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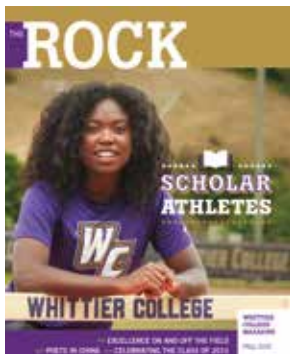
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ABOUT THE COVER: Track and field scholar-athlete Kourtney Brodnax '17 on the field at Memorial Stadium.  
Photo by Steven Burns.



# EDITOR'S NOTES

## DEAR FRIENDS,

Putting together an issue of *The Rock* takes many, many hands—just take a look at the list to the right. This doesn't even include all the contributions made by alumni, students, and faculty. And, while we strive to include as much Poet news as possible in every issue, there is always more that we want to share. This is why, in this issue you will notice "See" icons throughout the magazine alerting you that more information, photos, and videos can be accessed online at [whittier.edu/MoreRock](http://whittier.edu/MoreRock). The new feature works in tandem with our new online version of the magazine, [therock.whittier.edu](http://therock.whittier.edu).

On the new e-magazine site you will be able to read all the print articles, access additional content, look up previous issues of *The Rock*, and share stories with your friends via email or social media. We also want to have greater interaction with you, our readers. The online version will allow you to submit class notes with photo attachments and letters to editor, as well as provide general feedback about the online and print versions of the magazine. We want

to know what you think about *The Rock*, what you like, what you don't like, and what you want to see more or less of. After all, this is your alumni magazine.

We also look forward to interacting with you soon during Whittier Weekend. The College has a full schedule of activities planned for your return to campus. You'll find complete details at [whittier.edu/whittierweekend](http://whittier.edu/whittierweekend). Let us—and your friends—know you are on campus by tagging Whittier College on social media and using the [#CatchThatPoetSpirit](https://twitter.com/hashtag/CatchThatPoetSpirit) hashtag. You can find us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

After Whittier Weekend, be sure to check back with us at [therock.whittier.edu](http://therock.whittier.edu) for a round-up of the weekend's events. You might see your friends and yourself reflected on the site!

Wishing you the best,



**ANA LILIA BARRAZA**  
Editor

Questions? Concerns? Love it? Hate it? Then let us know. Email [therock@whittier.edu](mailto:therock@whittier.edu). Letters are subject to publication in a future issue of *The Rock*.



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# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

## FINDING POETS AND FRIENDS AROUND THE GLOBE



**M**y husband David and I enjoy vacations that involve physical exertion, especially ones that prevent us from stealing glances at email all day. Bicycling through Vietnam, skiing the mountains of Western United States, and hiking in Switzerland have been among our favorites. This past summer we walked in the Lake District of England, enjoying spectacular weather and the beautiful scenery and nature that inspired so many poets (those with a small “p”).

As I write the column introducing this issue of *The Rock*, I am struck by a special memory of this last trip. During our time in the Lake District, we hiked from Ambleside to Rydal Mount, where we stopped to tour poet William Wordsworth’s home, and then on to the low hills around Elterwater. About halfway through the route, our path took us down a long slope into a field filled with sheep and into the back of farm buildings. We had not seen another human being on the trail for about an hour, but here we encountered a young

man having a conversation on his cell phone. We nodded to each other and passed by.

A few seconds later he ran up to us saying that he noticed David’s “Go Poets” tag hanging off his backpack and wondered if, by chance, we were affiliated with Whittier College! It turned out that he is a good friend of Ryan Wood ’16, one of Whittier’s soccer (or, rather, “football”) players, who hails from Wilmslow, England.

We should not have been surprised at this encounter. In truth, I find Poets and friends of the College during travels to cities and walking through airports all over the world. With more than 15,000 Poet alumni spread across six continents, why wouldn’t I? And I should expect to have more such encounters, with students increasingly coming to Whittier from all over the nation and from 27 countries around the globe.

Whittier is a College that has had and continues to have substantial influence. Think about it: we’ve educated a president who changed the world through the seemingly simple act of befriending China. We’ve populated schools with Whittier-educated teachers, coaches, principals, and administrators. We’ve sent a disproportionately large number of graduates to earn masters and Ph.Ds. in the life sciences and to medical, dental, and physical therapy schools. And we’ve formed partnerships with the communities around us and their schools, businesses, and social service organizations, making a difference for 128 years.

In this issue of *The Rock* you will learn some of the reasons why this College has and will continue to have

such a strong influence. One reason is Whittier’s focus on delivering “high impact practices” such as internships, fellowships, and travel study (see examples of students participating in our growing opportunities in Asia, beginning on page 4). Another is the dedication, innovative-spirit, and talent of Whittier’s faculty (page 20). And yet another reason is our commitment to the development of the “whole person,” exemplified by our support for Societies (page 18) and Poet (with a big “P”) athletics (page 26).

Whittier’s hills are not as high—nor as green—as those you will see if you wander through the Lake District of England. But come visit us. Talk to the students you encounter as you walk from the lowest point on Painter Avenue to the top of the hill by Turner Hall, and then continuing down to our athletic fields. Hear their stories. You will find much to amaze and inspire you. This issue of *The Rock* gives you a brief preview.

Go Poets!

Sharon

P.S. When you wander—whether around your own community or around the globe—put on those Whittier hats and t-shirts and slap “Fear the Poet” bumper stickers on your car. The next time you encounter Poets and Poet friends in far off lands, write to me. I’d love to hear your story ([president@whittier.edu](mailto:president@whittier.edu)).



# WHITTIER COLLEGE AND ASIA

## GLOBALIZING THE LIBERAL ARTS

After her first official visit in 2008, President Sharon Herzberger left China with a clear indication that the burgeoning powerhouse was exploring ways to develop a workforce that could think critically, explore problems from multiple angles, and solve them creatively; the same skills that Whittier College and other American liberal arts colleges have taught for decades. In the years following that initial visit, President Herzberger has hosted

dozens of Chinese officials and higher education leaders, introducing them to the unique academic and co-curricular aspects of a liberal arts college.

"How ironic that as China wakes up to the value of the liberal arts, so many people in the U.S. are turning to narrowly focused education," said Herzberger. "But, surveys of employers keep telling us that they value the liberal arts and its contribution to a well-rounded workforce."

Expanding on President Richard Nixon's '34 vision of diplomacy between the two nations, Herzberger and a cadre of Whittier College professors, alumni, and students have been traveling to China and other parts of Asia in an unprecedented effort to widen sustained cultural, educational, and economic exchanges between the two nations.

“...the Chinese people are a great people, the American people are a great people...if we can find common ground to work together, the chance for world peace is immeasurably increased...”

— PRESIDENT RICHARD M. NIXON '34, FEBRUARY 21, 1972



**ALL BUSINESS.** ▶  
(l-r) Trustee and business leader Edwin Keh '79, with Hector Wong '16, Austin Lockett '16, Brittany Snapp '16.

## PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR POETS

**THIS SUMMER, THREE WHITTIER COLLEGE STUDENTS SPENT EIGHT WEEKS IN XIAMEN, CHINA** working at Intex Corporation, one of China's largest manufacturers and a corporation headed by

alumnus Tien Zee '61. Austin Lockett '16, Brittany Snapp '16, and Hector Wong '16 are the inaugural recipients of the Intex Fellowship, made possible by Zee. During their time abroad, the fellows learned

about international business, customer service, inventory forecasting, employee training, and Chinese culture.

"Everything I experienced to this point has reaffirmed my ambition to work internationally, preferably in China," said Lockett. "My dream is to continue working at an international level so I can continue to embrace all of the world's diverse cultures."

"Our students learned a great deal and I expect that this experience will change their lives for the better in so many ways," said Professor of Business and Intex Fellowship Advisor Jeff Decker. "We are counting on this being the first of many waves of Whittier students to have this opportunity."

**SEE** →

See Brittany Snapp's Travel Blog.  
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## EXPLORING ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY IN ASIA

IN MAY 2015, THE HENRY LUCE FOUNDATION AWARDED WHITTIER COLLEGE A \$400,000 GRANT allowing faculty and students to explore the convergence of science, policy, culture, law, business, and environmental sustainability in several regions of China and Myanmar. The four-year grant also supports Whittier’s long-standing partnership with Lingnan University, Hong Kong, and more than a dozen additional Chinese organizations.

The award is part of the Luce Initiative on Asian Studies and the Environment (LIASE) which is a competition for select liberal arts colleges and formal associations of liberal arts colleges around the country. LIASE encourages innovative approaches to Asian studies teaching and research at the undergraduate level through the lens of the environment and sustainable development.

“This grant enables the College to increase our faculty’s capacity to teach about environmental topics affecting China and the bordering nation of Myanmar, while expanding the use of such content across our College and Law School curricula,” said President Sharon Herzberger.

Indeed, the grant facilitates interdisciplinary collaboration across 14 academic departments with the goal of developing or modifying approximately 20 courses at Whittier. Associate Professor of Religious Studies Jason Carbine will direct the group.

“Whittier College embraces an educational mission that seeks to cultivate responsible global citizens attentive to understanding and addressing the world’s challenges (whether environmental, cultural, religious, or otherwise),” said Carbine. “The faculty is committed to working across disciplines and providing concrete opportunities for students to understand, analyze, interpret and, where possible, offer action plans that will help shape the future of our shared world. This initiative helps us carry our mission forward in powerful ways.”

## POET GLOBAL AMBASSADORS

ALUMNI HAVE BEEN INSTRUMENTAL in creating opportunities for Whittier students.

▶ *Trustee Maggie Koong L.H.D. '14, Chief Principal, Victoria Educational Organization (VEO), Hong Kong*

Several Whittier students completed teaching practicums at preschools operated by Koong’s institution.

▶ *Tien Zee '61, Founder and Chairman, Intex Industries, Xiamen*

A generous supporter of Whittier’s global initiatives, Zee hosts Whittier fellows at his company through the Intex Fellowship.

▶ *Trustee Edwin Keh '79, CEO, Hong Kong Research Institute of Textile and Apparel*

Keh collaborated with Whittier faculty to develop JanTerm trips to China with stops in Beijing, Suzhou, Shanghai, Xiamen, Shenzhen, Gaoming, and Hong Kong.

▶ *Former Trustee Derek M.F. Chan '79, a 29-year veteran in the Asian financial markets, held various senior positions at major financial institutions in London and Hong Kong*

Chan, along with wife Pamela, hosted a Whittier College reception this spring at the American Club in Hong Kong.

## BY THE NUMBERS

- ▶ **SINCE 2008** Whittier College professors and alumni have lead JanTerm and May Term courses in China; more recently student cohorts have studied management and business ethics in a global setting, as well as education and teaching methods
- ▶ **33 WHITTIER COLLEGE STUDENTS** and recent graduates have conducted fellowship and scholarship work in Asia
- ▶ **178 STUDENTS** have studied abroad in Asia
- ▶ **48 STUDENTS** have benefited from the Hubert Perry Scholarship, funded by Tien Zee '61, to cover educational travel expenses to China
- ▶ **10+ WHITTIER COLLEGE AND LAW SCHOOL PROFESSORS** are participating in Whittier’s Luce Initiative on Asian Studies and the Environment program
- ▶ **133 ALUMNI** who live and work in Asia

## CAMPUS GLOBAL DIVERSITY

IN ADDITION TO ENCOURAGING STUDENTS AND FACULTY TO TEACH AND STUDY IN ASIA, Whittier has set a goal to double its international population within the next few years.

“While Whittier is already one of the most diverse liberal arts college in this country,” said Herzberger, “we’re realizing that our campus would benefit greatly from having a more international student body.”







# WHITTIER COLLEGE ENTREPRENEURS MAKING IT HAPPEN

PANEL OF YOUNG BUSINESS LEADERS SHARES ADVICE WITH PEERS

Chemistry major Alex Mitchell '13 has taken a unique approach to establishing a career: combining his knowledge of organic chemistry with business knowhow.

"I found success at Whittier College as a National American Chemical Society Scholar, and with the help of my professors I was able to publish my research in natural and organic chemistry," Mitchell told a group of students during

So he researched business development in that particular industry and reached out to Indian Wells Brewing Company, an artisanal brewing company located at base of the Sierra Nevada mountain range.

Mitchell now works for Indian Wells Brewing Company. "I am excited to take this business to the next level, expand my horizons, and start my own vending emporium," he added.

development," said Tolson. "With the international charity division of RJTIO, Forever Trust, we focus on fundraising for nonprofits. We also help other businesses that innovate and make the world a better place."

Tolson's advice to students, "Surrounding yourself with other people who 'see' your vision is important to develop your own business. Imagination and determination are key to being successful; they are what really drive you forward."

For Joshua Cohen '18, making the world a more enjoyable place is definitely a top priority. Cohen's current efforts include acting in and producing the popular YouTube show *Josh and Theo*. The business administration major also established Fun Night Club (FNC)—, a campus organization devoted to hosting relaxed social events—(think movie nights and popcorn)—for Whittier students. And in April, FNC organized a charity event to raise funds and awareness for pediatric cancer.

"The money raised will go to the Four Diamonds Fund, which benefits research for pediatric cancer," said Cohen. "I participated in a similar event at my high school and I had so much fun that I wanted to bring it here to Whittier."

Combining his love for social media and acting, Cohen is the talent and wits behind the YouTube channel, *Joshua Foster*. Cohen posts videos on a weekly basis on a variety of topics of interest for teenagers and young adults.

— by Lightmary Flores '17



an entrepreneurship panel organized by business professor Lana Nino.

Mitchell explained that he became interested in selling craft lemonade and wanted to use his science background to advance this goal.

"I knew the basics of high fructose syrup, sugar, adding to the mixture vanilla bean extract in flavors ranging from cream soda to watermelon," he said. "But, I had to learn about the importance of consumer value."

Fellow panelists RJ Tolson '15 and Joshua Cohen '18 also shared their experiences launching their own enterprises.

Tolson's passion for literature, languages (he speaks six), and service were the building blocks for the creation of his multi divisional international company R.J Tolson Incorporated (RJTIO), of which he is currently the CEO.

"I wanted to promote independent publication, web design, and business

## ENTREPRENEURS AT HEART

Alex Mitchell '13, Joshua Cohen '18, and RJ Tolson '15 take matters into their own hands and start their own businesses.



Watch Cohen's video series. [whittier.edu/MoreRock](http://whittier.edu/MoreRock)



# RIDING HORSES AND SHOOTING FOR THE STARS

## BUSINESS GRADUATE SECURES JOB WITH JET PROPULSION LABORATORY

Jessica Webster '15 rode a horse for the first time when she was four years old. By age eight she was already participating in competitions. This type of dedication and focus not only helped her succeed as an equestrian, but also as a business student and NASA intern.

"When I came to Whittier, I had no idea there was an equestrian club," said Webster. "It wasn't until I met the team's captain at the activities fair that I decided to get involved."

The Altadena native quickly took the reins of the team during her sophomore year and rebuilt the team with the help of some her fellow (non-horsey) business majors.



"My junior year was our first year of competition and there were only two members competing," she said. "This year the team has blossomed and we have nine competition members and 11 club members."

When Webster started college, she had plans of becoming a veterinarian. But, her freshman business classes made her realize her strengths were better suited to pursue a career in business.

She used her experience as research and teaching assistant in the business department, her involvement with business club ENACTUS, and three years of work experience as an admission ambassador and tour guide to secure a competitive internship in contract management at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) last summer.

"It was like a full-time job. I worked 40 hours a week, went to meetings



with managers, and had a lot of work responsibilities," said Webster.

Webster created a lasting impression on her JPL managers and was asked to continue on as an academic part-time employee during her senior year. And, a full time job was waiting for her after graduation in May.

"JPL is so big that there are endless learning and growth opportunities for me," said Webster. "I also want to explore pursuing a graduate degree, an MBA or going to law school."

## PUBLIC HEALTH MINOR ADDRESSES GROWING NEED

OVER THE LAST CENTURY, a demand for professionals trained in public health has grown both nationally and globally. One hundred thousand positions in the expanding field are employed in the United States, and the demand for health educators and community health workers is expected to rise 21 percent by 2022, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Public health concerns itself with almost every aspect of today's world because the health of an individual, community, or society is extremely complex.

