Frank L. Ellsworth (1979-91) also went without.

It took the ascent of Pitzer's first female president, Marilyn Chapin Massey (1992-2002), and the increasing financial stability of the College, to put to rest all that understatedness with a parade, a mariachi band, an inaugural ball and a juggler. Laura Skandera Trombley (2002-15) was fêted with a commissioned play directed and performed largely by Pitzer students. And recently, the Pitzer community received a fresh injection of unconventional spirit when the College saluted its sixth president, Melvin L. Oliver, to the tune of a gospel choir.

In Pitzer tradition, the only constant is change, with a dash of freethinking.



Photos from top down: Marilyn Chapin Massey, Robert H. Atwell, Frank L. Ellsworth, Laura Skandera Trombley, John W. Atherton and Melvin L. Oliver

MYSTERY PHOTO

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anything about this photo?



PREVIOUS MYSTERY PHOTO

Thanks to **David Sawhill '01** and **Jumane Redway '01**, who recognized **Cecil Banelos '99** crouching on the low wall. Details about the activity are still a mystery.

Interested in visiting the Pitzer College Archives or donating any "Pitzeriana" to our collection? Please contact Archivist Stacy Elliott at archives@pitzer.edu or call 909.621.8810 to make an appointment.



The Road to Dean

Nigel Boyle is always willing to go the extra mile or two—or four hundred. Twenty-five years ago, Boyle met Pitzer professors Thomas Ilgen and Sharon Snowiss at a political science conference in San Francisco. Ilgen and Snowiss were looking to fill a slot for a European politics professor; Boyle was an Irish lad who had grown up in England, studied comparative politics in Liverpool, worked on his doctorate at Duke and taught at Oxford. After discussing everything from Thatcherism to Pitzerism, the three went their separate ways. But not for long.

“A couple of days later, he turned up on campus,” says Ilgen, Jones Foundation Professor Emeritus of Political Studies. “He was so intrigued by Pitzer, he rented a car in San Francisco and drove all the way down here.”

The journey that started with a 400-mile road trip hit a new mile marker in March, when President Melvin L. Oliver named Boyle vice president for academic affairs and dean of faculty.

The appointment is the culmination of a career that has forever changed the College and its students. Boyle helped craft Pitzer’s first social responsibility educational objective and transform the College into a national leader for student Fulbright Fellowships. He established Pitzer’s Institute for Global/Local Action & Study (IGLAS) in 2012 and taught generations of students about the political factors at play in social inequality, labor policies and World Cup games.

Recite this list of accomplishments to Boyle and he will raise his hand like the soccer referee he is and call foul, or at least offside.

“I was shaped by Pitzer and its students as much as I shaped them—in fact, probably more,” he says.

When he began teaching at Pitzer in 1992, Boyle specialized in European labor relations, but his students wanted to learn more about worker rights in the US, and they wanted to do something about the inequalities they encountered. Boyle tweaked his syllabus and began arranging internships with local unions—one of his first forays into linking lessons in the classroom with experience in the field.

Pitzer students also sparked his “pan-college” perspective. In the late ’90s, juniors and seniors applying for Fulbrights began seeking Boyle’s advice. At first, most were political studies majors, then came the psych majors, the bio majors, the econ majors and the art majors.

MILE MARKERS

2017: VP for Academic Affairs & Dean of Faculty

2015-17: Interim VP for Academic Affairs & Dean of Faculty

2015: Top Fulbright Student Program Advisor

2012-15: Associate Dean Global/Local Programs, IGLAS Director, IGLAS Chair in Political Studies

2008-09: Senior Fulbright Fellow

2007-12: Peter & Gloria Gold Chair in Political Studies

2006: Publishes *Crafting Change: Labor Market Policy under Margaret Thatcher*

2000-14: Founder and Academic Director, Claremont International Studies Education Project

1998-2003: Associate Director, EU Center of California

1992-2017: Professor, Political Studies, Pitzer College

“I started working one-on-one with students right across the curriculum,” he says. “This created an institutional role that was well beyond what I would have done just as a political science professor.”