At Whittier College, a public health minor has been designed to allow students to explore the vast field, which includes the biological, sociological, psychological, and environmental aspects of health. Core courses include an introduction to the necessary background, training in methodology, and connections to policy makers and the community. Students are encouraged to pursue

their own interests within the field by choosing a variety of elective courses in several departments, such as environmental science, social work, biology, or kinesiology.

Since the public health minor is essentially an inter-disciplinary program, students gain an array of skills and perspectives. "When thinking about health care in the United States, one can approach this from an economy point of view, a political point of view, a biological/disease point of view, or a sociological point of view (among others)," explains Professor of Biology David Bourgaize. "We believe that the study of public health encompasses all of these points of view, not just one, to allow for a broader appreciation of the problems and solutions."

— By Hallie Gayle '15





# WHITTIER WELCOMES NEW SENIOR ADMINISTRATORS

**PÉREZ, DELGADO, AND GOOD JOIN PRESIDENT'S CABINET**

Three new vice presidents have been appointed to lead the College in the areas of student life, academic affairs, and advancement.

Joel Pérez was appointed vice president and dean of students and officially joined the College in March. Pérez came to Whittier from Seattle Pacific University, where he served as dean of students for community life, overseeing all aspects of residence life, student programs, and multi-ethnic programs. Prior to that, he was at George Fox University where he was the dean of inclusion and student

leadership programs/chief diversity officer. Extremely familiar with Southern California, Pérez received his Ph.D. from Claremont Graduate University, a master's in education from Azusa Pacific University and a bachelor's degree from Biola University.

After an extensive national search, President Sharon Herzberger appointed Darrin S. Good as vice president for academic affairs and dean of faculty. Good replaces Charlotte Borst, who was selected as the new President of the College of Idaho. Prior to joining Whittier, Good served as the associate provost

and dean of sciences and education at Gustavus Adolphus College in Saint Peter, MN., since 2012. Known for his collaborative style, Good led departments in the areas of education, social sciences, and natural sciences in a time where Gustavus moved up more than 20 places in *U.S. News & World Report* rankings.

"Darrin's background in the natural sciences is a perfect fit for Whittier, as we gear up for the renewal of the Science & Learning Center and continue to focus on producing more STEM and allied health graduates," said Herzberger.

Steve Delgado, a familiar face to the College, was selected to head advancement for Whittier College. In addition to his fundraising responsibilities Delgado oversees the areas of communications and alumni relations. Delgado arrived to the College in 2010 and since then has led a team of professionals whose efforts have led to all-time highs in the number of yearly leadership donors and is heading the campaign for the College's new Science & Learning Center.

## NEW ADMINISTRATORS ►

(Top, from left)  
Dr. Joel Pérez,  
Steve Delgado, and  
Dr. Darrin Good.



“Darrin's background in the natural sciences is a perfect fit for Whittier, as we gear up for the renewal of the Science & Learning Center...”

— SHARON HERZBERGER, PRESIDENT OF WHITTIER COLLEGE





# FROM CAMPUS MOVIE FESTIVAL TO CANNES

STUDENT SHORT FILM WILL SCREEN IN HOLLYWOOD AND FRANCE



◀ **WALKING THE RED CARPET:** Veysey '16 attended the renowned Cannes International Film Festival where she showed her short film and was able to network with the industry's top filmmakers.

**D**evi Veysey '16, a double major in child development and theatre, has always been surrounded by creative people. "My dad would carry a video camera and make home videos of us when we were growing up," she said. "Later on, my sister and my cousin got involved in filmmaking and I picked up some skills from them."

Her creativity and passion for film found the perfect outlet at Whittier College where, since her first year, she has participated in the annual Campus MovieFest (CMF). CMF bills itself as the largest student film festival in the world and travels to various college campuses providing students the needed technology to make five-minute short films in one week.

Veysey's latest submission, *I Don't Know*, is an imaginative exploration of

the filmmaker's thought process as she embarks on her creative journey.

"My film was about me trying to decide what I wanted to create," she said.

The ultimate success of *I Don't Know* exceeded the young filmmaker's expectations. The film won a jury award at the 2015 Whittier College screening and, as part of her prize, Veysey attended Campus MovieFest Hollywood in July. Her short, selected for its extraordinary story telling, technical excellence, and creativity, became one of only 26 films to represent CMF at the 2015 Cannes International Film Festival in France.

"I had no idea that was an opportunity that would come," said Veysey.

Before traveling to the French Riviera for the festival, Veysey

participated in an exclusive two-week CMF immersion program designed to help her navigate the ins and outs of the Cannes Festival. At Cannes she had the opportunity to highlight her film and talent to an international audience of industry professionals and fellow filmmakers, learn how to network and market her filmmaking, and walk the red carpet.

But Veysey has even bigger dreams than Cannes. She looks forward to putting her double major in child development and theatre to work.

"I would like to eventually own my theatre company for children," she said.

**SEE**

→ View Veysey's film.  
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# RENOWNED AUTHORS AND ACADEMIC LEADERS SPEAK AT THE COLLEGE

TOPICS IN HIGHER EDUCATION, THE GAZA-ISRAEL CONFLICT, AND LIFE CHOICES ARE DISCUSSED

This spring, the Whittier College community had the opportunity to engage with well-known authors and a leader in educational advocacy as part of its ongoing speaker series.

A strong champion for STEM education and a mathematician by training, **Dr. Freeman A. Hrabowski** President of the University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC), visited Whittier as a guest of the College's Center for Engagement with Communities (CEC). He was presented as the Center's newest Distinguished Fellow in recognition of his significant contributions to the field of education.

Hrabowski's speech,  *Holding Fast to Dreams: Creating a Climate of Success for All Students*, addressed the need for educational institutions to work together to ensure student success.

Fulfilling his CEC Fellowship duties under an incredibly tight schedule, Hrabowski met with Whittier College students and faculty, as well as local community leaders. During several



meetings held across campus, he led engaging discussions around STEM education, curriculum development, and shared strategies on how to create a climate of success.

Arguably one of the most complex speakers Whittier has hosted in recent times, **Mosab Hassan Yousef**, oldest son of founding Hamas leader Sheikh Hassan Yousef and informant for the Israeli Intelligence Service (IIS), was on campus as the 2015 Feinberg Lecturer. He captivated his audience in standing room only Villalobos Hall as he recounted his fascinating life story documented in his autobiography *The Son of Hamas* and the film *The Green Prince*.

"Hamas is a violent movement," said Yousef. "They can only express their frustration through terrorism and violence."

After being captured and tortured by the IIS, Yousef was recruited to work as an informant for Israel and did so for nearly a decade—all while operating at the highest levels of Hamas.

"Working for the intelligence service, I came to realize that our minds are very limited, and that we really need to see things through the heart sometimes," said Yousef.

The Feinberg Lecture Series is made possible through an endowment established by the late Sheldon Feinberg, a former Whittier trustee, and his wife, Betty, in order to invite major scholars to the College to discuss broad historic, religious, and political issues encompassed by Judaism and its role in a changing world.

Accomplished author **Ted Conover** served as a Visiting Scholar at the

## GUEST LECTURERS ►

(Clockwise, from top)  
Mosab Hassan Yousef,  
Ted Conover, and  
Dr. Freeman A.  
Hrabowski.







# FIRST YEARS EXPLORE STORIES OF COMPASSION

## FATHER GREG BOYLE ADDRESSES INCOMING CLASS

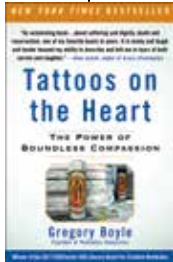
College's Center for Collaboration with the Arts in February where he hosted student writing workshops. Conover is the author of several books including *The Routes of Man* and *Newjack: Guarding Sing Sing*, winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award, and a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize.

As part of his two-day stay at Whittier, he also took part in the Poet Talks series, where he discussed his book, *Rolling Nowhere*, with students, faculty, and invited guests around the Martin Ortiz '48 Memorial Fire Pit. In his book, Conover detailed his early

experiences riding the rails, which originated as an escape from college but doubled as research for his senior anthropology thesis.



Did you miss Dr. Freeman Hrabowski's speech, Ted Conover's talk, or the 2015 Feinberg Lecture? Watch them here. [whittier.edu/MoreRock](http://whittier.edu/MoreRock)



The bestselling book, *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion*, is the required reading for this year's incoming class. Written by Father Gregory Boyle L.H.D '14, *Tattoos on the Heart* recounts his experiences as pastor of

Dolores Mission Church in Boyle Heights and de facto role as peacemaker among the neighborhood's warring gangs. Boyle, founder of Los Angeles-based nonprofit Homeboy Industries, also delivered the New Student Convocation address in early fall.

The reading is part of the larger First Year Experience (FYE), a program led by Associate Dean of First Year Programs and Professor of Theatre Arts and Communications Gil Gonzalez that is designed to challenge students by exposing them to different perspectives on familiar themes and enabling exploration through an interdisciplinary lens. FYE provides a coordinated and integrated series of programming with a common conversation topic and

introduces first year students to the essence of a liberal arts education.

As such, *Tattoos on the Heart* will be a jumping-off point to explore a larger theme of gang violence, community empowerment, faith, and race relations both in and out of the classroom with lectures, group discussions, service projects, and even participation in the annual Homeboy Industries 5K run/walk.

Last year's incoming students were tasked with reading Tony Kushner's *Angels in America: Part One: Millennium Approaches* before they arrived on campus. To enhance the class's understanding of the text and the cross-disciplinary nature of its themes, Whittier faculty members set out to develop complementary programming open to students and Whittier community members alike. The curriculum included a lecture series titled *Dub-C Chats* ([whittier.edu/YouTube](http://whittier.edu/YouTube)), an HIV/AIDS documentary film series, participation in AIDS Walk Los Angeles, and a theatre production of the play itself.

## WHITTIER COLLEGE REACHES HIGHER

FIRST LADY MICHELLE OBAMA ISSUED A CHALLENGE THIS SPRING as part of her Reach Higher initiative where she encouraged young people to pursue a college education. Through the contest, she asked colleges and universities to create a video that reflected each school's effect on local communities through near-peer mentoring. Whittier College rose to the challenge and created a video highlighting the Center of Engagement with Communities' Mentor Programs. Recent graduates Jafet Diego '15 and Kenneth Jimenez '15 were the perfect personalities to tell Whittier's story as they were mentees of the Center's program as high school students and later became mentors. Testimonials from El Rancho High School seniors were also included in the video.

Watch the full video. [whittier.edu/MoreRock](http://whittier.edu/MoreRock)







# WHITTIER CELEBRATES GROUNDBREAKING FOR THE NEW SCIENCE & LEARNING CENTER

THE CENTER IS SCHEDULED TO OPEN IN FALL 2016



Photo by Steven Burns Photography

**BREAKING GROUND.** The Ceremony held in May gathered Whittier staff, faculty, students, alumni, and friends to mark a new era of the Science & Learning Center.

Donning hard hats and holding shovels, Whittier College President Sharon Herzberger, trustees, administrators, students, faculty, and friends of the College participated in the official groundbreaking of the new Science & Learning Center (SLC) this spring. The event involved a ceremonial “sledgehammering” with local dignitaries and mascot Johnny Poet taking down a brick wall with a backhoe.

“This project is made possible through the generous and ongoing support of Whittier alumni, parents, friends, and partner foundations,” said Herzberger. “Likewise, the collaboration of faculty, staff, and College partners in designing a space to put ‘science on display’ will further the College’s aim to prepare leaders in the areas of STEM and allied health sciences.”

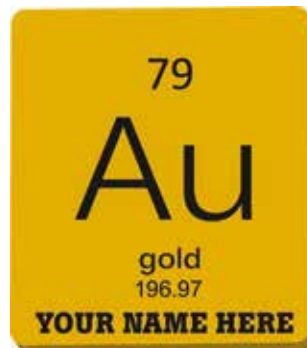
Slated to reopen in the fall of 2016, the new SLC will have laboratories and classrooms to foster cross-disciplinary collaboration and flexible learning environments, creating transformative opportunities for the entire campus.

According to SLC project manager John Best, the building will begin to take its new shape in the fall when installation of the exterior glass panels begins.

The building’s renewal is an opportunity to retrofit the structure and improve its ability to withstand seismic motion. Moreover, the vision for this project includes a complete revamping of floor design, adding a circulating fifth level, and significant rethinking of classrooms and labs. Reuse of the land and the building is a major sustainability solution that, combined with innovative design and infrastructure approaches to lighting, air conditioning, heating, plumbing, and daylighting controls, makes the building eligible for LEED certification.

## MAKING THE SCIENCE & LEARNING CENTER A REALITY

In late February trustee Jim Parks, a longtime supporter of the College, became the fifth member of the Board of Trustees to pledge \$1 million for the building. The gift was made in memory of Park’s wife Jennifer, who passed



## >> DONOR RECOGNITION WALL PERIODIC TABLE OF ELEMENTS

Leadership gifts of \$50,000 (\$10,000/year for five years) will help establish the SLC as a valuable campus resource. Supporters will be recognized with a special spot on the Donor Recognition Wall Periodic Table in the new SLC. For more information visit: [whittier.edu/periodictable](http://whittier.edu/periodictable) or call (562) 907-4219.



away last September. Her legacy will shine brightly as the building's new southern entry space prominently bears her name.

The Yao Yuan Sze Foundation of Bellevue, WA, has also made a generous commitment of \$1 million to the project. This commitment is part of the foundation's total gift of \$2.5 million, which will establish the "Yao Yuan Sze Center for Health & Wellness" at the College. The Center will be housed within the SLC, creating a movement lab and nutrition science lab for the study of health and wellness. Additionally, the foundation's gift will establish an endowed chair in kinesiology and nutrition science, and provide program support to fund research in this critical arena.

Before his death in 2013, Yao Yuan Sze—a successful businessman, aerospace engineer, and philanthropist—came to appreciate this College and its positive impact on students. He wished to support Whittier's work in providing transformative education in the areas of health and science. This new commitment will continue his legacy of generous support for the College.

In March, the Rose Hills Foundation generously committed \$500,000 to the SLC project. The foundation has been a generous supporter of the College with significant gifts to the campaign for the Campus Center, the Wardman Library renovation, student scholarships, the Ruth B. Shannon Center for the Performing Arts, and many other instrumental projects.

**REUNION.** ▶ Professor Don Bremme (center) surrounded by former students and members of Fifth Dimension during a celebration of his Whittier career.



## GENERATIONS OF FIFTH DIMENSION POETS HONOR DON BREMME

**DOZENS OF FORMER AND CURRENT FIFTH DIMENSION "WIZARD'S ASSISTANTS,"** students, staff, and faculty came together in late spring to honor beloved Professor of Education and Child Development Don Bremme who retired from Whittier College after teaching for 24 years.

During the event, the newly established Don Bremme Community Education Prize was announced. This annual award will honor a high-achieving Whittier undergraduate student who shows commitment to the local community by planning to pursue a career in teaching and education.

Bremme, who has taught hundreds of educators, is best known for his work with the Fifth Dimension, an inventive afterschool program he established in the City of Whittier in 1993 and which functions as a partnership between the College, the Boys & Girls Club of Whittier, and the BCM Foundation.

For more than two decades, under the direction of Bremme, Fifth Dimension participants have used innovative techniques that integrate technology and play to reach out to children from socially

and economically marginalized groups to teach them basic reading, writing, mathematics, and logical problem solving skills. In particular, the program offers a computer game with a story line based on the mysterious, unseen wizard, and the chance to work through the games with wizard's assistants—Whittier students.

"The Fifth Dimension builds the club members' self-confidence in their ability to learn successfully, while promoting college as a goal through the mentoring process with our Whittier College students," said Bremme.

Since its founding, more than 200 Whittier College students have been a part of the Fifth Dimension and collectively, they have served more than 13,000 local youth and their families.

*To support the Don Bremme Community Education Prize visit [whittier.edu/GiveOnline](http://whittier.edu/GiveOnline).*

**SEE** → More photos from the event. [whittier.edu/MoreRock](http://whittier.edu/MoreRock)



# NIXON SCHOLARS EXPLORE RENEWABLE ENERGY AND DIPLOMACY

STUDENTS SEEK SOLUTIONS TO COMPLEX MULTIDISCIPLINARY ISSUES



**S**an Diego native **Clifton Whittaker '16** always dreamed of becoming a scientist. As a child he built large contraptions made of Lego bricks. Although he struggled with math and science in high school, because of his dedication and personal attention from Whittier College professors, Whittaker is thriving as a double major in physics and political science and has been awarded a 2015 Richard M. Nixon Fellowship.

For his fellowship, Whittaker is combining both of his majors. "I am

evaluating and researching different forms of renewable energy and their related energy policy," said Whittaker.

He will do this by researching the common forms of renewable energy, interviewing experts in the field, investigating new technologies that may allow for new energy fields or less environmental impact, evaluating how the emergence of renewable energy sources has contributed to America's energy independence, as well as touring energy facilities. During the summer he interned at Lawrenceville Plasma Physics in Middlesex, New Jersey, where he worked as a research and lab assistant for the research group that focuses on achieving clean energy through the fusion of hydrogen and boron.

"After I graduate from Whittier, my plan is to find a research or intern position working in the field of nuclear

physics," said Whittaker. Down the line, he plans on enrolling in a Ph.D. program in nuclear physics, plasma physics, or applied physics.



**Patrick Kellycooper '16** is studying social and political theory as part of his 2015 Nixon Fellowship. His specific research interest stemmed from his study abroad experience in Myanmar last January for Professor of Religious Studies Jason Carbine's course *Sacred Spaces*.

"I am researching President Nixon's approaches to diplomacy in mainland Southeast Asia, as well as strengthening

## THE NIXON FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

is designed to prepare exceptional students for informed citizenship and service through internships, scholarship, and research opportunities that echo Nixon's successful legacy in domestic and foreign policy.

## NEW SCULPTURE ON CAMPUS

WHITTIER COLLEGE IS THE NEW HOME OF *FLUKES*, a cast bronze sculpture by Gordon Gund L.H.D. '93 depicting the graceful sway of a pilot whale's tail. The sculpture, a gift from the Gordon and Llura Gund Foundation, arrived in November and was installed in February after meticulous planning.

*Flukes* was inspired by an encounter with pilot whales ashore Nantucket Island. Gund visited the island a few summers ago where he had the opportunity to feel the tail of one of the whales. Such an experience was of great significance in Gund's life, who was diagnosed with retinitis pigmentosa which eventually left him blind. *Flukes* is a beautiful and carefully detailed bronze translation of what Gund "saw" with his hands.

*Flukes* was cast and finished in Philadelphia. It is currently located in the lower quad, in front of Diehl Hall, facing Painter Avenue.





my own understandings of diplomacy," said Kellycooper.

Nixon's engagement with Southeast Asia began during his vice presidency in the 1950s and continued into his presidency in the late 1960s and early 70s. Kellycooper's investigation will address both these periods. Kellycooper was also an intern at Kaplan International where he served as a group chaperone so he could interact with international students visiting Whittier.

When asked about his plans for the future, Kellycooper is keeping his options open. "I had lots of different aspirations as a child and I've never been enchanted by a single profession," he said. "I think being open to the possibilities the world presents is probably the best approach. Getting a background in public service is the best way to prepare me for a career that is oriented at making the world a better place."



**HONORING  
OUR LAUREATES.**

(L-R) Alan H. Lund '71, Sheryl Herrema, Donald J. Herrema '74, and Sharon Herzberger. (below) Fred Anderson '66 and Marilyn Anderson.



Photos by Laurel Hungerford

## HONORED FOR GENEROSITY

### WHITTIER COLLEGE RECOGNIZES DONORS

Whittier College is proud to announce its newest Poets Laureate: Fred '66 and Marilyn Anderson, and Donald J. '74 and Sheryl Herrema. The Poets Laureate are an extraordinary group of alumni, parents, friends, foundations and other organizations that have completed charitable commitments to Whittier totaling at least \$1 million. In recognition of the transformational nature of their philanthropy and their belief in the College and its unique position in American higher education, the Poets Laureate are accorded the College's highest honors and their names are displayed on a recognition wall in A.J. Villalobos Hall in the Campus Center.

As a further token of gratitude, the College has bestowed upon recent Poets Laureate hand painted chairs with mini murals by artist Lara Ralston. These

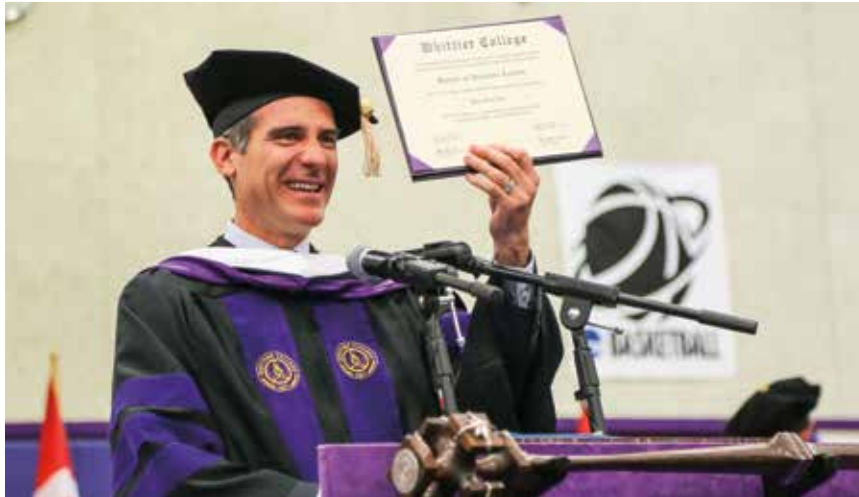


unique chairs highlight facts about a Laureate's life and ways he or she has influenced Whittier.

Fred Anderson is a managing director and co-founder of Elevation Partners, a leading private equity firm focused on large-scale investments in media, entertainment, and technology businesses. Donald Herrema is the executive vice chair and president of capital markets for Kennedy Wilson, an international real estate investment, services, and fund management firm. Anderson is a member of the Whittier College Board of Trustees and Herrema is past chair of the Board.



# ROCK TALK



Commencement Speaker, **MAYOR OF LOS ANGELES ERIC GARCETTI**, challenged the Class of 2015 to “create borders and not boundaries.” Before delivering his keynote address, Garcetti became an honorary Poet, after he was conferred with a doctorate of humane letters (L.H.D.) by President Sharon Herzberger.

**“YOU HAVE ALL CROSSED BORDERS TO BE HERE TODAY. WHETHER THEY ARE PHYSICAL OR TEMPORAL, YOU’RE ABOUT TO CROSS A NEW BORDER TODAY AND YOU SHOULD EMBRACE THE SENSE OF UNEASE AND EXCITEMENT THAT COMES WITH IT.”**

**GABY CEDENO ‘18** names the colorful array of plants that add to Whittier’s new landscape.

**“COFFEEBERRY, SALVIA, MEXICAN MARIGOLD, CALANDRINIA, YELLOW BULBINE AND ECHEVERIA ARE THE NAMES OF THE PLANTS THAT WERE PLANTED WITHIN THE AVOCADO TREE PLANTERS BETWEEN HOOVER AND MENDENHALL.”**

**PATRICK RUBALCAVA ‘15**, a DigLibArts liason and economics major, analyzed race and gender representation in fictional comic books for his senior paper *Heroic Ties and Economic Market Systems*.

**“YOU’VE GOT WONDER WOMAN, FOR EXAMPLE, BUT CAN YOU NAME A NON-WHITE CHARACTER WHO IS AS PREVALENT AS WONDER WOMAN?”**



Anthropology major **JAIMIS ULRICH ‘15** delivered a powerful student address at Commencement.

**“SOMETHING HAPPENED AT WHITTIER THAT I WASN’T EXPECTING. I TURNED INTO A ‘WE.’ MY INVESTMENT INTO MY CLASSES WAS SOMETHING CONTINGENT AND SHARED. OUR WHITTIER EDUCATION HAS TAUGHT US TO MAKE CONNECTIONS AMONG ONE ANOTHER AND THOSE THAT GO ACROSS BORDERS. THAT MAKES OUR EDUCATION PRICELESS.”**



**ACTING OUT. ►**

Stella Gordon ‘15, Lauren Vau ‘16, and Ruben Sanchez ‘15 (not pictured) who starred in the production of “As You Like It” were nominated to the Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship at the 2016 Kennedy Center American College.

**URSCA 2015. ▼**

Zoe Hemenway ‘15 was one of more than 90 Poet Scholars in 14 majors who presented original research at the annual Undergraduate Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity (URSCA) Day in the spring.







**THE AIDS MEMORIAL QUILT.** Composed of more than 48,000 individual memorial panels, the quilt was displayed at Wardman Library in the fall.

English major **CECILIA SCOTT '17**, a student in Professor Jonathan Burton's Shakespeare class, shares the experience of live-tweeting while viewing *H4*, a movie adaptation of *Henry IV*.

**"[MY CLASSMATES] WERE RAISING QUESTIONS ABOUT THE FILM THAT I HADN'T THOUGHT ABOUT AND IT REALLY CHALLENGED ME TO THINK CRITICALLY ABOUT WHAT I WAS WATCHING."**



**LESSONS IN LEADERSHIP.** Gloria Molina, the first Latina elected to the California State Assembly and Los Angeles City Council, shared insights on leadership.

**ALYSE JAMES '17** expresses her enthusiasm over Tiny the giraffe, who came to campus for the annual Spring Fest:

**"THE BABY GIRAFFE IS SO BEAUTIFUL. I HAVE NEVER HEARD OF A SCHOOL WHICH HAS HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A GIRAFFE ON CAMPUS."**



**2015 HONORS CONVOCATION.** Alison Jackman '15 and Terrileigh Shepherd '15 were among the outstanding Whittier College students recognized for their dedication to academics and service.



Whittier College's relationship expert, **PSYCHOLOGY PROFESSOR CHUCK HILL**, shares some relationship advice based on his Boston Couples study.

**"THERE NEEDS TO BE EQUAL COMMITMENT AND COMMUNICATION IN ORDER TO KNOW WHAT TURNS EACH OTHER ON PHYSICALLY AND EMOTIONALLY."**



**◀ FINAL NOTE.** After 15 years of service to the Music Department, Russ Litchfield '78 said farewell to the College.





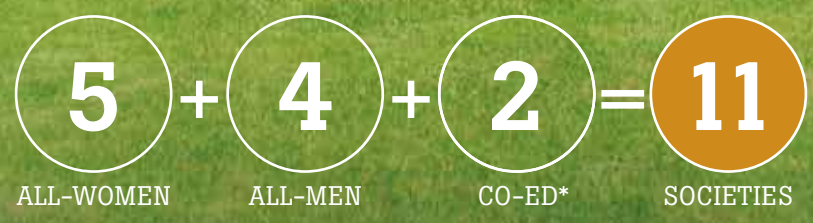
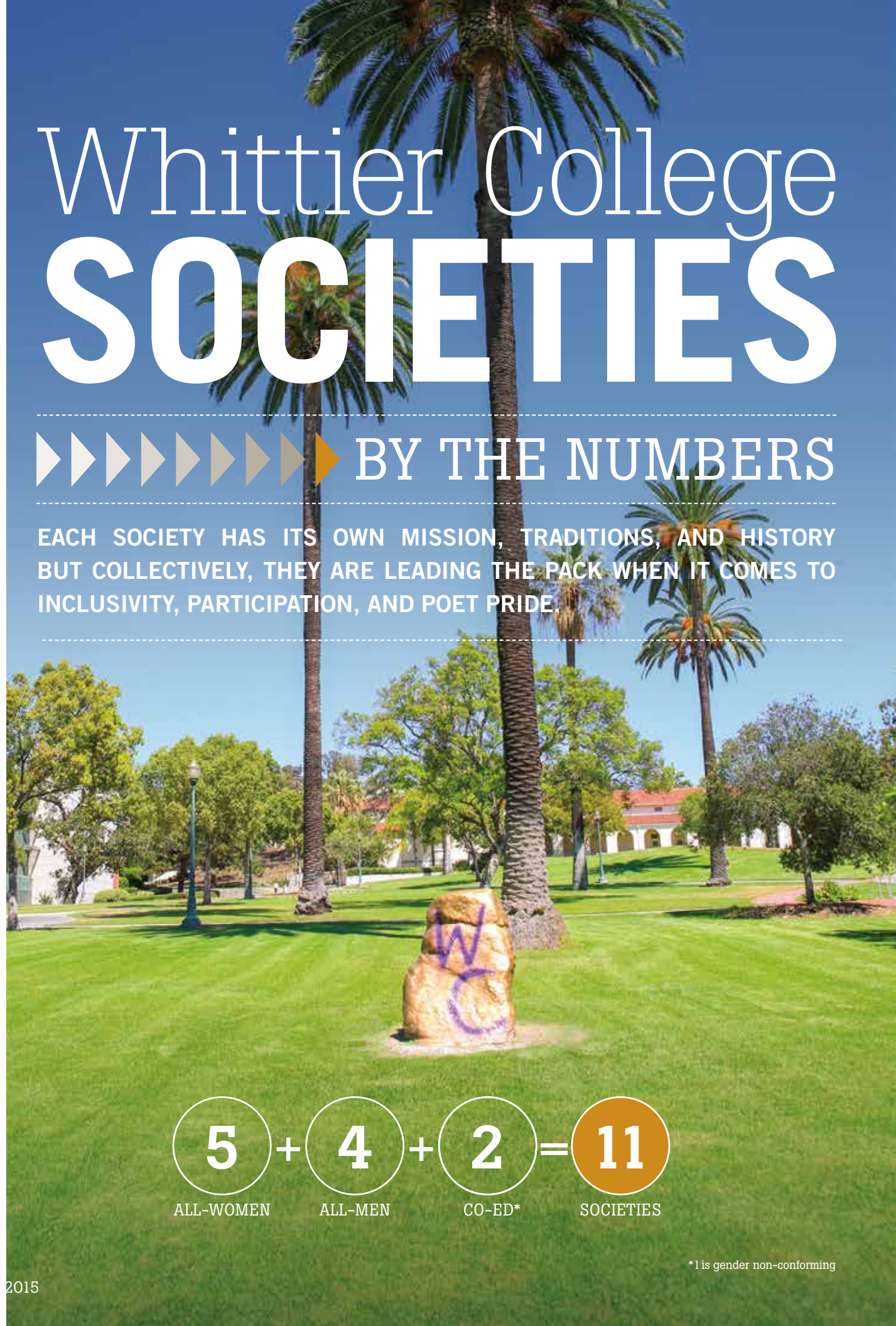
**ATHENIANS**



# Whittier College SOCIETIES

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EACH SOCIETY HAS ITS OWN MISSION, TRADITIONS, AND HISTORY BUT COLLECTIVELY, THEY ARE LEADING THE PACK WHEN IT COMES TO INCLUSIVITY, PARTICIPATION, AND POET PRIDE.