In that role, Boyle constantly sought innovative ways to manifest the concept of thinking and acting both globally and locally. He launched a state-funded program to expand secondary school teachers’ understanding of international issues. As the founding director of IGLAS, he collaborated with Pitzer’s Office of Study Abroad and Community Engagement Center to develop the Global Local Mentorship Project, which encourages Pitzer students to study abroad and design community-based projects during their first year in college. He instituted classes for incarcerated men and women that are taught by Pitzer professors and taken by Pitzer students inside a local prison. He helped expand foreign language offerings at The Claremont Colleges and engineered study tours to Nepal and Uganda.

These kinds of enterprises reflect both Pitzer’s and the new dean’s “start-up mentality.” The first in his family to finish high school, Boyle sees endless possibilities in education and brings his buoyant energy and dry, UK-accented wit to all aspects of academic life.

Today, Boyle says he is honored to be able to guide young faculty who are as new to campus as he was when he first drove down the California coast to Claremont more than two decades ago.

“I want them to have as enjoyable, challenging and fulfilling a professional and personal experience as I’ve had at Pitzer,” he says. “If I can do that much, I will have done a good job.”

Faculty Field Notes

New Keck Sciences Dean

Ulysses J. “UJ” Sofia was named the Weinberg Family Dean of the W.M. Keck Science Department. Sofia comes to Keck from American University, where he was associate dean for research and a professor in the Department of Physics. His appointment began July 1, 2017.



Seeing Our Way to Bigger Brains

New research published in *PNAS* by Assistant Professor of Biology **Lars Schmitz** suggests that our ancient aquatic ancestors’ eyes enlarged and visual range expanded before their evolutionary leap from water to land, about 385 million years ago, and those bigger eyes and better vision shaped how our brains developed.

National Academy of Sciences Speech

Professor of Chemistry and Environmental Science **Katie Purvis-Roberts** delivered the Jefferson Science Fellows Distinguished Lecture at the National Academy of Sciences in June. A Jefferson Science Fellow, Purvis-Roberts explored air pollution in her talk, “Particles, Particles Everywhere.”

2 Pitzer Professors + 2 Countries = 1 Treasure Trove of Data

Associate Professor of Sociology **Azamat Junisbai** and Assistant Professor of Organizational Studies **Barbara Junisbai** released new findings on religiosity among Muslims in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan in the journal *Central Asian Affairs*.

Standing Together at Standing Rock

In *High Country News*, Associate Professor of Sociology **Erich Steinman** described the potential long-term effects of the protest at Standing Rock against the Dakota Access Pipeline.

Conspiracy Theory Theory

Professor of Philosophy **Brian Keeley** gave the keynote address at the 2017 International Conference on Conflict, Terrorism and Society at Kadir Has University in Istanbul, Turkey, in April.

Art History

The **Pitzer College Faculty Art Show** showcased the legacy of the College’s Art Field Group and Pitzer professors’ ongoing dedication to progressive ideas surrounding art, the natural and built environment, and the impact of human actions.

Professor Emeritus, New APS Fellow

Research Professor Emeritus of Anthropology **R. Lee Munroe** was selected as a fellow of the Association for Psychological Science. Munroe was recognized for his “sustained and outstanding contributions to the advancement of psychological science.”



Bird’s Eye View of Firestone Reforestation

Using aerial images drawn from drones, Professor of Biology and Environmental Science **Donald McFarlane** and colleagues from Claremont Graduate University released data that reveal almost total regrowth in the low-land tropical forest at Pitzer’s Firestone Center for Restoration Ecology in Costa Rica. Their findings were published in the *International Journal of Remote Sensing*.

Economic Theories

In their *U.S. News & World Report* article “The Economic Woman: Why Hillary Clinton’s economic message still matters,” Associate Professor of Political Studies **Rachel VanSickle-Ward** and Associate Professor of Economics **Emma Stephens** argue that Clinton did not neglect economic issues; rather, she and her policies received less overall media coverage than Donald Trump during the 2016 presidential campaign.

Fairest of Them All?

National Geographic magazine featured research by Professor of Linguistics **Carmen Fought** and alumna **Karen Eisenhauer ’13** that explores gender inequality by analyzing the ratio of male to female character dialogue in Disney princess movies.

CDC Public Health Perspective

Professor of Asian American Studies **Kathleen Yep** spoke about Asian American and Pacific Islander immigrant women’s health at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s 2017 Public Health Ethics Forum in May. Yep, an expert in community wellness, was on a panel titled “Women’s Health at the Intersection of Context, Inclusion and Public Health Practice.”