\*1 is gender non-conforming

## IN GENERAL

**18%** OF WHITTIER COLLEGE STUDENTS ARE **ACTIVE MEMBERS OF A SOCIETY**



**FOUR OF THE LAST FIVE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF WHITTIER COLLEGE (ASWC) PRESIDENTS HAVE BEEN SOCIETY MEMBERS**

1921  
**THE FRANKLIN SOCIETY**  
BECOMES WHITTIER'S FIRST SOCIETY

2012  
**THE PARAGONIAN SOCIETY**  
BECOMES WHITTIER'S NEWEST SOCIETY

**36% OF SOCIETY ALUMNI DONATE TO WHITTIER**



## IN 2014

**60%** OF RESIDENT ADVISORS WERE SOCIETY MEMBERS PLAYING AN INSTRUMENTAL ROLE AS LEADERS IN RESIDENTIAL LIFE

**58%** OF ASWC SENATORS WERE SOCIETY MEMBERS

**>20 STUDENT LIFE EVENTS WERE PLANNED AND HOSTED BY SOCIETIES**

**1,762 VOLUNTEER HOURS WERE CONTRIBUTED BY SOCIETIES TO THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY**



**THE TOP THREE SPOTS IN THE 2015 ALL-SOCIETY ALUMNI PARTICIPATION CHALLENGE WENT TO:**

- ▶ **METAPHONIAN SOCIETY**
- ▶ **IONIAN SOCIETY**
- ▶ **PALMER SOCIETY**



**▲ THE 2015 GIVING CHALLENGE WINNER WILL BE CELEBRATED AT WHITTIER WEEKEND**

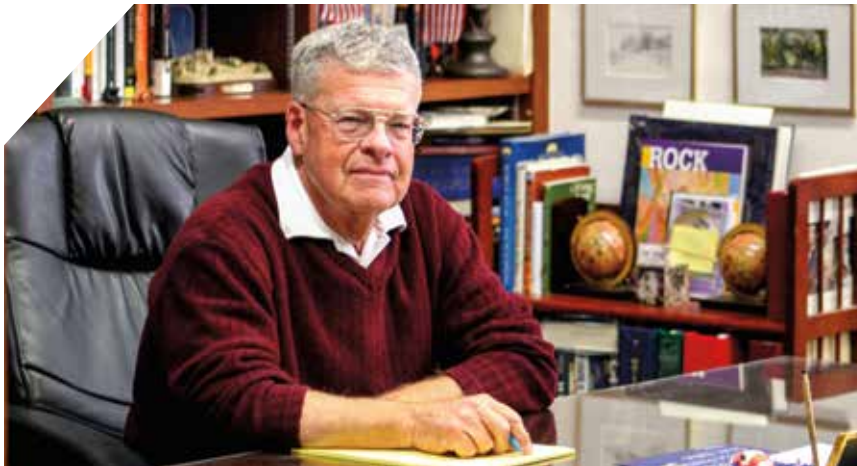




# ONWARD & UPWARD

## FACULTY PRESENTATIONS, PUBLICATIONS, AND TRAVELS

- ▶ **JONATHAN BURTON**, professor of English, participated in the “Re-Mediating Shakespeare” seminar at the 43rd Annual Meeting of the Shakespeare Association of America celebrated in Vancouver this past April.
- ▶ Professor of Education and Child Development **JUDITH WAGNER** was one of the featured speakers at the World Principal’s Leadership Institute held in Hong Kong, China. Wagner also spoke to the NGO Committee on Migration at the United Nation on the topic of “Early Childhood Development, Education, and Care: Addressing the Needs of the Youngest Children in Refugee Camps.” Her research, and that of her colleagues, included recommendations on how to best safeguard the welfare of refugee children.
- ▶ Professor of Spanish **DOREEN O’CONNOR GOMEZ** presented a paper, “Genderlessness and Treatment of the ‘Other’ in *Tomándote* by Isabel Gardela,” at the 7th International Conference on East-West Intercultural Relations in New York City this spring. The paper will be published in the volume *Gender and Sexuality in Spanish Urban Spaces*.
- ▶ Art professor **DANNY JAUREGUI** participated in the 2015 Blended Learning in the Liberal Arts Conference at Bryn Mawr College and participated in a session dealing with the use of digital technologies to help students engage more actively with course readings. Jauregui described an experimental crowd-sourcing approach he adopted to increase engagement and comprehension in his art history theory course.



- ▶ **PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE MIKE MCBRIDE** testified before the Canadian Senate Committee on Human Rights in February. The committee has been studying how the mandates and practices of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and UNICEF have evolved to meet the needs of displaced children in modern conflict situations, with particular attention to the current crisis in Syria. McBride’s input, along with that of several other experts, will have some impact on the Canadian government’s thinking and should contribute to UNHCR and UNICEF mandates.



- ▶ **PROFESSOR OF EDUCATION AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT DON BREMME** retired in spring 2015 after 24 years of teaching generations of committed educators.

- ▶ **CHARLES S. ADAMS** and **JOE PRICE** attended the Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association joint national conference, where they talked about a new documentary film, *Happy Valley*, about the controversy at Penn State over the institutional awareness of long-time sexual abuse by football coach Jerry Sandusky.
- ▶ Associate Professor of English **ANDREA REHN** and Digital Scholar **ANNE CONG-HUYEN** participated in a panel at UC San Diego to discuss what campuses are doing to foster digital humanities and its growth potential. **CONG-HUYEN** also participated in an American Academy of Arts & Sciences symposium where she spoke about fostering the Digital Liberal Arts at a Hispanic Serving Institution like Whittier.
- ▶ In July, Professor **WENDY FURMAN-ADAMS** attended the International Milton Symposium in Exeter, England, where she presented a paper on “Milton’s Eve as Body, Soul, and Place” in *Paradise Lost* illustrations from 1688 to 1937.



► **ANDREW WALLIS**, professor of French, published an article on feminism and the environment, "Towards a Global Eco-Consciousness in Ruth Ozeki's My Year of Meats," in *ISLE: Interdisciplinary Studies in Literature and Environment*. He is also a co-author of the forthcoming book *Energy in Literature: Essays on energy and its social and environmental implications in twentieth and twenty-first century literary texts*.

► Professor of Education and Child Development **ANNE SEBANC** and Professor of Kinesiology and Nutrition Science **KATHY BARLOW** have worked for more than three years to establish strong relationships between Whittier College and local elementary schools by providing physical education classes (taught by Whittier students) to schools with a lower socioeconomic status. An article describing their work was featured in the *Community Works Journal*.



► **GARY LIBMAN '62**, advisor for the *Quaker Campus* since 1984, the longest tenure of any *QC* advisor in the newspaper's 101-year history, retired this year.



Photo by Matt Miller

► **PROFESSOR OF SPANISH GUSTAVO GEIROLA** spent the summer in Buenos Aires, Argentina teaching Latin American Theater as part of the National Endowment for the Humanities award he received earlier this year. Geirola also traveled to Mexico in March to offer an acting workshop in Guanajuato.

► Professor of English **TONY BARNSTONE** was awarded a 2015 summer stipend from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) to support two continuous months of research and writing to complete his critical book, *The Holyghost Radio: Science and Technology in William Carlos Williams and Modernism*. During spring break, Barnstone traveled to China to do a number of readings at NYU-Shanghai, the Shanghai University of Business and Finance, and at the Bookworm Bookstore in Suzhou.

► Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow **MICHELLE CHIHARA** published a piece in *Flash Fiction* magazine. During the summer, she also spoke at the 26th Annual Conference of the American Literature Association.

► In May, Associate Professor of Philosophy **MICHELLE SWITZER** presented at the Southern California Feminist Philosophy Salon. Students and recent graduates Matt Anderson '17, Ashling Massoumi '15, Breana Giraldo '16, Zach Burrell '15, and Angelica Klein '15 were in attendance.

► Assistant Professor of Anthropology **TERESA DELFIN** specializes in the areas of sex and gender, with a focus on lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) Latinos in the U.S. and the LGBT community in Mexico. She presented her findings at the 2015 American Anthropological Association conference in Mexico and was interviewed by NPR on LGBT multiculturalism.



# WHITTIER ESTABLISHES NEW INSTITUTE TO SUPPORT ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

**CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AWARDS COLLEGE \$120,000 GRANT**

Whittier College has been awarded a \$120,000 grant from the California Community Foundation (CCF) to assist Associate Professor of Education Ivannia Soto with the launch of the Institute for Culturally and Linguistically Responsive Teaching (ICLRT) and piloting new tools for English Language Learners (ELLs.)

The two-year grant will fund the launch of the Institute, whose mission is to promote relevant research and develop academic resources for ELLs and Standard English Learners (SEEs) via linguistically and culturally responsive teaching practices. ICLRT will also provide research-based and practitioner-oriented professional

development services, tools, and resources for K-12 systems and teacher education programs serving ELLs and SEEs.

“The impetus of my research has been my mother’s story, which represents the stories of many immigrants and ELLs when they enter our school system,” said Soto, Director of ICLRT. “I look forward to the significant impact that ICLRT will have on the process of language acquisition for many more ELLs.”

Whittier City School District (WCSD), the grant partner district, will also support the piloting of new tools, such as an app and a teacher recognition process with ELLs. Three target schools—Phelan, Sorensen, and West Whittier—have been selected to receive specialized professional development services due to their high number of ELLs. Although they represent 20% of the overall student population in WCSD, the three target schools serve between 30-57% of ELL students.

The California Community Foundation stewards more than \$1.4 billion in total assets and manages nearly 1,600 charitable foundations, funds, and legacies. CCF supports organizations that tackle issues including education, health care, housing and economic opportunity, civic engagement, and the arts.

“ICLRT’s mission-critical work fits with CCF’s to improve the lives of the most vulnerable members of our community,” said CCF Senior Program Officer Peter Rivera.

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— IVANNIA SOTO, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF EDUCATION



**LEARN**

→ More about ICLRT programs and activities. [whittier.edu/MoreRock](http://whittier.edu/MoreRock)



# 2015 NERHOOD TEACHING AWARD

**MATHEMATICS PROFESSOR HONORED FOR HIS STYLE AND SUBSTANCE**

**P**rofessor of Mathematics Jeffrey Lutgen has mentored countless math majors since he first came to Whittier in 1994, teaching them everything from calculus to computer programming to business mathematics and even assisting one student in figuring out the mathematical possibility of a zombie outbreak.

It's no surprise, then, that Lutgen was selected for the 2015 Nerhood Teaching Excellence Award. Named for Professor Emeritus of History Harry W. Nerhood, the award recognizes educators who set high academic standards, demonstrate the ability to stimulate enthusiasm and creative thought, create a quality environment for learning in the classroom, and are readily available for dialogue and counseling with students.

During the presentation of the award at the Honors Convocation ceremony, former Dean of Faculty Charlotte Borst read from the comments submitted during the nomination process.

"Dr. Lutgen knows how to challenge his students in a way that still encourages them to work hard," one said.

Another praised him as a "joy in front of the classroom" who also makes "it a point to be available outside of the classroom when a few hours of instruction a week was not enough, whether it was to give additional support, or to push us to [our highest potential]."

One alumnus reflected on the effect an excellent teacher can have on his students: "Why do I support Jeff? Because I know what he has done for me and for others and for what he is continually doing... His style in the classroom made us feel empowered,

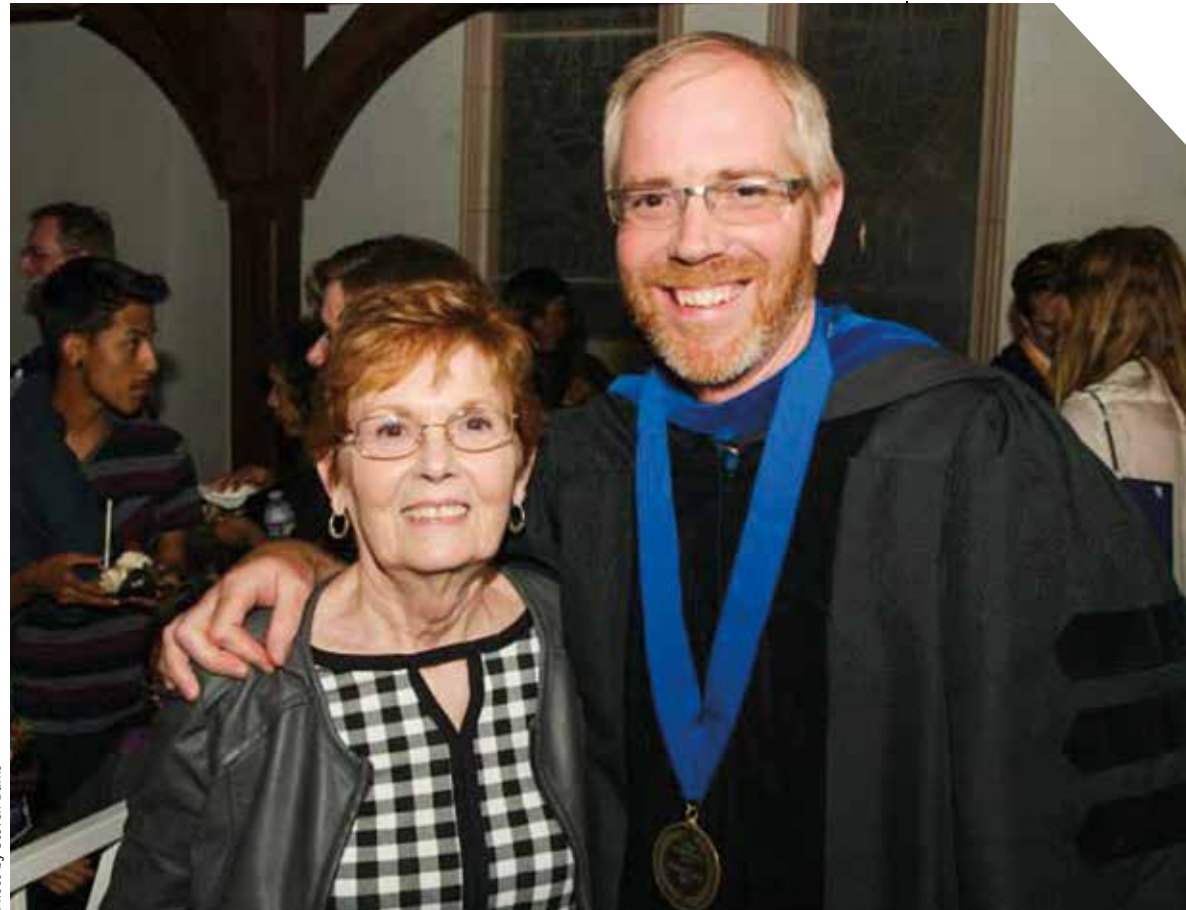


Photo by Steven Burns

capable of doing anything. With teachers like Jeff, students not only learn more, but become more."

One of his colleagues in the sciences wrote a letter praising Lutgen's collaborative spirit. "Jeff has been of great assistance with the computational aspects, gladly helping out to get complex astrophysics codes compiled and functioning on our research computers. Without his assistance at critical stages, none of the astrophysics student research could have progressed as much as it has."

Lutgen has previously served as chair of Department of Mathematics and is the math-business program department chair and scientific

computing program director. His academic focus involves differential geometry, topology, and computer science, including open source software development.

He offers a wide variety of courses and helps students examine the interdisciplinarity and broader context of math through courses such as "The Mathematics of Life" that integrates mathematics and biology, and the First Year seminar "Free Speech, Privacy, and Ethics in the Digital Age."

Lutgen graduated from California State University, Sacramento with a B.A. in mathematics and earned a master's of science and Ph.D. from the University of Oregon.

**▲ EXCELLENCE RECOGNIZED.** Known for his dedication to students, Professor Jeffrey Lutgen, pictured with his mother Shirley Lutgen, received the 2015 Nerhood Teaching Award.





## WHAT DOES SOIL HAVE TO DO WITH IT?

### FACULTY AND STUDENT PAIR UP TO STUDY CLIMATE CHANGE

Professor of Environmental Science Cinzia Fissore wants to know what the effects of climate change are on soil, specifically on peatlands. Not only is she conducting important research, she's also providing research opportunities for undergraduate students at nationally renowned laboratories.

For the last two years Fissore has worked on a collaborative project with research assistant and environmental science major Angelica Klein '15 and colleagues at the University of Minnesota and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL). The goal of their work is to investigate whether Sphagnum peatlands from northern latitudes are already showing responses to climate warming.



#### What is your research project about?

There are data showing that air and soil temperature have been increasing at these peatland sites in the past few decades. This could cause the large amount of soil carbon derived from partly decomposed plant material to start to decompose at a faster rate, therefore leaving the soil and ending up in the atmosphere. We are specifically interested in identifying potential changes that have occurred in the past 40 years or so. This is a very recent timeframe for these types of soils, which have been accumulating carbon for centuries to millennia.

We are still working on the final data, but preliminary results have been presented at the American Geophysical Union (AGU) international meeting last December. We expect to have a final draft of our work by the end of the year to be submitted for publication in a peer reviewed scientific journal and to be presented at the upcoming AGU international meeting this December.

“Working in northern peatlands is extremely important for someone in my field because they store large amounts of soil carbon that, if lost, would greatly contribute to global warming.”

— CINZIA FISSORE, PROFESSOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE



**What are the implications of the project? How will it contribute to your field?**

For years now, I have been studying various aspects of the responses of soil organic carbon to a changing climate, in particular to warming. Working in northern peatlands is extremely important for someone in my field because they store large amounts of soil carbon that, if lost, would greatly contribute to global warming. Also, peat forms at a very slow rate, meaning that once carbon is lost to the atmosphere, there is no quick and easy fix to sequester it back in the soil.

**What were your student's responsibilities on the project?**

My student, Angelica, did most of the lab work and also went to LLNL for one week to work with personnel there on radiocarbon analyses of our samples. She presented with me at AGU in San Francisco last year.

In general, environmental science majors have the opportunity to work closely with faculty on a scientific research project. Projects can have various levels of complexity and the student's time commitment can vary. Angelica worked with me in my lab for about two years. Opportunities like the one she had—to work in a National Lab and on a large research project—are somewhat infrequent, but we as faculty try to put our contacts in good use to benefit our students and to have an impact on their future career.



## KAKALIOURAS RECEIVES ANDREW W. MELLON RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

**ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF ANTHROPOLOGY ANN M. KAKALIOURAS** received an Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Mid-Career Fellowship entitled "Thinking the Humanities in the 21st Century" at the Whitney Humanities Center at Yale University for the 2015-2016 academic year.

The fellowship is directed toward faculty at four-year liberal arts colleges who have received tenure within the last five years. Selected scholars pursue research programs in any area of the humanities and related fields and enter into intellectual exchanges with faculty, fellows, and other visitors to the Center.

While in residence at Yale, Kakaliouras will draft the bulk of her current book project: *People in Pieces: The Making of Anthropology's 'American Indian.'* In *People in Pieces*, Kakaliouras examines how scientific anthropology fragmented Native American people to create its own form of disciplinary knowledge. According to Kakaliouras, physical anthropology did not just study, collect, and objectify Indians; rather, the field discursively created its own Indian, using the category to gain authority as a nomothetic science.

The project traces the rise of five distinct methodologies in 20th century physical anthropology: anthropometry, archeology, blood group analysis, craniometry, and genetics. In each chapter, Kakaliouras demonstrates how physical anthropologists constructed a different kind of Indian depending on the bodily material on which they focused, an Indian they then promoted as more authentic than living Native American people. She shows how the increasingly reductive methods scientists employed nevertheless produced generalized and lasting cultural impressions for scholars and laypeople alike of entire American Indian peoples.

Part history of anthropology, part science studies, and part cultural analysis, *People in Pieces* neither valorizes nor rejects science, but shows how a particular scientific field accomplished powerful cultural work in the 20th century.



# POETS' CAMPAIGN



## 2014-2015 FALL, WINTER, SPRING SPORTS WRAP-UP

**1 Football** (Season 2-7; Conference 1-6) **2 Volleyball** (Season 8-17; Conference 6-10) **3 Men's Basketball** (Season 15-11; Conference 9-7) **4 Women's Lacrosse** (Season 2-14) **5 Men's Swimming and Diving** (Conference 2-6)  
**6 Women's Swimming and Diving** (Conference 4-4) **7 Women's Basketball** (Season 12-12; Conference 8-8)  
**8 Baseball** (Season 11-28; Conference 9-19) **9 Women's Tennis** (Season 5-19; Conference 3-8) **10 Men's Tennis**  
 (Season 3-17; Conference 3-7) **Women's Cross Country** (SCIAC 5th place) **Men's Cross Country** (SCIAC 4th place)  
**Men's Track and Field** (SCIAC 7th) **Women's Track and Field** (SCIAC 7th) **Men's Soccer** (Season 7-9-2; Conference 5-9-2; SCIAC 7th) **Women's Soccer** (Season 1-17-1; Conference 0-14) **Women's Water Polo** (Conference 21-14; Conference 9-2; SCIAC 1st) **Men's Water Polo** (Season 23-13; Conference 11-0; SCIAC 1st) **Women's Golf** (SCIAC 3rd)  
**Men's Golf** (SCIAC 8th) **Men's Lacrosse** (Season 6-6) **Softball** (Season 28-8; Conference 19-9; SCIAC 1st)





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## INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE & HONORS

► **BASKETBALL:** Nick Demusis '15, Eric Jennings '16 and Andrew Torres '16 earned All-Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC) honors. Demusis stellar performance landed him on the 1st Team All-SCIAC. Torres was named SCIAC Newcomer of the Year while Jennings earned a spot on the 2nd Team All-SCIAC team.

► **FOOTBALL:** Defensive back Josh Pride '15 and Trevor Phillips '15 were named 1st Team All-SCIAC. Pride played in all nine games picking up 30 tackles (21 solo, nine assisted) and averaging 3.3 per game. Phillips put together a strong season as the middle linebacker for the Purple and Gold anchoring the defensive unit.

► **MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY:** Runners Joshua Ehinger '15 and Ruben Solorza '17 raced to All-SCIAC honors. Ehinger earned 1st Team All-SCIAC and Solorza earned 2nd team All-SCIAC.

► **WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY:** Julissa Tobias '18 was named SCIAC Newcomer of the Year. Tobias finished her inaugural cross country season as the team's MVP, 1st team All-SCIAC, 1st Team All West Region, and the 8th ranked freshman in the country.

► **VOLLEYBALL:** Katie Heard '15 received the 2014 SCIAC

Sportsmanship Award for volleyball. Outside Hitter Rebecca Slattery '17 was named 2nd Team All-SCIAC.

► **BASEBALL:** Catcher Stephen Zavala '15 landed the 1st Team All-SCIAC, Division III All-West Region Honors on the Gold Glove Teams, and Division III National Gold Glove Winner. Zavala and Chris Sekiguchi '15 where named to the SCIAC All-Sportsmanship Team.

► **SOFTBALL:** Pitcher Samantha Blum '17 was named the SCIAC Athlete of the Week for two weeks straight and Marialena Ahem '18 was named as SCIAC newcomer of the year. Samantha Mellano '15 and Mercedes Cundiff '15 were also named to the 1st Team All-SCIAC.

► **MEN'S SOCCER:** The 2nd Team All-SCIAC Recognition went to Brian Russell '17 and Dylan Fortin '16.

► **WOMEN'S LACROSSE:** Nicole Yorba '15 and Meesha Robinson '15 were named to the All-West Region Team by the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association. Yorba was also named 1st Team All-SCIAC and was a member of the SCIAC All-Sportsmanship Team. Robinson was awarded the 2nd Team All-SCIAC.

► **WOMEN'S SOCCER:** Kaela Reisfelt '17 and Rachel Inouye '15 both landed on the All-SCIAC 2nd Team.

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► **WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND**

**DIVING:** The team was awarded the Academic All-American status for the 3rd straight year. **Marisa Refe '16** made it to the NCAA Diving Regionals.

► **MEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK AND**

**FIELD:** **Joshua Ehinger '15** qualified for the NCAA Division III National Championships and was named SCIAC champion after being ranked No. 1 all year.

► **MEN'S WATER POLO:** Five team

members landed on the ACWPC All-Academic Team: **Massimiliano Mirarchi '18, Roman Novak '15, Kyle Catino '15, Goran Mataic '15, and Kurt Holzmuller '15.** Mataic was also named 1st Team ACWPC for the third straight year and ACWPC Player of the Year for the second straight year. Mirarchi was named SCIAC Newcomer of the Year and made 1st Team All-SCIAC. **Ryan Brunansky '15** was also selected to the 1st Team All-SCIAC and **Marko Zuric '15** was named to the 2nd Team, with All-American honors. Wedge Molthen received All-American honorable mention. **Kyle Catino '15** received the 2014 SCIAC Sportsmanship award.

► **WOMEN'S WATER POLO:**

**Jenel Rivera '17 and Isabella Gorrocino '17** were awarded with 1st Team All-SCIAC honors. **Angelica Hernandez '16 and Cynthia Castillo '15** landed on the 2nd Team. **Melissa Pinlac '15** was awarded the SCIAC All-Sportsmanship award.



## STEPHEN ZAVALA DRAFTED BY ST. LOUIS CARDINALS

**SEVENTH POET TO JOIN MLB IN PROGRAM'S HISTORY**

**P**oet catcher Stephen Zavala '15 was selected by the St. Louis Cardinals for the 2015 Major League Baseball (MLB) Draft. Zavala, the second Poet in as many years to join MLB, was the lone Division III West Region player chosen by a major league team this year.

This season, Zavala collected several accolades including being named 1st Team All-SCIAC, Division III West Region Gold Glove, and Division III National Gold Glove winner.

He had an impressive performance behind the plate this spring with a 1.000 fielding percentage, allowing just 21 stolen bases and catching a conference high of 12 runners attempting to steal. Out of 208 chances, he totaled 183 put outs and 25 assists, with no errors. At the plate, he combined for 155 plate appearances with 37 hits, which included five doubles, a triple, and three homeruns for a .301 batting average.



**GATEWAY CITY BOUND.** Whittier native Stephen Zavala '15 was drafted by the St. Louis Cardinals program.



## NCAA LEADERSHIP

**PRESIDENT SHARON HERZBERGER, PAST CHAIR OF THE NCAA DIVISION III PRESIDENTS COUNCIL,** participated in the 2015 NCAA Inclusion Forum, which brings together intercollegiate athletics leaders passionate about improving the educational and professional environment for student-athletes, coaches, and staff.

Herzberger spoke on panel about Hispanic Serving Institutions. During the session, Herzberger shared best practices on the commitments that colleges and universities need to make to create an environment that supports students from every background and the role that athletics plays in that mission.

According to the NCAA, the number of Hispanic student-athletes has increased by 29% in the past five years from about 17,500 to 22,500—the fastest growing demographic, yet still comprises less than 5% of the college athlete population. In contrast, Latinos comprise 38% of Poet athletes.





# POETS ACHIEVE A CHAMPIONSHIP TRIFECTA

WHITTIER ATHLETES MAKE HISTORY FOR THE PURPLE AND GOLD

For the first time in Whittier College's history, Poet athletics earned three conference championships in one school year. The men's and women's water polo teams dominated the pool in the 2014-2015 season, bringing home two conference trophies. The third SCIAC championship for the Purple and Gold came from the softball team, led by coach Dee Dee Kingsbury.

The Poet softball team earned the title following a 4-0 victory against Pomona-Pitzer at Palmer Field on the Whittier campus. The title marks the third in the program's history dating back to 1989.

The women's water polo team captured the program's first SCIAC title with an 8-7 victory over Pomona-Pitzer during the SCIAC contest in April.

The men's water polo victory came in late fall as they earned a big 11-5 win over Claremont-McKenna-Scripps. With the win, the Poets also finish the regular season No. 1 in the Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) Division III polls for the fourth time in the program's history.

The honors for the Poets continued as head water polo coach Justin Pudwill was named Division III Coach of the Year by the Association of Collegiate Water Polo Coaches and Kingsbury was recognized as SCIAC Coach of the Year in her inaugural season with the Purple and Gold.



◀ **ONE FOR THE BOOKS.** Whittier claimed conference titles in women's and men's water polo and softball.



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FOR THE FIRST TIME IN WHITTIER COLLEGE'S HISTORY, POET ATHLETICS EARNED THREE CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS IN ONE SCHOOL YEAR.





# ELIZABETH STANLEY LEADING HER TEAM WITH FULL ABANDON

## TEAM COMMUNICATION AND TRUST RECIPE FOR SUCCESS

Heading into her fourth year leading the Poet women's basketball team, head coach Elizabeth Stanley reflects on last season's memorable moments and looks toward the 2015-16 season.



**Q: What were some highlights from last year?**

**A:** Finishing 500! Beating Redlands twice and the energy that filled the gym during both those games. I especially recall the home Redlands game when Dannika Navales-Lugtu '15 had her career's best performance. It was an exciting team win. Occidental home win with the football team cheering and willing us to the victory.

The biggest highlight, however, is just the palpable sense that the program took the right upward turn toward greatness. It feels fantastic to be heading in the right direction.

**Q: What are some of your strategies for teamwork?**

**A:** Spending as much off-court time together as possible. We have a sport psychologist and we do "team-ness" activities each week. Both help players learn to understand each other's disposition, and we all learn how to better communicate and trust one another.

**Q: What about training and practice?**

**A:** As a coaching staff we ask our players to be the most diligent and hardworking team on campus. We want to compete with full abandonment during practice and training. We demand fundamentals and the execution of them every single day.

**Q: What would you say are the keys to success in basketball?**

**A:** Trust, cohesion and a collective sense of purpose. Additionally, one must be self-driven and have a strong competitive spirit. It is a demanding sport and only the strong survive.

**Q: Who are this season's key players?**

**A:** We have Priscilla Rodriguez '17 who is our MVP this year, and Carly Buechler '17. Both of them are guards. We also have Ana Youngblood '18, Erica Houston '17, Amia Thrash '18, Kaylah Alexander '17, and Kamila Auls '18. We couldn't do without the overall effort of the team or people coming in and doing the right thing at the right time. But these key players in particular have had a lot of success in the conferences with top scores, across the board skills, rebounds, and more.

**Q: What are the game strategies for the 2015-16 season?**

**A:** We have a lot of consistency coming in. Everyone that is coming back knows our style and knows we want to be defensive-minded, which is very active up and down the floor. We will be a lot more physical, a lot more athletic, and have a lot of fun doing so. We want to create an environment where it's not only fun for the players but also fun to watch.

“The biggest highlight, however, is the palpable sense that the program just took the right upward turn toward greatness.”

— HEAD COACH ELIZABETH STANLEY



**FORMER ALL-AMERICAN POET**

**ATHLETE ALYSSA SIALARIS '13**, who passed away unexpectedly in 2013, is featured on the cover of *FEARLESS*, a photography book and personal memoir by artist Jeff Sheng. Recalling his experience as a closeted high school student athlete in the 1990s, Sheng uses his own story as a foundation for a wider exploration of the current LGBT rights movement. Woven throughout the book are photographic portraits of 202 lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender high school and college athletes from the United States and Canada taken between 2003 and 2015. Sheng visited Whittier in 2012 to photograph Sialaris and fellow Poet athlete Jordan Vega '13.

"Alyssa's photograph is stunning," wrote Sheng in a recent article about the book. "Out of the 200 or so athletes I have photographed for the series, she stood out for her remarkable poise and confidence. If anyone embodied the word *fearless*, it was she."

*The Alyssa Sialaris Endowed Scholarship was founded in 2013 in memory of her accomplishments and fearlessness. To make a gift in honor of Alyssa please contact Sr. Director of Development and Alumni Programs Kurt Johnson at (562) 907-4841.*



# PLAYING WITH THE PROS

## CONFERENCE ALL STAR PLAYERS COMPETE IN ITALY

**WHEN IN ROME.** SCIAC basketball stars traveled to Italy led by assistant coach Mark Jensen.



**P**oet basketball players Nick DeMusis '15 and Andrew Bucholtz '15 were members of the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC) senior all-stars team that traveled through Italy this summer. Playing against professional teams in Rome, Montecatini, and Florence, team members were given the opportunity to show off their skills to foreign scouts with the possibility of earning a professional contract to play in Europe.

The trip was the brainchild of assistant basketball coach Mark Jensen '00, who led the 10-member team representing six SCIAC schools. Whittier assistant coach Ryan Conboy '01 and coach Geoff Danes from Cal Lutheran also made the trip.

The all-star team also had the opportunity to experience the food, sights, and sounds of Italy. Among their various stops were the Vatican, Saint Peter's Square, the Coliseum, Siena, and Pisa.

"Overall, this was an amazing experience for the young men involved," said Jensen. "I had hoped that this trip to Italy would allow the seniors to



experience the beauty of another culture and perhaps gain some international attention on the basketball court. I feel the trip did that and more. The cultural experience of Italy will be etched on the minds and hearts of these guys forever."

"The competition on the court was strong and the connections made with foreign clubs could potentially lead to a few of our players getting a chance to play overseas," added Jensen.



→ More photos and video of the all-star team in Italy. [whittier.edu/MoreRock](http://whittier.edu/MoreRock)







WHITTIER COLLEGE SCHOLAR-ATHLETES PLAY FOR THE LOVE OF THE GAME. AS PART OF A NCAA DIVISION III SCHOOL, POET ATHLETES DON'T RECEIVE ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS, BUT ARE RATHER PART OF A PROGRAM THAT IS DESIGNED TO GIVE THEM THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMPETE INTENSELY WHILE BEING CHALLENGED IN A RIGOROUS ACADEMIC SETTING THAT ALSO ALLOWS THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN CO-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED AT WHITTIER.