Faculty Awards



Two Pitzer Professors Awarded Fulbrights

Daniel A. Segal, Jean Pitzer Professor of Anthropology and professor of history, was awarded a Fulbright Scholar Research Fellowship to examine the entry of the Brazilian state into the northern Amazon, from the 1980s to the present, within the framework of a larger theoretical study of “the state” across historical contexts.

Suyapa Portillo Villeda '96, assistant professor of Chicano/a-Latino/a transnational studies, was awarded a Fulbright Scholar Research Fellowship to Honduras, where she will explore narratives of migration from the point of view of Hondurans, focusing on the experiences of women and the LGBTI youth.

Warhol Arts Writers Grant

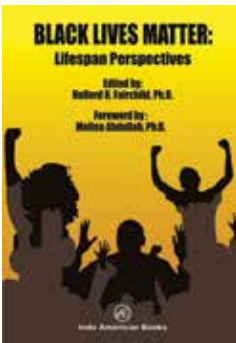
Professor of Media Studies **Ming-Yuen S. Ma** was awarded a Creative Capital | Andy Warhol Foundation Arts Writers Grant, which supports writers whose work addresses contemporary visual art.

Ancient Studies in Rome

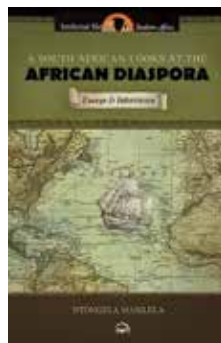
John A. McCarthy Associate Professor of Classics **Michelle L. Berenfeld** was awarded a Rome Prize and a Frederick Burkhardt Residential Fellowship to research elite urban neighborhoods during the late Roman Empire.



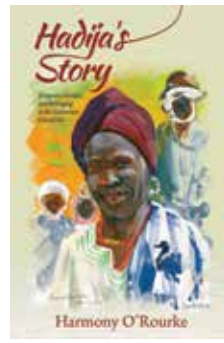
Faculty Books



Black Lives Matter: Lifespan Perspectives, a book edited by Professor Emeritus of Psychology and Africana Studies **Halford Fairchild** and co-written by his Introduction to African American Psychology students, was published in January. The anthology covers a wide range of issues that affect people of African descent around the world.



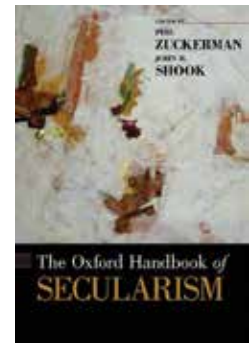
Professor Emeritus of Creative Studies **Ntongela Masilela's** most recent book, *A South African Looks at the African Diaspora*, reflects on the meaning of, and relationship between, the concepts of home and exile. As a scholar and a South African exile, Masilela draws from both his own experiences and the research he conducted in archives on both sides of the Atlantic.



Associate Professor of History **Harmony O'Rourke's** book, *Hadija's Story: Diaspora, Gender, and Belonging in the Cameroon Grassfields*, is an exploration of the complex, intertwined issues surrounding marriage, slavery, morality, memory, inheritance, status and identity in Cameroon.



Worth Publishers, an imprint of Macmillan Learning, issued the eighth edition of Professor Emeritus of Sociology **Rudi Volti's** book *Society and Technological Change* in January, calling it “the definitive introduction to the study of society and technology.” The first edition was published in 1988.



Professor of Sociology and Secular Studies **Phil Zuckerman** co-edited the 792-page *Oxford Handbook of Secularism*, the first comprehensive, interdisciplinary volume of its kind devoted to understanding the many facets of secularism.



Rugby Roars to Championship

Pitzer's **Clayton To '17** and **Nick Urban '17** helped lead the Claremont Colleges Lions Men's Rugby team to a 65 to 0—yes, 65 to 0—win over Tufts University during the 2017 National Small College Rugby Organization National Championship game. The Lions, a 5Cs club sports team, ran away with the title after toughing out a semi-finals game in the snow at 5,345 feet and 34 degrees in Colorado. To, who plays open-side flanker, earned MVP honors for his performance in the playoffs, and Urban was named to the All-Tournament team.



Holding Court

Jake Yasgoor '17 topped off his tennis career ranked as the No. 6 singles player in the US by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) and No. 1 singles player in the West Region. He was also first-team All-SCIAC for the fourth year in a row and ITA Senior Player of the Year in the West. Sagehens Women's Tennis Assistant Coach **Andrew Cohn '11** was named ITA West Assistant Coach of the Year.



A Remarkable Run

Men's Track and Field captain and MVP **Paul Messana '17** ended his stellar Sagehen career this spring. He ran the second fastest time in program history in the 800 meters and appears in the Pomona-Pitzer record books 12 times. His many awards include two SCIAC Championships, SCIAC Newcomer of the Year and All-America, All-SCIAC and All-Academic honors.



In Memoriam

Curt Tong, who served as the Pomona-Pitzer athletic director and Pomona College Physical Education Department chair from 1983 until 1998, passed away in January. Tong helped develop a \$25 million sports complex and reshaped the department, adding women's varsity teams and overseeing the construction of facilities such as the Pauley Tennis Court Complex, Rains Center and Haldeman Pool.



The Pitzer College community cheered its Sagehens on Student-Athlete Appreciation Day in February.

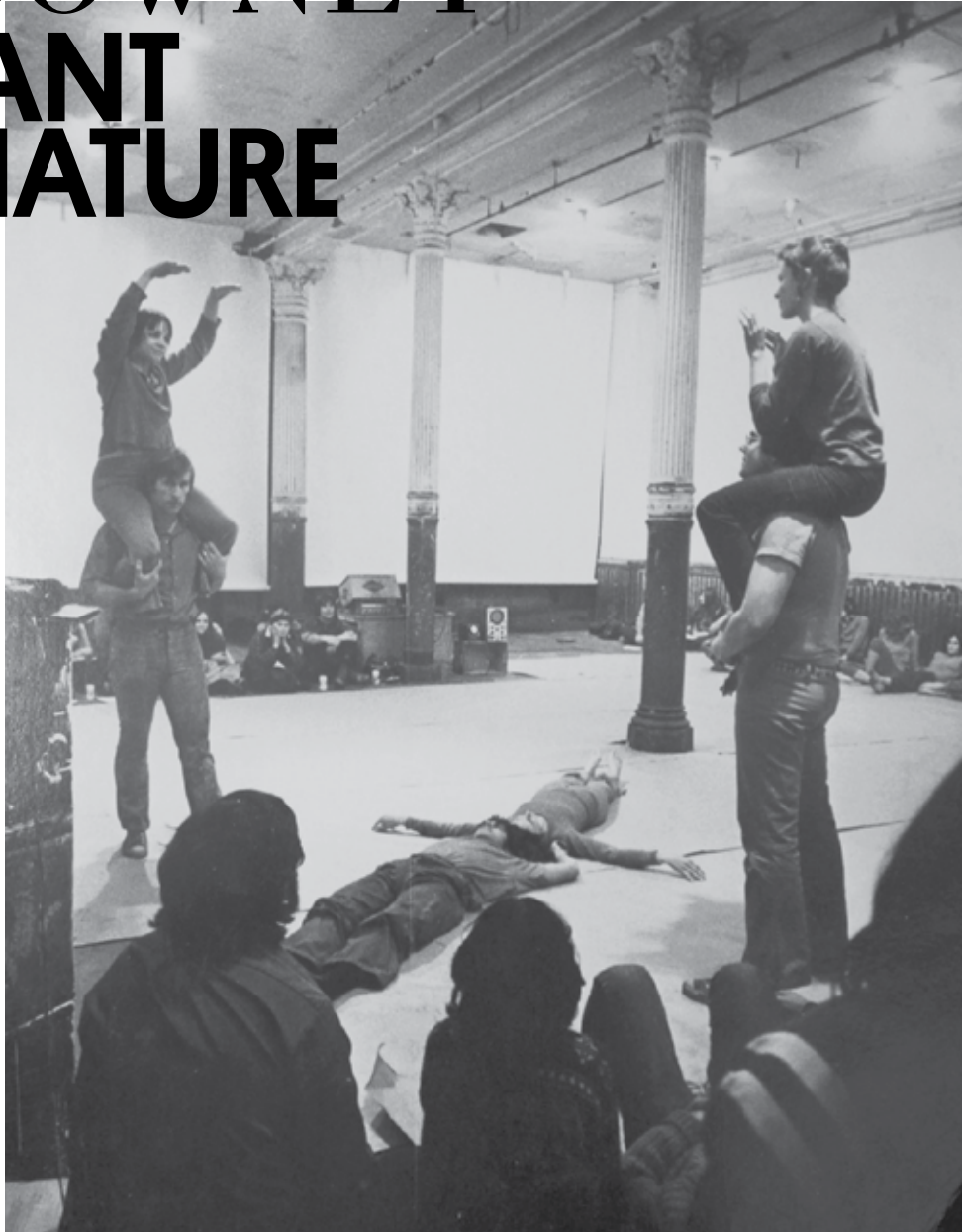
- Softball pitcher **Liz Rodarte '19** ranked #2 in the SCIAC in strikeouts this season and earned first-team All-SCIAC honors for the second year in a row.
- The Intercollegiate Tennis Association created the ITA Ann Lebedeff Leadership Award—endowed by tennis icon Billie Jean King—to honor Pomona-Pitzer Women's Tennis Coach