**MOREOVER, THE DIVISION III PLAYING SEASON AND ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS**

minimize conflicts between athletics and academics, allowing scholars-athletes to focus on their studies and the achievement of a four-year degree. With a combined 22 men's and women's teams and more than one-third of Whittier's student population representing the Purple and Gold, Whittier Athletics' positive impact on campus is palpable. Not surprisingly, athletic facilities have seen enhancements over the last few years—new turf on the football field in Memorial Stadium, resurfaced Richard Ettinger Tennis Courts, a new dugout and scoreboard on the baseball field, and aesthetic additions to the Charles and Marie Palmer Softball Field, and most notably the renovation of the Lillian Slade Aquatics Center and the entry into the Graham Athletic Center. These improved facilities are designed to help recruit outstanding scholar-athletes and promote athletic excellence on the field. Just as important, Whittier College Athletics has worked with the Center for Advising and Academic Success (CAAS) to revamp its academic and mentorship programs with the goal of supporting student athletes in their quest for a college degree. Coaches work directly with CAAS to ensure that scholar-athletes

are taking full advantage of the services offered and are making the most of their academic experience at Whittier.

In addition, it is known that collegiate athletic competition fosters leadership skills and in order to further grow scholar-athletes, Whittier Athletics is launching this fall its Poet Student-Athlete Leadership Academy, a comprehensive development program to shape world-class leaders in athletics, academics, and in their future careers.

In a successful convergence of both academic and athletic efforts, the department has seen an increase in students achieving academic honors—115 in 2014-15—as well as athletic victories. This year, the men and women's water polo teams and the softball team won conference championships. During the same season, women's water polo was named an All-Academic team by the Association of Collegiate Water Polo Coaches and key men's water polo players also received academic honors. In addition, the women's cross country and lacrosse teams were named All-Academic during their seasons.

In the next few pages you will read about some of these outstanding Poet scholar-athletes and how they take on the field of play and their fields of study.



# SAMANTHA '18 BLUM

PITCHER, SOFTBALL ★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★

**HOW HAS YOUR SCHOLAR-ATHLETE EXPERIENCE AFFECTED YOUR COLLEGE LIFE?**

My experience has been great. It has helped me meet many different people from every sport on campus. Athletes often go to sporting events to support their classmates and peers. Being an athlete at the Division III level has positively affected my college life because I still have a lot of time to focus on academics while dedicating myself to my sport.

**AS A SCHOLAR-ATHLETE, WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT LESSON YOU'VE LEARNED WHILE COMPETING FOR WHITTIER?**

The most important lesson I learned in the SCIAC conference is to always finish what you started with the same tenacity and determination as in the beginning. Many teams give up or think they are going to win it all, but the teams that finish strong and always play hard end up being the most successful.

**WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR FAVORITE CLASS AT WHITTIER?**

*Positive Psychology.* This class offered a lot of chances to show responsibility. I have taken a few different psychology courses but this is a new field for me, so I knew nothing about the subject. I liked how this course had one to two week topics

that we focused on. My favorite part of this class was the final paper; we were able to choose any topic that interested us and relate it to lessons we learned in class.

**WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO ATTEND WHITTIER COLLEGE?**

I choose to attend Whittier because of its small class sizes and the softball team. It is also relatively close to my family so I was able to see them often.

**WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS AFTER COLLEGE?**

I plan on going to grad school to pursue a master's degree in sports psychology.

**WHAT ADVICE DO YOU HAVE FOR FUTURE POETS?**

Try new things regularly. Your four years here at Whittier will go by extremely quick and you do not want to miss out on all the great opportunities Whittier and Los Angeles have to offer.



**HOMETOWN** San Jose, CA

**MAJOR/MINOR**

Psychology / Kinesiology and Nutrition Science

**CAREER ASPIRATION** Sports Psychologist

**AWARDS**

SCIAC Champion + SCIAC Athlete of the Week (3) +  
National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA)  
All-West Region Team + Southern California  
Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC) 1st Team





*“My project for **WORLD WATER DAY** has to do with the installation of drip irrigation systems. My interest in the topic came from my senior project that has to do with **ATHLETIC GREYWATER** and low pressure irrigation systems.”*



**HOMETOWN** Springfield, PA

**MAJOR** Environmental Science

**CAREER ASPIRATION** Environmental Consultant



# TERRY JACOB

★ DEFENSE, LACROSSE

## WHAT WHITTIER COLLEGE EXPERIENCE HAS HAD THE MOST IMPACT ON YOU?

I would say that the men's lacrosse team has impacted me the most. Through the four years that I have been here I've always been able to fall back on them in times of need. I can honestly say that they're my family and we accomplished big things as a team.

## WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE PROFESSOR AND/OR CLASS?

A paired course with Professors Cinzia Fissore and Sal Johnson. The class was *Soils and Environmental Science*—geomorphology paired with food and food systems. This course sparked my interest in environmental consulting which I'm trying to pursue as a career. The classes also opened up my eyes to how our food systems are run. Finally they were taught by two professors who are passionate about their fields and that helped the classes stay interactive.

## TELL US ABOUT YOUR RESEARCH PROJECT PRESENTED FOR WORLD WATER DAY. WHAT WAS YOUR INTEREST IN THE TOPIC?

My project for World Water Day has to do with the installation of drip irrigation systems. My interest in the topic came from my senior project that has to do with athletic greywater and low-pressure irrigation. Our trainer at the time asked us if there was anything that we could do to reuse the water, instead of tossing it down the turf drainage system. Typical forms of greywater come from sink water, shower water, or washing machines. These are fine alternatives for irrigation but can sometimes harbor

harmful bacteria and cause environmental problems. Athletic greywater, though, is a great solution to that problem. I started brainstorming the idea and got to thinking the school could use greywater tanks to store the excess ice water. Then they could use a drip irrigation system in our school garden or surrounding trees to help distribute the water in a sustainable way.

I gathered my research by weighing individual buckets of water twice a week for the length of our lacrosse season. Based off my excel documents and charts the men's lacrosse team on average throws away about 1,350 gallons of water per season. I'm still waiting on a few more calculations in order to determine the total amount of water wasted in a year.

## WHY DID YOU CHOOSE WHITTIER COLLEGE?

I chose Whittier College because the idea of shoveling off snow at 6 a.m. didn't seem like a fun idea. Growing up in the northeast even springtime can be cold and wet. So I chose to play Division III lacrosse at a competitive level in beautiful southern California, where it hardly ever rains, along with getting my degree in environmental science. Having access to an outdoor pool year round was another attraction.

## WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS AFTER GRADUATION?

Try and stay out in California for a few more years and get a job with an environmental consultant. I will eventually move back home.

## WHAT ADVICE DO YOU HAVE FOR FUTURE POETS?

Just to enjoy it and not sweat the little things. College moves quickly.





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**HOMETOWN** Culver City, CA

**MAJOR/MINOR** Whittier Scholars Program

**CAREER ASPIRATION** Sports Marketing

**CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT**

Director of Social Media for the WC Sports Network + Student Ambassador + Overnight Admission Host + President of the Black Student Union + Student Athlete Advisory Committee + Fellowship of Christian Athletes







# MASSIMILIANO

'18

# MIRARCHI

ATTACKER, WATER POLO



#### TELL US ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCE AS A SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AT WHITTIER COLLEGE?

Being a college athlete at Whittier has positively affected my college life in several ways. It has mainly helped me improve my skills in time management. I learned how to balance my duties as an athlete and as a student.

#### AS A SCHOLAR-ATHLETE, WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT LESSON YOU'VE LEARNED WHILE COMPETING IN THE SCIAC CONFERENCE?

The key role of teamwork. Last season we won the conference for the second year in a row, and we were able to achieve that only thanks to the incredible effort of the team as a unit. All the team members knew what their roles were and what was expected from them.

#### WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR FAVORITE PROFESSOR AND/OR CLASS?

*Statistics I* with Professor Wesley White. The subject of the course was really interesting and helpful for the everyday life. In addition to that, Professor White has been extremely helpful, approachable, and sympathetic with students' needs throughout the entire semester.

#### WHY DID YOU CHOOSE WHITTIER?

My brother who was studying in the States recommended Whittier to me as a great school with a prestigious water polo program. I was in contact with different colleges, and honestly

I did not know much about them. Thus, Coach Justin Pudwill had a main role in convincing me to become a Poet.

#### BESIDES BEING A SCHOLAR-ATHLETE, WHAT ACTIVITIES DO YOU ENJOY AND WHY?

Being a student-athlete requires a great amount of effort and time, so I do not have much of free time. I am from Italy, which is a "soccer nation." So I follow every game of my favorite (and best ever) team: AS Roma.

#### WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS AFTER WHITTIER COLLEGE?

I am not sure what I will do after graduating from Whittier College. I have not decided yet whether I will stay in the United States to find a job (preferably with an international company) or I will go back to Italy to play professional water polo while looking for a job there.

#### WHAT ADVICE DO YOU HAVE FOR FUTURE POETS?

Give your best every day in practice and give your best every day in class. Even though four years sounds like a long period, your time in college is limited. Giving your best every day is your best opportunity for a successful life.



**HOMETOWN** Rome, Italy

**MAJOR/MINOR**

Business Administration / Marketing

**AWARDS**

SCIAC Champion + SCIAC Newcomer of the Year +  
1st Team All-SCIAC + ACWPC All-American Team +  
Whittier College Dean's List + Association of  
Collegiate Water Polo Coaches (ACWPC) 2014 Men's  
Outstanding All-Academic Team



*“The most important lesson I’ve learned while competing in the SCIAC conference is the key role of **TEAMWORK.**”*









*“The key to the success of the peer-to-peer program is that the mentor **UNDERSTANDS THE PRESSURE** an athlete is under and can relate to the mentee by providing assurance that academic and athletic success are not mutually exclusive.”*

# ATHLETIC SUCCESS



## ON AND OFF THE FIELD ★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★

Director of Athletics **ROBERT COLEMAN** is entering his 10th season at Whittier College, overseeing 22 Poet intercollegiate varsity teams. During his tenure, Coleman has reshaped Poet athletics, cultivating a spirit of athletic excellence, and has led the upgrade of competition facilities including the renovations of the Slade Aquatics Center, George Allen Fitness Center, Ettinger Tennis Facility, and Memorial Stadium, among other improvements. But just as significant, Coleman has created a culture among his coaches and scholar-athletes that emphasizes academic achievement. In 2006, he launched the President's Club Luncheon, an annual event recognizing student-athletes who've achieved a minimum 3.5 GPA during the previous school year. Each year, the number of students in attendance has increased, with 115 in 2015.

### WHY IS ATHLETICS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE COLLEGE EXPERIENCE?

The desire for balancing athletics with academics is what makes Division III sports unlike anything else in higher education. The college experience is an ideal time for our student-athletes to uncover their passion and discover their potential. Division III student-athletes recognize that the sacrifices they are making to play a sport teach them planning and organizational skills to incorporate into their learning processes and other aspects of everyday life. Personally, I would never trade the experience I had in college being a student-athlete. It taught me the leadership skills that were needed for everyday life and employment.

### WHILE ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE IS A GOAL OF YOUR DEPARTMENT, WHAT WOULD YOU SAY ARE YOUR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT GOALS FOR YOUR STUDENT ATHLETES?

Our program has a goal for each team to achieve a team GPA of a 3.2 or above—allowing the team to be recognized as an NCAA All-Academic team. This past season we had a total three teams named all-academic: women's swimming and diving, women's tennis, and women's cross country. We also had 11 teams that narrowly missed the cut.

### HOW DO YOUR COACHES COMMUNICATE THESE ACADEMIC GOALS TO NEW RECRUITS?

We make it very clear during the recruiting process that academics should be the primary focus of any Division III student-athlete. The aim of Division III is to minimize the conflicts between athletics and academics and help the student-athlete progress towards graduation.

### HOW DOES YOUR DEPARTMENT ENSURE STUDENTS GET THE NEEDED ACADEMIC SUPPORT?

We work very closely with the Center for Advising and Academic Success (CAAS). All student-athletes have required study hall times and mandatory check-ins so our coaches are updated regularly on who is attending. We also hire tutors when needed. Our relationship with CAAS has been key to helping our teams achieve their academic goals.

Overall, I feel extremely proud of the extraordinary and continued academic performance of our student-athletes. I applaud them as they continue to excel in the classroom and on the playing field. These achievements can be credited to the diligent efforts of the young men and women in our program, as well as the daily contributions by our coaches, CAAS, and Whittier's quality faculty.



*“Personally, I would never trade the experience I had in college being a student-athlete. It taught me the **LEADERSHIP SKILLS** that were needed for everyday life and **EMPLOYMENT.**”*

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# FROM THE OFFICE OF ALUMNI PROGRAMS AND GIVING

JOIN US FOR WHITTIER WEEKEND 2015—OCTOBER 23-25



We are thrilled to welcome you back to campus to *Catch that Poet Spirit!* **Whittier Weekend** offers multiple opportunities for you to reconnect with your Poet family, celebrate milestone anniversaries, recognize fellow alumni for their achievements, cheer on Poets at athletic events, and so much more.

The schedule is designed to ensure a weekend with exciting events and programs and plenty of opportunities for all.

We hope you can join us for these and other fun events. Check out the full schedule and register at [whittier.edu/WhittierWeekend](http://whittier.edu/WhittierWeekend). And, make sure you use our hashtag #CatchThatPoetSpirit on all your social media posts.

Let us highlight a few events that we planned for you:

## **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23** **Poet Awards Reception & Dinner; 6-9 p.m.**

For decades, the Poet Award has been presented to select members of the alumni family. Recipients are chosen for their outstanding service, commitment, and loyalty to Whittier College, and for individual, professional, and personal achievements that best reflect the ideals and values taught at Whittier. Nominated by their peers and voted on by the Alumni Association Board of Directors, Poet honorees represent some of the best of our Whittier College community.

## **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24** **Annual Poet Festival; 12-4:30 p.m.**

Held on the baseball field under sprawling tents, this is the place to be before the big Homecoming game. You

are sure to *Catch That Poet Spirit* as you enjoy the camaraderie of your society, reunion class, athletic team, student organization, families, and more! Here is some of what to expect: craft beer and wine tasting, gourmet food truck fare, live music, family-friendly games, Whittier's Got Talent performances, and more.

## **Rad Poets Only** **Radisson Poolside Party; 8:30 p.m.**

Dance under the stars to tunes from the 80s, 90s, and today, featuring special guest DJ MO2, Leda (Mintzer) Muller '88 spinning the classics! Free before 10 p.m., no host food and bar (21 & over only).

## **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25** **44th Annual Tardeada; 4:30-6 p.m.**

Join us in this long-standing tradition as we remember, honor, and celebrate the legendary Martin Ortiz '48 and his legacy. Enjoy delicious food, Latin music, traditional folkloric dances, and much more for alumni and families!

## HOME SWEET HOME: DEZEMBER ALUMNI HOUSE

LOCATED NEXT TO JOHNSON RESIDENCE HALL, the two-story Dezember Alumni House is an inviting space—rich with history and legacy—that Whittier alumni can proudly call their own. Named in honor of Ray Dezember '53 for his leadership at the College, the establishment of the Dezember Alumni House was generously supported by gifts from members of the Class of 1957 along with other alumni.

Activities at the house have a special focus on alumni gatherings, alumni-student mentoring, career services activities, and programs geared towards first-year students. Let us know when you're planning to visit campus by contacting Nadine Barragan '09 at [alumni@whittier](mailto:alumni@whittier) or (562) 907-4222.



## EDGAR HARDEN '93 CELEBRATES OLD SPIRITS

**STEP ASIDE, FINE WINE.** Vintage spirits have a new agent and his name is Edgar Harden '93. Long ignored by collectors in favor of rare wines, vintage spirits and liqueurs are making headway among connoisseurs thanks to Harden, who discovered the successful niche and launched a business, Old Spirits Company, to focus on their sale and trade.



While the quality of the contents are prime to a bottle's value and enjoyment, Harden finds pleasure in all other elements of a bottle as well: the weight of the glass, the design of the label, and the packaging. Together, they invigorate the senses, excite art and antique buffs like him, and augment a bottle's worth. Nonetheless, because the trade is still relatively nascent and stealth, Harden is able to offer collectors bargains not found elsewhere.

Currently, Harden is enjoying a trove of bottles acquired from the set of AMC's now-defunct *Mad Men*. Harden studied western humanities through the Whittier Scholars Program as an undergraduate.