Ann Lebedeff, who retired at the end of the 2017 season.

- **John Walsh** was named the new head coach of the Pomona-Pitzer Football team, following the retirement of Coach Roger Caron. Walsh served as the defensive coordinator and associate head coach for the football team over the past four years.

JUAN DOWNEY RADIANT NATURE

PITZER COLLEGE ART GALLERIES 09.09–12.08
LOS ANGELES CONTEMPORARY EXHIBITIONS (LACE) 09.13–12.03



Curated by **Robert Crouch**, Executive and Artistic Director at Pasadena Arts Council and **Ciara Ennis**, Director and Curator at Pitzer College Art Galleries





2017 Alumni Weekend

On April 28, alumni from across the country returned home to Pitzer for a fun-filled three days. This year's Alumni Reunion coincided with Pitzer's 10th Annual Rockabilly Festival, providing alumni and hundreds of local community members a special taste of Southern California Latino culture, Rockabilly music and custom cars. During the memorable weekend, alumni did yoga beneath the clock tower, enjoyed a story slam and a craft beer tasting, and attended events celebrating the Pitzer in Italy program's 25th anniversary and the 2017 alumni award winners.

Don't miss out on any of the fun next year: Alumni Weekend 2018 is April 27-29. Help us celebrate Pitzer's first four-year graduates, the Class of 1968, on their milestone 50th year!



Left: **Gael Sylvia Pullen '78**, entrepreneur, author, speaker and philanthropist, was honored with the 2017 Pitzer Distinguished Alumni Award. Right: **Tricia Morgan '08**, associate director of Pitzer's Community Engagement Center, was named the Young Alumni Achievement Award honoree.



1960s

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Class Notes

1960s

'69 **Judith Treas**, a chancellor's professor of sociology at the University of California, Irvine, co-authored a study, published online in the August edition of *Journal of Marriage and Family*, on the amount of time contemporary parents spend with their children as compared to a half century ago. Overall, the study found that parents spend more time with their kids now than they did 50 years ago.

1970s

'72 **Roberta Rakove**, a senior vice president at Sinai Health System in Chicago, IL, was quoted in the *Chicago Tribune* in December about the benefits of Medicaid expansion under Obamacare.

'74 **Pamela David** was named a social impact fellow by the Institute for Business & Social Impact at the University of California, Berkeley's Haas School of Business. Berkeley-Haas fellows are professionals of exceptional talent and experience who mentor students, cultivating the social impact of future leaders.

'75 **Philippe Cohen** retired in February 2016 as the executive director of the Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve at Stanford University. To acknowledge Cohen's many years of outstanding work and leadership, Stanford created the

Philippe S. Cohen Graduate Fellowship Fund to support graduate student research at the preserve.

'76 **Debra Matthews Watkins** spent her career as a high school English teacher, counselor and project coordinator in San Jose, CA. Outside of the classroom, she started the California Alliance of African American Educators, launched its award-winning Dr. Frank S. Greene Scholars Program and published a book, *Thoughts Held Hostage: A Black Teacher's Journey of Unlocking Young Minds*.

'78 **Jacob Adams P'08** was named interim president of Claremont Graduate University in January 2017. Adams joined CGU's School of Educational Studies as a professor in 2006.



'78 **Sheila Kemper Dietrich's** LivSpoons, the latest in elegant, portion-control tableware from her company, Livliga, were chosen as an Editors' Pick for Best New Product by *Gourmet Retailer* and featured on the *TODAY* show.



Yoon Park '86, Sue Schlickeisen '68 and Emma Fisher '11 joined Pitzer College Vice President for Student Affairs Brian Carlisle and Associate Professor of Sociology and Faculty Executive Committee Chair Alicia Bonaparte for dinner in Washington DC last fall.

1980s

'80 **Laura Sirott**, an obstetrician and gynecologist in private practice in Pasadena, was recently elected to chair the California district of the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, which represents more than 5,500 physicians.

'81 **Ruett Foster** helped create an interactive art exhibit, *Obama Ink: A Presidential Legacy by Design*. The exhibit, which opened at the Mayme A. Clayton Museum in Culver City, CA, featured 100 t-shirts that tell the story of Barack Obama's rise to the presidency.

'82 **Michael Nussbaum** will serve as the 2017-18 president of the American Psychological Association's Division 15 (educational psychology), which aims to promote educational reform and apply psychological knowledge and theory relevant to the field of education.

Sharing is Good. Share your Milestones.

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1990s

'90 **Catherine Caporale** was named clinical supervisor at the Claremont School of Theology.

'90 **Nancy Judd**, who creates couture fashion from trash to provide education about conservation, held exhibitions at the Artesia Historical Museum and Art Center in New Mexico and at the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport.



'91 **Charlotte Lagarde** has won multiple awards for her film *Real Boy*, which focuses on transgender issues. The film is part of the PBS Independent Lens lineup and has been screened at more than 70 festivals worldwide.



'94 **Greg Bryan** acted in a production of *Ma Rainey's Black Bottom* at the Mark Taper Forum under the direction of Phylicia Rashad. Bryan's other acting credits include TV roles on *Marlon*, *Major Crimes*, *I'm Dying Up Here* and a recent commercial for Silk Almondmilk.

'95 **John Darnielle's** *Universal Harvester*—dubbed his “brilliant second novel” by the *Los Angeles Times*—received Amazon's Best Book designation and a starred review from *Publishers Weekly*. *The Guardian* describes the novel, which is set in the cornfields of Iowa, as “an eerie but lovingly detailed delineation of a landscape that, like all landscapes, is part external reality and part memory.”

'95 **James Lippincott** was named director of alumni relations at Antioch College in February.

'96 **Peter Harper** and his band, Racing Alone, launched their new album, *Break the Cycle*, at Pitzer in April. Harper will share songs from the album in his “Folk Music Center Sessions” on YouTube.



All the Way to the Ocean, an animated short film by **Joel Harper '95**, was an official selection for the 2017 Wild & Scenic Film Festival in Nevada City, CA. *All the Way to the Ocean*, based on Harper's children's book by the same name, tells the story of two friends who discover how local littering can kill marine life miles away. Harper co-wrote the film and collaborated with the musician Burning Spear on the soundtrack, which also features music by Jack Johnson and the author's brother, Ben Harper.

'98 **Todd Grinnell** was cast opposite Rita Moreno as Schneider in the Netflix remake of the classic sitcom *One Day at a Time*. Grinnell's list of TV credits includes HBO's *The Young Pope* and Netflix's *Grace and Frankie*.



'98 **Jonathan W. Stokes** published his first book, *Addison Cooke and the Treasure of the Incas*, which is part of a series for middle-grade readers.

2000s

'00 **Tim Jones** won the Lockwood Distinguished Faculty Award at Bellevue College, where he is the chair of the political science program.

'02 **Kimberli Gant** was named the McKinnon Curator of Modern and Contemporary Art at the Chrysler Museum of Art in Norfolk, VA, where she oversees the study, care, interpretation and presentation of the museum's collection of modern and contemporary art.



'03 **Chris Bray**, a former infantry sergeant, completed his PhD at the University of California, Los Angeles, and published his first book, *Court-Martial*. The book focuses on how military justice has shaped America from the Revolution to 9/11 and beyond.