### POET FOR LIFE. ▶

Read about the top things that Rebecca Lybrand '07 learned as a Whittier College science student at [whittier.edu/MoreRock](http://whittier.edu/MoreRock).



## SOIL, NOT DIRT

### ALUMNA SPREADS THE WORD ABOUT SCIENCE EDUCATION

**W**hen Rebecca Lybrand '07 was tasked with making soil and climate science a relatable and interesting topic to audiences within and outside the scientific community, she decided to put her interdisciplinary skills to work. In short order, she produced an engaging YouTube video that chronicles her day as a soil scientist. Lybrand's 18-minute video, *Soil, Not Dirt*, gives viewers of all ages a first-hand look at the complexities of soil and its importance to plants, animals, and humans and highlights the unique aspects of her career.

Lybrand, a Whittier biology major, earned her Ph.D. from the University of Arizona where she now works. In *Soil, Not Dirt*, she recounts the experiences

that helped her choose her career, noting her admiration for Whittier biology and chemistry professors, her affinity for scientific discussions and experimentation, her love of the outdoors, and her dislike of business attire. The video follows Lybrand, casually dressed in jeans and hiking boots, as she treks to her research sites in the Sonoran desert.

Her video is part of a Climate Assessment of the Southwest fellowship, a program focused on expanding science education accessibility and improving communication skills among scientists. Lybrand aims to get the word out about soils (not dirt) and underscore the importance of science communication to undergraduate students.



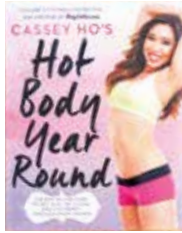


## ON THE BOOKSHELF

ALUMNI PUBLICATIONS CROSS INTERDISCIPLINARY LINES

### HOT BODY YEAR ROUND

By Cassey Ho, '09



Cassey Ho, an internationally renowned fitness instructor, is best known for *Blogilates*, her popular YouTube

workout videos which have been shared by millions online. Her first book, *Hot Body Year Round*, is an exercise and nutrition guide to living a fit, happy, and healthy life. According to Ho, by following her effective workout plans and clean-eating recipes, you will transform your body towards a stronger, sleeker, and happier version of you.

### WORK OF A LIFETIME

By Mark Uslan '70



Mark Uslan's new memoir describes his 30-year plus career working with the American Foundation for the Blind (AFB), where

he spent a dozen years setting up and running AFB TECH, the Foundation's technology unit based in Huntington,

West Virginia. Among other things, Uslan writes about how his Whittier College education, including his study abroad experience in Denmark, influenced his professional life.

### CYBER WAR VERSUS CYBER REALITIES: CYBER CONFLICT IN THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM

By Brandon Valeriano '99 and Ryan C. Maness



In 2011, the United States government declared a cyber attack as equal to an act of war, punishable with conventional military

means. Cyber operations, cyber crime, and other forms of cyber activities directed by one state against another are now considered part of the normal relations range of combat and conflict, and the rising fear of cyber conflict has brought about a reorientation of military affairs. What is the reality of this threat? Taking a bold stand against the mainstream wisdom, Valeriano and Maness argue that there is very little evidence that cyber war is, or is likely to become, a serious threat. Backed by

empirical evidence, the authors lay out a set of policy recommendations for proper defense against cyber threats that is built on restraint and regionalism.

### DO YOU KNOW THE MUFFIN PAN?

By Amy Fazio '07



In her debut book, Amy Fazio shares with her readers a collection of creative, easy-to-make recipes using a simple muffin pan. Fazio

demonstrates that this kitchen staple is great for creating crowd-pleasing appetizers, delicious side dishes, and even perfectly portion-controlled dinners such as eggs benedict casserole cups, mini fish tacos with creamy jalapeño sauce, salami boats with antipasto salad, and strawberry pretzel cheesecake bites, just to name few. In fact, this cookbook showcases more than 100 ways to cook and create in the muffin pan. Many of the recipes include notes on cooking in different-size pans, tips for freezing, and instructions on substituting a variety of ingredients to satisfy even the pickiest eaters.

## VIDEO GAMES AND VETERANS

DOMINIQUE SIMMONS '10 IS MEMBER OF A TEAM OF RESEARCHERS at the University of California, Riverside which is developing a video game that may rehabilitate auditory dysfunction in veterans. Auditory dysfunction, different from external hearing loss, is a neurological condition that occurs when an individual experiences brain trauma. Many American combat veterans are experiencing hearing dysfunction as a result

of blast waves, leaving them with the inability to process speech in noisy environments—a condition that often leads to isolation and depression. The team launched a successful crowdfunding campaign that will see their work through four different phases, culminating with the public release of the video game. Simmons is a cognitive psychology graduate student studying audiovisual speech perception.



# ALUMNUS TRAVELS MILES TO GET TO THE RIGHT DESTINATION

MAKING A LIVING OFF OF HIS PASSION FOR FITNESS

**R**oy Wallack '78 has two passions in life: cycling and writing.

Upon reaching 40, the lifelong cyclist became interested in researching athletic longevity and began writing about its link to quality of life issues such as the cycling-osteoporosis connection; muscle-mass balance and posture maintenance; and injury prevention. These topics became the subject of his latest book, *Bike for Life: How to Ride to 100— and Beyond*, a plan for super fitness at any age with training and nutrition guides.

"I want to keep writing about how we can all stay fit and healthy, and keep seeing the world the best way I know how, by bike," said Wallack.

A fitness columnist for the *Los Angeles Times* since 2002, Wallack has also written seven books and for publications such as *Bicycling*, *Runner's World*, *Competitor*, *Muscle & Fitness*, *Consumer's Digest* and was an editor for *Triathlete* and *Bicycle Guide*. While he has made a successful career following his two passions, it was not a straight road.

At Whittier, Wallack double majored in economics and political science and was involved in student government, the Penn Society, and the wrestling team. In those days, Whittier's curriculum was structured in the modular system where students took two classes every five weeks. According to Wallack, this system kept him busy, engaged, and challenged him academically.

But what Wallack treasures the most about his Whittier experience were his writing days with the *Quaker Campus (QC)*. As the features editor, Wallack honed his journalistic skills while injecting his sense of humor; his

column "Freak of the Week" was a hit among readers.

"It was the most fun I had in my life," said Wallack of his time at the *QC*.

Yet, despite his early interest in journalism, Wallack earned an MBA from UCLA in marketing and decided to enter the corporate world.

Fortuitously, before launching his first career track, he took a 5,500-mile bike trip from Seattle to Maine to Florida with his brother. They rode during the day and camped out at night. Little did Wallack know that this trip would spark a career change later in life.

"We would meet people during our stops and they would see our bikes and ask us about our trip," said Wallack. "We would tell them about how nice the people we met in the earlier towns had been to us—showing us around their city, their best places to eat, and sometimes putting us up in their homes."

After he came home and started searching for work, he collected all the stories from his bike trip and put them into a 25-page article he submitted to *Bicycling* magazine. He made several cold calls to the publication asking for feedback and got mixed reactions. Fortunately for him, the editor liked the article and after some serious editing his article was published. The framed article is still mounted on his office wall today.



While working corporate jobs for the next six years, Wallack continued to do long-distance rides and write a few articles whenever he had free time. He traveled all over the country and Europe, including the first ever tour into the Soviet Union, from London to Moscow, in 1988. When he came home, he finally worked up the courage to make the move. In a short time, he became the editor of regional, then national bike magazines, and saw all of his two-wheel national and international travel turned into the publication of his first book, *The Traveling Cyclist*, in 1991.

It took him decades, travel to 48 countries, and thousands of riding miles to get to his destination, but eventually he would successfully combine both his passions into a flourishing second career.

“I want to keep writing about how we can all stay fit and healthy, and keep seeing the world the best way I know how, by bike.”

— ROY WALLACK '78



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## BIRTHS

**Kevin Marshall '90** and his wife welcomed their first child in July 2015. → **Robin Hickin '94** and Dave Conradi welcomed twins, Christopher and Maggie, on August 27, 2014.

## MARRIAGES/COMMITMENTS

**Kim Jorgensen '81** and **Kathleen (Wendell) Jorgensen '82** were married in April 2015. → **Robin Hickin '94** married Dave Conradi on May 26, 2013. → **Vince Daigneault '85**, and Jan Golestaneh were married on May 23, 2015.

## CLASS NOTES

'34

'35



**Hubert Perry** (above L-R) with Ruth B. Shannon and Ed Nixon.

'48

At 91, **Raymond Hooper** is still going strong and loves all sports. He and his wife **Margaret Clarke Hooper '51** are enjoying their many grandchildren and great grandchildren and reside in Palm Springs, CA.



## REMEMBERING A CLASS OF '34 REUNION

In 1969, President Richard M. Nixon invited his Whittier College class of '34 to celebrate their 35th reunion at the White House. Pictured here at that reunion with the President and his wife Pat are Wells Cook (left) and classmate **PAULINE BOLT COOK** (right). Pauline is alive and well, reporting, "Born in 1913, I could be the oldest alumni from Whittier College!" After living in Southern California for more than 100 years, she now lives with her daughter **NANCY COOK SHELLY '75** and her husband David in Henderson, Nevada. They live in an over-age-55 community where Pauline participates in many activities—bridge being her favorite. "I love Nevada," she said. "It is beautiful here and the sunsets are a new show every evening."

'49

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'50

Educator **Gwendolyn Schlange** was honored for her decades of commitment to students during "Tea With Gwen" on the Mt. San Jacinto College campus. Schlange served as a teacher at Little Lake Elementary School in Hemet for nearly 40 years. She was a trustee on the Mt. San Jacinto College board for 20 years, stepping down in 2014.

'51

**Margaret Clarke Hooper** and husband **Raymond Hooper '48** reside in Palm Desert. The couple are enjoying their many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

'53

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With the passing of her dear husband Archie, **Lois Hardy Carter** has embarked on the next chapter of her life. She states, "It is a new experience to be alone, but I have no plans to move any time soon."



'54

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'55

**Carole Buckles** was so excited to read about student commencement speaker **Jaimis Ulrich '15** and her many fabulous accomplishments in a recent mailer. "She was in my first grade class many years ago and she was very anxious to learn. I'm so proud of her!"

→ **Vivian E. Oliver** overcame a severe stutter after three years of therapy after College. She's had a 36-year teaching career and has been the main speaker at two state conferences for the California Speech and Hearing Association. "That is the greatest miracle of my life!"

'56

**Stuart "Stu" Gothold** is completing his 60th year in education this fall. He teaches his final "Leadership in Urban Education" course at USC this fall. As a Clinical Professor Emeritus, he will lead research groups for two more years—has taught at the USC Rossier School of Education for the past 21 years. He and **Jane ('55)** celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in July.

→ **Jackie (Powers) Hanson** got her general contractor's license four years ago and is happily still working. Jackie reports that she lost her husband **Lou ('53)** in May 2014. They met at Whittier and enjoyed 58 years of marriage. Jackie lives in Orange, CA near her four children.

'59

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'62

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## REDEFINING CALIFORNIA WINE

**STEVE MATTHIASSEN '91**, one of Napa's top viticultural consultants and 2014 Winemaker of the Year according to the *San Francisco Chronicle*, is no stranger to uphill battles. Steve and his wife Jill Klein Matthiasson love to explore classical expressions of different varieties of grapes but have had to work hard to carve out a spot in the wine world. But Matthiasson wines are definitely making a mark and the wine world is noticing as Steve and Jill were recently included in the *New York Times* article, "The Wrath of Grapes."

'63

**Carol Heinz Shupek** and her husband, John, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last year. They have known each other since the ninth grade at California High School in Whittier, CA.

'64

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**Ginny (Snedecor) Clark** is living in Long Beach and is involved with the garden club and other community activities. She and her husband Bill travel to Alaska annually to fish for salmon and halibut.

→ **Ron Holthusen** and his wife Cheryl have celebrated 53 years of marriage. They have three children, nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. They reside in Jacksonville, OR. Ron served as mayor of Shady Grove, OR, is on the Boosters Club Board and volunteers as a Cooking Skills Educator. They travel with Roads Scholars and Rick Steves groups.

'65

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**Kenneth Hunt**, after a 25 year business career, he entered the field of academia, and is on the faculty of Utah Valley University in Orem. He has been married to **Marilyn Temple '67** for 50 years, and they have five children and seven grandsons. Hunt has been able to visit all 50 states; 70 countries; sailed the seven seas; and stepped foot on all of the continents. He co-authored and published two books.

'66

**Dot (Hodge) Demmin** and **Bill Demmin '67** split their time between their homes in La Cresta and Big Bear and keep busy with construction projects and yard work for Bill and quilting for her.

'67

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Mike Younger and Ann (Hansen) Burge (left) will be co-chairing the reunion committee for the Class of '67 to be held in 2017. Please contact us at [annmburge@gmail.com](mailto:annmburge@gmail.com) with questions, suggestions,

or changes of contact information. Fun awaits! →

Bill Demmin has been retired from banking for over five years and is having the best time of his life with his wife Dot Hodge Demmin '66. → Barbara Tasker-Mueller just received her Master's degree in linguistic anthropology from Western Washington University. She states, "It was a lot of fun being in school again." → Tom Noble retired 15 years ago as a Supervisor in the Los Angeles County Probation Department. "Of all things I have enthusiastically taken up, the ukulele and acrylic painting. Time flies so fast I am now looking forward to the 50th anniversary of our Class of '67. Plan to gather for the hoopla and hope the whole class will show!"

'68

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'70

Barbara Cassidy O'Connor retired from Los Alamitos Unified School District in June 2014 after 33 years of teaching. Barbara is excited to spend time with her three sons and their families, and finally be a full-time grandmother.

'72

Bernardo Nuño retired from the Salinas Union High School District after twenty years. He previously retired from the United States Air Force after serving



FOCUSED ON STUDENT SUCCESS

Cuyamaca College President MARK ZACOVIC '82 retired from his post at the community college in El Cajon, CA, a role he had since July 2011. During Zacovic's tenure, the college implemented ways to focus student success through yearly themes such as "Learn Today-Lead Tomorrow" and "Graduation Starts Today." Before his employment at Cuyamaca College, Zacovic served as an administrator at eight community colleges and districts throughout California.

his country for twenty years. Bernie lives in San Juan Bautista, California with his family. → Since retiring from teaching, Patricia Hartunian Simonian is enjoying spending time with her two-year-old grandson Ryan and traveling.

'74

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Christopher Edmonds is the best selling author and co-author of seven books, including his latest book, *The Culture Engine*. He's also a singer, songwriter, and performer.

'75

Jane Gates retired this summer after serving as principal of Olympic High School for 11 years. During her tenure, Olympic was designated by the state as a model continuation high school in California.

'76

Peter Makowski and Cynthia Edgerly Makowski '77 celebrated their 36th wedding anniversary.



Photo Courtesy of California Lutheran University.

INSPIRING OTHERS

COLLEEN WINDHAM-HUGHES '96, assistant professor of religion and director of the Theology and Christian Leadership Program, received an Inspiration Awards from California Lutheran University for encouraging intellectual and spiritual growth in others. Windham-Hughes has been a leader in Cal Lutheran's efforts to help students discover their vocations and has been active in interfaith activities. A deacon in the United Methodist Church with a passion for the arts, she has led ministries for youth and adults.





## LEADING MOZILLA'S GLOBAL MARKETING STRATEGY AND ORGANIZATION

**JASCHA KAYKAS-WOLFF '98** joined Mozilla as its new chief marketing officer. The Mozilla Foundation is a non-profit organization that exists to support and collectively lead the open source Mozilla project. His past work experiences include serving as the CMO for BitTorrent, CMO for Mindjet, senior vice president of marketing and customer success at Involver and he previously headed Global Marketing for Webtrends. He also has experience at Microsoft and Yahoo!

Jascha's marketing specialties span B2C and B2B including product positioning, marketing strategy, marketing technology, demand creation, brand building, brand repositioning, organizational improvements, agile marketing, and sales enablement.

## SERVING HER COMMUNITY

**LAURA MARTINEZ '06** was appointed in March 2015 to the board of trustees of the Sequoia Union School District. She previously served on the East Palo Alto City Council where she was the first Latina and youngest mayor at the age of 27. Martinez was selected by the *Silicon Valley/San Jose Business Journal* as one of the top 100 Women of Influence for 2012.