'03 **Zach Putnam** produced a short documentary about an evangelical pastor who welcomed the LGBTQ community into his church. The film was featured as an editor's pick by *The Atlantic*.

'06 **Max Italiaander** won the Grand Prix Dutch Animation distinction at the 2015 Holland Animation Festival for his music video *Nobody Beats the Drum*.

'07 **Dylan Knutson's** family-owned Loki Fish Company won an American Made Award from Martha Stewart and was featured in the January/February issue of *Martha Stewart Living* magazine. Based out of Seattle, the fishing company sells high-quality wild salmon and halibut.



Dylan Knutson '07 with Martha Stewart

'08 **Emma Rosenbush** co-opened Cala, a San Francisco restaurant that hires people who have been incarcerated.

'09 **Austin Brawner** co-hosts a biweekly podcast—*The Ecommerce Influence*—to help online business owners achieve greater e-commerce marketing success.

'10 **Josh Brown**, a middle school special education teacher in Northridge, CA, and a Teaching Policy Fellow with Teach Plus, published his first *LA School Report* op-ed article about the importance of environmental education in K–12 urban classrooms.



Alumni service project at the St. Anthony Foundation. Back row (L-R): **Jon Rice '13**, **Sean Sullivan '10**, **Mitchell Felton '13**, **Karen Girdner**, **David Roth '13** and **Kristin Glickman '91** with her daughter, **Samantha**. Front row: **Kellen Wohl '13**, **Emily Souder '13** and **Dianne Lafaurie '08**.

'12 Albert J. Maldonado earned his JD at the Northwestern University School of Law and will take the California bar exam in July. Maldonado earned his master of theological studies from Harvard Divinity School in 2014.

'12 Tammy Sacks Schwartz married Jonathan Schwartz in La Jolla, CA, in September.

'13 Mitchell Felton and **Jon Rice** hosted a service project in San Francisco, CA, with the St. Anthony Foundation, which provides clothing to low-income families and individuals.

'13 Sally Jaramillo joined KIDY News in San Angelo, TX, in September 2016.

'14 Shiyana Gunasekara, a master's candidate at Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, wrote an article, "Sri Lanka Suffers from China's Indian Ocean Strategy," for the *Asia Pacific Bulletin of the East-West Center*.



'14 Sophie Howard was featured in *The Chronicle of Higher Education* for her work as an assistant director of admissions at Trinity College in Hartford, CT. She is described as "the kind of admissions officer any director would like to hire" who "thinks a lot about how her profession could and should promote social justice."



Pitzer alumnae celebrate with Tammy Sacks Schwartz '12 at her wedding. (L-R) **Miriam Stiefel '12**, **Roxanne Degens '12**, **Tammy Sacks Schwartz '12**, **Sophy Cohen '13**, **Anna Goldberg '12**, **Sophie Beiers '13** and **Jenna Bivona '12**.

In Memoriam

Adam Cave '16 passed away on December 6, 2016. Cave majored in media studies at Pitzer and served as a student assistant coach on the Pomona-Pitzer Men's Basketball team. After graduation, he worked as a video coordinator for the Los Angeles D-Fenders, a basketball team owned by the Los Angeles Lakers. He is survived by his parents, Susan and Robert, and his brother, Ian.

David Chan, an acclaimed writer and visiting professor at Pitzer, passed away in March. His short-story collection, *Goblin Fruit: Stories*, was a finalist for the *Los Angeles Times* Art Seidenbaum Award for First Fiction. The recipient of numerous prestigious writing fellowships, he served as the inaugural Clayton B. Ofstad Endowed Chair Writer-in-Residence at Truman State University.

James D. Nicoll '79, whom *The Washington Post* dubbed "the minister of meat," passed away on September 15, 2016. Nicoll and his wife, Rachel, founded Summerfield Farm Products, Ltd., which provides gourmet meats to chefs across the US.

Carl U. Zachrisson, an instructor in political studies at Pitzer in the late '60s who became the West Coast director of the Institute of International Education, passed away in March. He is survived by his wife, Adele, and sons Carl and Christopher.

Pitzer Participant

Her history of giving to the College makes her a living legend

DARLENE BARRIENTOS CRANE '70 majored in history, then wrote her own story. For more than 25 years, as president of CraneWorks and PCI Crane Consulting, she has helped entrepreneurs and businesses thrive in challenging economic times.

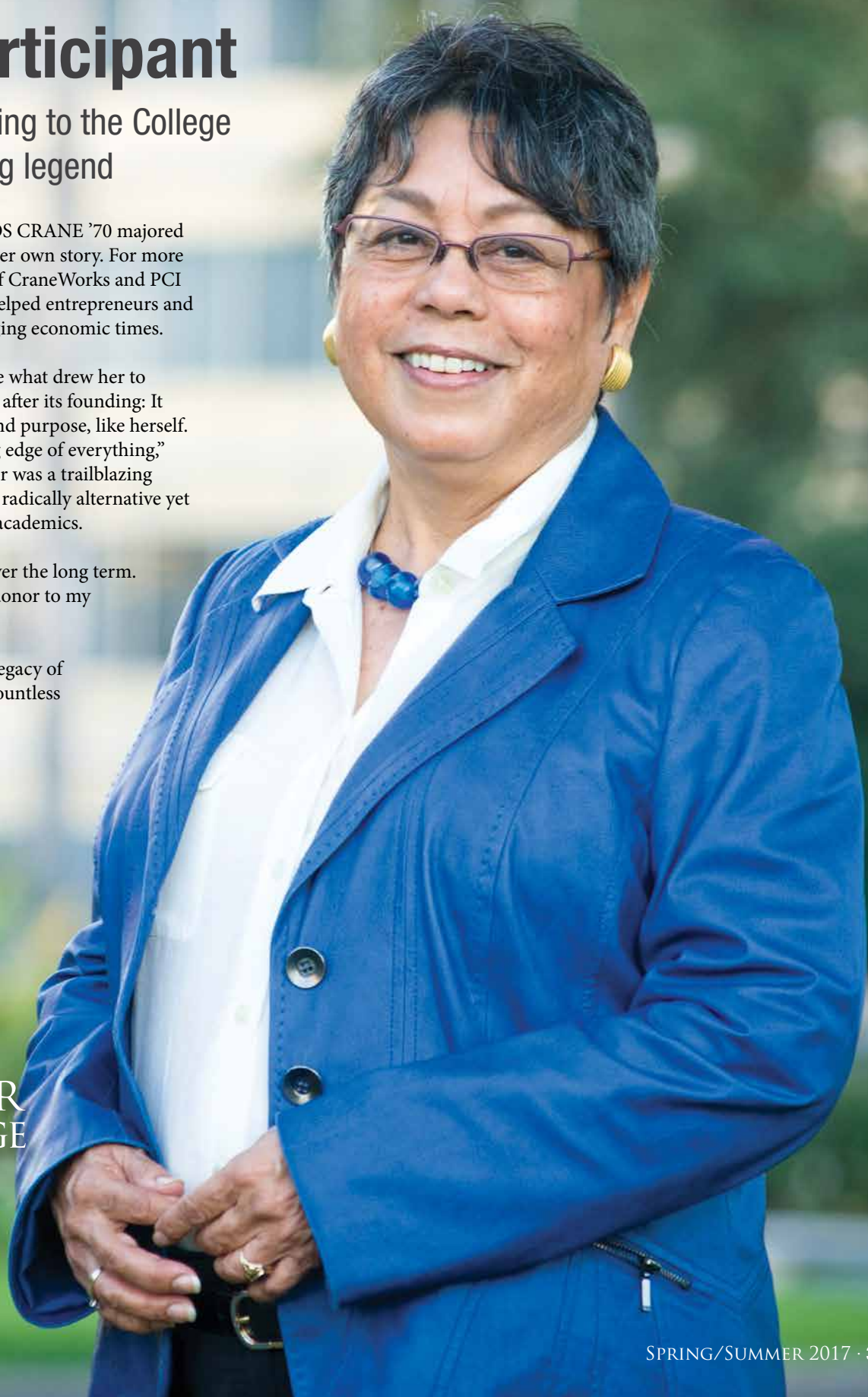
Crane's foresight may well be what drew her to Pitzer College just two years after its founding: It was a college with passion and purpose, like herself. "I tend to be on the bleeding edge of everything," she says. "Every year at Pitzer was a trailblazing time, doing things that were radically alternative yet underpinned with rigorous academics.

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