**Cynthia Edgerly Makowski and Peter Makowski '76** celebrated their 36th wedding anniversary.



**Bill Qualls** has completed his M.S. in predictive analytics at DePaul University. This is his 4th Masters Degree but he said, "There is no PhD, nor will there be, and, as everyone knows, a hotel beats four houses." → **Gregory L. Crawford** is in his 12th year of employment with the Department of Homeland Security and enjoying every moment.



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**Steve Brandon** (above) poses with the latest issue of the Rock on the Bridge of Sighs in Venice, Italy. Brandon is the CEO of Honda Federal Credit Union.

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**Kim Jorgensen** and **Kathleen (Wendell) Jorgensen '82** were married in April 2015. Wedding guests included **Steve Gothold '63** and **Anni Wernicke '81**.

**'82**

**Kathleen (Wendell) Jorgensen** and **Kim Jorgensen '81** got married in April 2015. They will be honeymooning this summer in Nova Scotia and New England.

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**Jenny Ward Ayala** lives in Huntington Beach, CA and is celebrating 31 years in the technology industry and nine years with Hitachi Data Systems. Climbing mountains and enjoying life. → **Harold Allen** principal owner of Harold Allen Insurance Services, was the guest keynote speaker at the 2015 Whittier College Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration. Allen urged attendees to contemplate the question, "What are you doing today that's bigger than yourself?"

**'85**



**William J. Ayares** (left) has recently moved back to California and is residing in San Diego, CA. He has just completed his travels to Central Asia where he visited his 110th country. → **Jim Waddell '85** and his wife Janine have been married for almost 25 years. They are enjoying time in their R.V. camping.



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## ALUMNUS REPRESENTS MEXICO IN PAN AMERICAN GAMES

**LUIS IBARRA '02**, former Poet runner and coach represented Mexico in the Pan American Games where more than 7,000 athletes from more than 41 delegations competed in Toronto, Canada. Ibarra came in 6th in the men's steeplechase final. He previously won the gold medal in the 3000m steeplechase at the national open championships in Morelia, Mexico. Ibarra has qualified three times for Mexico's National Track and Field Championships.

→ **Vince Daigneault** and Jan Golestaneh were married May 23, 2015 at the Pacific Palms Resort in the City of Industry, CA. His Poet guests are pictured in the top photo below (clockwise from top left): **Jared Holguin '19**, **Jay Holguin '85**, **Rick Murphy '84**, **Austin Major '84**, **Mark Dawson '85**, **Harvey Williams '84**, and **Susie McLaughlin Eliot '85**. Pictured in the bottom photo below are (from left): **Vince Daigneault** and Jan Golestaneh with Dr. David Herzberger and President Sharon Herzberger.



**'88**



**Randall Davidson** (3rd from left) was in Xiamen during Whittier Weekend and took **Tyler Butler '14**, **Gus Woodward '14**, and **Ryan Johnson '11** out for dinner on Gulangyu Island. "We had a great time, discussed our shared interest in China, and toasted to Whittier College!"



## TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Hillview Middle School Science teacher, **CHRISTOPHER MENDOZA '03**, was named the 2013-2014 East Whittier City School District Teacher of the Year. Mendoza joined the dedicated Hillview staff in 2010 after teaching at East Whittier Middle School for two years.



Photo Courtesy of East Whittier City School District



## SPEAKING OUT AGAINST STEREOTYPES

**ERIK STEGMAN (ASSINIBOINE) '04** is the Director of Field Outreach and Advocacy for the Poverty to Prosperity Program at the Center for American Progress, where he also develops policy and analysis supporting opportunity for rural and American Indian and Alaska Native populations. Stegman co-wrote a 2014 report, "Missing the Point: The Real Impact of Mascots on American Indian and Alaska Native Youth," for the Washington, D.C.-based think tank. Subsequently, Stegman has been featured in various media outlets speaking about the harmful impact of racist stereotypes on Native American youth.

'95

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**Nicole Winger** was appointed to serve as California Deputy State Controller for Communications. Winger previously served as Deputy Secretary for Communications for California Secretary of State Debra Bowen. Prior to that, she served as a Senior Consultant for Senate Majority Leader Gloria Romero and as Communications Director at the California Department of Education. → **Marty Eazor** has recently rejoined the Crawford Global Technical Services as a regional adjustor to be based in Brea, California. Eazor previously served as the marketing manager for the Rimkus Consulting Group. Over time, he has accumulated approximately 20 years of claims handling experience.

'98

Justice reform advocate **John Maki** was recently appointed executive director of the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority by Governor Bruce Rauner. Since 2010, Maki has served as the executive director for the John Howard Association of Illinois. When he's not writing op-eds for the *Huffington Post*, he's advocating for poverty reduction and criminal justice reform.

'00

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**Stefani Overman-Tsai** received her Ph.D. in theatre studies on June 14 from the University of California, Santa Barbara. She is currently a lecturer at California State University, Stanislaus, where she teaches children's theatre and theatre history. She has also recently co-founded the LightBox Theatre Company, a non-profit theatre organization aimed to bringing live performances to local youth. She is pictured above with fellow Poets (left to right): **Joseph Mendoza '02**, **Annalee (Bretthauer) Davis '01**, **Stefani Overman-Tsai '00**, **Alissa Van Keuren '01**, **Dawn (Larrington) Hart '00**, and **Antonio Trepesowsky '01**.

'01

**Nancy Chaires Espinoza** was appointed to the Elk Grove Unified School District board. Chaires Espinoza has served on the Elk Grove Planning Commission since 2008 and is currently chairwoman.



'02

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**Rabbi Michal Loving** was selected as the first female rabbi at Temple Beth Orr in Coral Springs, FL. Loving, who completed graduate studies and received ordination at Cincinnati's Hebrew Union College, was unanimously selected by a committee after an 18-month search. Rabbi Loving is married and has three children. She previously served as the rabbi-educator at Congregation B'nai Israel in Sacramento, CA.

'04

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**Elizabeth Craze** has worked for Apple, Facebook, and Evernote and is currently looking for a position as a paralegal. She is the youngest known surviving patient to have received a heart transplant.

→ **Danielle Farve** has been presenting at local and state-level conferences for the California Language Teacher Association (CLTA). Farve has also been selected to chair the World Language Department at his school and received the award for best New French Teacher by the American Association of Teachers of French's Southern California Chapter.

'05

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**Courtney Warner** has been named the new director of the Carson City senior citizens center. She has seven years of senior program development and operational experience at two prominent startup continuing care retirement communities in Seattle, WA.

'06

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**Joshua Batts** is pursuing a doctorate in Japanese history at Columbia University and expects a defense in 2017.

'07

**Molly Loesche** and **John Morley** are engaged.

→ **Erin Clancy**, a Foreign Service officer with the United States Department of State, was selected as one of The Center for a New American Security's 2015 Next Generation Security Leaders.

'10

**Dominique Simmons** psychology major is currently conducting research as a Ph.D. student at University of California Riverside. Simmons and her colleagues are designing an auditory brain training program for veterans with hearing loss due to traumatic brain injury. Their project has been featured on a local NPR station KVCR, *UC Riverside Today*, and other sources.

'12

**Maryrose Vigorita** has received multiple subject teaching credentials and a Master's degree in Education from California Lutheran University. Maryrose is currently working as a 3rd grade teacher at a private elementary school San Francisco.

'14

**Damaris Dubon** was awarded a scholarship to attend the Themed Entertainment Association Summit which took place in March at the Disneyland Resort.

## SPEAKING ABOUT LATINOS IN THE MEDIA

Communication manager of the National Association of Latino Independent Producers (NALIP) **VANESSA GONZALEZ '09** was a panelist at Whittier College's Latinos in the Media summit held at the Ruth B. Shannon Center for the Performing Arts. Gonzalez and fellow media professionals discussed the portrayal of Latinos in the media, the role of Latinos in the industry, and provided career advice to students in attendance.

Gonzalez has been with NALIP since 2011 and her duties include the development of NALIP's national communications strategy, through branding, industry relations, and original multimedia content. As the former membership coordinator, she rebuilt the organization's social media infrastructure, following, and online presence.



## IN MEMORIAM



Former Whittier College Trustee **Charlotte D. (Smith) Graham, L.H.D. '99** passed away on June 11, 2014. She served Whittier as a member of the Board of Trustees from 1976 to 2006, and was chair of the board from 2000–2003. During her tenure, she led the Trustee Advancement Committee for many years, and ably headed one presidential search and substantially participated in another. Graham's remarkable gifts, especially the creation of the Donald E. Graham Athletics Center, the renovation and expansion of the Bonnie Bell Wardman Library, and the Broadoaks School, significantly improved the beauty of our campus and the quality of our student experience. In recognition of her accomplishments, she was awarded a Doctorate of Humane Letters, honoris causa, in 1999.

Though Whittier College had a special place in Graham's heart, other institutions in Southern California also benefited from her philanthropy. She served as a trustee of the South Coast Repertory Theatre, member of the board of overseers of the House Ear Institute, and active member of the Assistance League of Laguna Beach.

Graham was predeceased by her husband Donald and is survived by her four children, their spouses, and her grandsons.

## IN MEMORIAM

'37 **Bruce L. Giffen**, March 5, 2015

'38 **Dr. John Kegler**, passed away in 1993.

'40 **Mr. Charles C. Cadwallader**, June 12, 2015

'42 **Virginia S. Benson**, December 6, 2014

'43 **Donald T. Eggen**, February 7, 2015

'45 **Florence B. Folse**, March 17, 2015

'46 **Helen L. Earl**, December 22, 2014

'47 **Elton M Fessier**, February 4, 2015

'48 **A. Stanley Corey**, December 30, 2014

'48 **Rowena P. Kratzer**, December 3, 2014

'49 **Janet B. Schneider**, April 4, 2015

'49 **Winifred M. Gregg**, November 28, 2014

'49 **Rev. E. John Powers**, December 29, 2014

'49 **James Henry Smith**, January 19, 2015

'50 **Elizabeth W. Frey**, February 2, 2015

'50 **Robert W. Gartin**, March 6, 2015

'51 **Dick Henry Morgan**, February 13, 2015

'51 **Beverly E. Taylor**, March 21, 2015

'52 **Charlotte D. Graham**, former Trustee –  
(Graham Athletic Center) June 2014

'52 **Dick Henry Morgan**, February 13, 2015

'53 **Lou Hanson**, May 2014.

'53 **Charles "Chuck" A. McLuen**, 2015

'54 **Craig Iman Barker**, December 29, 2014

'54 **Myron G. Slattery**, September 3, 2014

'56 **Marlin W. Davis**, January 23, 2015

'57 **Barbara O. Black**, March 26, 2015

'58 **Diane Jane Selvala Sheldon**, January 26, 2015

'59 **William E. Bennett**, January 30, 2014

'61 **James F. McAllister, Jr.**, November 3, 2014

'62 **Marjorie N. Maguire**, February 10, 2015

'63 **Marjorie Phillips Jarakian**, December 10, 2014

'64 **Karl E. Moldrem**, December 20, 2014

'64 **Mary E. Thompson**, December 10, 2014

'65 **Earle H. Crummy, Jr.**, March 2, 2015

'67 **Yvonne M. Norrbom**, May 29, 2015

'68 **Lucia A. Harvilchuck**, December 27, 2014

'82 **Scott C. Hardy**, February 27, 2015

'90 **Lisa A. Carmouche**, December 29, 2014





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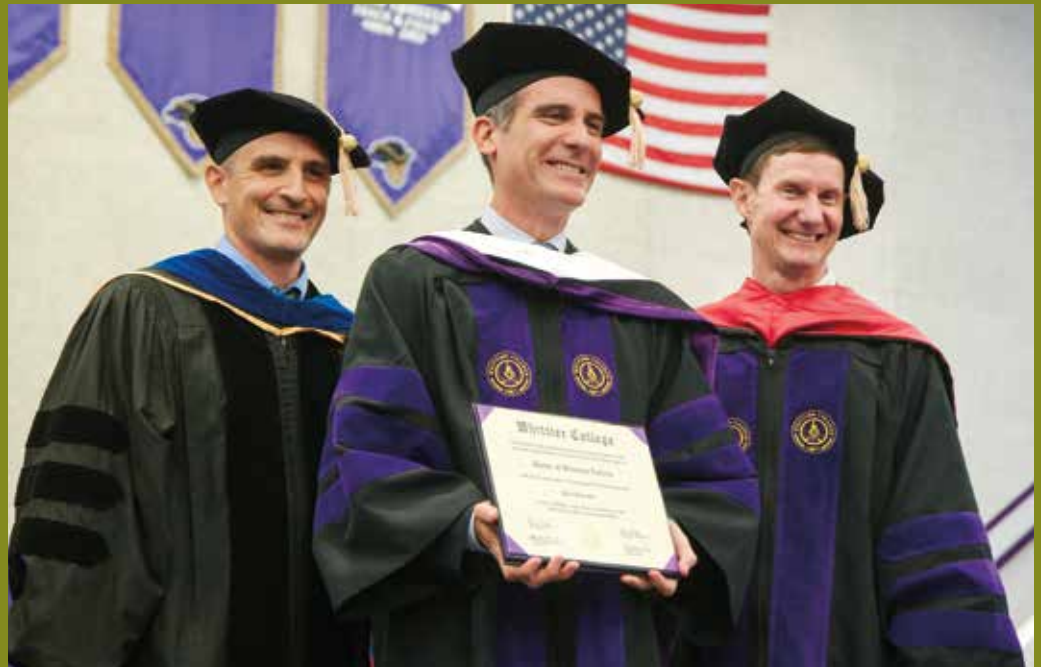
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**HONORARY POET.** Before Mayor Eric Garcetti (center) became a Poet during Commencement 2015, he already had a strong connection to Whittier. Garcetti's family is close friends with Trustee Chris Caldwell (right) and Rich Llewellyn, parents of Robert '13 and Rosemary '15 Caldwell Llewellyn. Professor Nat Zappia (left) introduced Garcetti during the ceremony.

JORDAN  
CARTER '16

## SERVING AND EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES

**HOMETOWN:** Sacramento, CA

**MAJOR:** Kinesiology and Nutrition Science

**STATS:** Sustainability Club, Kinesiology Club, Residential Life Student Worker, CAAS Academic Coach, Enrich LA Garden Ranger Intern, DC Greens School Garden Army Intern, DC Central Kitchen Procurement and Local Food Intern, Pitts Family Fellowship Recipient, Yao Yuan Sze Fellowship Recipient

**BEST CAMPUS EVENT ATTENDED WHILE**

**AT COLLEGE:** Volunteering and fundraising with Professor Householder and Kinesiology Club members at the Los Angeles Downtown Women's Shelter on Skid Row. It was powerful to see an organization empowering women in order to change the cycle of poverty.

**MOST UNIQUE CLASS TAKEN:** *Buddha & Buddhism* with Professor Jake Carbine.

Learning about the history of the Buddhist religion with Professor Carbine incorporated meditation and an outing to a local Buddhist Monastery, which was an eye-opening experience to the lifestyle of the monks.

**BEST THING ABOUT MY MAJOR:**

Understanding the science behind the body, through movement, physical fitness, the importance of nutrition, and discovering new ways of improving our health.



**ACCOMPLISHMENT I'M MOST PROUD**

**OF WHILE AT WHITTIER:** Receiving the Yao Yuan Sze Fellowship through the Kinesiology and Nutrition Science Department. This fellowship enabled me to spend the summer in Washington D.C. with DC Greens as a school garden intern and DC Central Kitchen as a local food intern.

**BEST THING ABOUT MY INTERNSHIPS:**

Gaining experience with various organizations that focus on health, physical fitness, food policy and education, and food access initiatives.

**STUDY ABROAD EXPERIENCES:**

I spent the fall 2014 in Prague, Czech Republic. I traveled to eight countries during my time abroad. Learning Prague's history

through conversations with locals opened my eyes to the lasting effects of a country's transition from communism to a democracy.

**ADVICE TO INCOMING FIRST-YEARs:** Keep an open mind and get involved on campus.

**PLANS AFTER WHITTIER:** Complete a master's in public health and nutrition. Create a 501C non-profit organization dedicated to food and physical activity access, education, and policy at a one-stop community center. I want to empower underserved communities to create ownership, opportunity, and sustainability through urban gardening, nutrition education, fitness curriculum, and employment opportunities.



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