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The Cal U Choir will again be on stage at this year's President's Showcase, "Hidden Treasures," which takes place at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 17 in Steele Hall Mainstage Theatre.

President's Showcase Tops Off Family Day

The third annual President's Showcase on Sept. 17 will uncover many of Cal U's "hidden treasures" as it tops off a series of Family Day activities with a fundraising reception and an affordable, family-friendly evening of live entertainment by talented students, alumni and Cal U employees.

A cocktail reception with hearty hors d'oeuvres begins at 5 p.m. in the Convocation Center lobby, where guests can explore items from the University's archive and special collections that seldom are seen by the general public. The annual talent showcase follows at 7:30 p.m. in Steele Hall Mainstage Theatre.

Cost for the reception and talent showcase is \$125;

proceeds support scholarships for Cal U students.

Admittance to the talent showcase alone is \$10; families are invited, and students with valid CalCards are admitted free.

All Cal U alumni, as well as members of the public, are encouraged to attend. Tickets will be available at the door, or by calling the Steele Hall Box Office at 724-938-5943.

The President's Showcase has become a signature University event. In its first two years, the event has raised more than \$100,000 for scholarships aimed at helping Cal U students remain in school until graduation.

"This scholarship fund is extremely important," said Tony Mauro, Cal U's associate vice president for Development and Alumni Relations. "It allows good but financially challenged students to stay in school and complete their degrees."

"In addition, the audience gets a firsthand look at the amazing talents of our campus community."

At the showcase, student and faculty performers from the Department of Music and Theatre will take the stage. Popular student bands Hear Tonight, Soulois, The Vics, and the Tim Litvin Band also are expected to appear.

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Fall 2016 Semester Begins Today

The 2016-2017 academic year begins today with the start of fall semester classes.

University President Geraldine M. Jones and the campus community welcomed nearly 1,300 first-year students on Aug. 26, when Move-In Day activities opened Cal U's eighth annual Cal U for Life New Student Orientation.

The three-day orientation included workshops, presentations and recreational activities designed to introduce freshmen and transfer students to the University and the services it provides.

It closed with the annual New Student Convocation and a candlelight ceremony in the Quad, followed by celebratory fireworks.

"As we begin another academic year, I extend my best wishes to the University community — students, faculty and staff

— for a great fall semester," President Jones said.

"We are always energized when our students' return to campus. Our faculty and staff, as always, stand ready to ensure that our students' needs are met, and I know they join me in welcoming our students."

Students and faculty are reminded of these key dates on the academic calendar:

- No classes will be held on Sept. 5 in observance of Labor Day.
- Thanksgiving break is Nov. 23-28.
- Classes will end Dec. 9, with exam week following from Dec. 12-16.
- Students who expect to graduate in December must apply for graduation no later than Sept. 23.
- Registration for Cal U's five-week Winter College begins Oct. 2 for veterans and Oct. 3 for all students. The session runs from Dec. 19-Jan. 15.



Cal U concludes the three-day New Student Orientation program with a candlelight ceremony in the Quad the night before the first day of classes.

• Commencement ceremonies for master's degree candidates will be held at 7 p.m. Dec. 16. Bachelor's and associate degrees will be awarded at 10 a.m. Dec. 17 in the Convocation Center.

All members of the Cal U community are urged to visit www.calu.edu regularly for up-to-date news and event information. Visit the Quick Links section of the homepage to register for Cal U text alerts.



Jim Bové works on a piece of art during his residency at Cerdeira Village in Lousã, Portugal.

Professor Creates 'Magical' Art in Portugal

Jim Bové, associate professor in Cal U's Department of Art and Languages, spent the summer as a resident artist at Cerdeira Village in Lousã, Portugal.

While overseas, he created new art work, presented his current work at the gallery, and demonstrated his jewelry and metalworking techniques to Summer Art Festival visitors from seven European countries.

The annual Summer Art Festival, "Elementos a Solta — Art meets Nature," has been organized for more than a decade, but Bové was the first American to serve as the invited guest artist.

"His demonstration was a great success," said Kirstin Thomas, the festival's coordinator. "People loved to see his sketches of the village's landscape and work-in-progress while he kept working on pieces in front of the visitors. Then they saw his finished work at the end."

"It was quite magical to everyone."

Bové's residency in Portugal was supported in part by travel funds from the Faculty Professional Development Committee at Cal U.

Bové said his residency will enhance his teaching, which includes fabrication and jewelry/metal-casting

classes. He said the residency was a challenge because he had to pare down his collection of tools and materials in order to fit them into a suitcase.

"This residency really had me ponder the question of how one continues making artwork once (the artist has) graduated and with little access to a full studio's worth of equipment," Bové said.

"Jewelry and metalworking has a vast number of techniques that students can learn, so I made special note of the techniques I would choose."

Rather than soldering with flame, Bové chose to use cold-connection techniques with powder-coated metal, which he prepared before traveling. He explained that powder coating is an industrial technique that gives metal a hard, colored surface that is much stronger than paint.

"It is now being used in the decorative arts and in design," he said. "I will teach this technique to my advanced students while reinforcing what they can do with cold connections."

"The pieces I made at the residency will serve as examples in the classroom."

Bové also has been invited to teach a weekend workshop at Tecnológico de Monterrey University in Guadalajara, Mexico, next month.

Cal U Team Digs Into Property's Past

The land along Route 40, not far from Washington, Pa., is the site of an 18th-century historical mystery.

Where on the property was the location of Wolf's Fort, a fortified stone house that journals say was constructed by Jacob Wolf in the mid-1700s to defend against attack?

To get to the bottom of things, current property owner John Bruner opened the site to a team of Cal U anthropology faculty and current and former students.

For two days in June, the crew, led by Drs. John Nass and Cassandra Kuba, from the Department of History, Politics and Society, conducted an exploratory dig in Bruner's yard.

Three years ago, a group from National Geographic used metal detectors to find more than 100 artifacts believed to be from the mid-1700s — coins, horseshoes, bullets, a hatchet.

Last month, the Cal U team explored a deposit of rock on the property to determine if it was, perhaps, part of a structure that had collapsed around the same time.

"Based on what we found so far, it looks like we found a structure from the 19th century rather than our 18th century fortified home," Kuba said. "We found rocks consistent with a probable chimney fall. We plan to do some further excavating in the fall to help us determine the nature of the structure."

Lending a hand at the excavation site were William Zinn, vice president of the Fayette County Historical Society, who earned his history degree from Cal U in 2010 and is back to study anthropology; Robert Milhoan, who also is majoring in anthropology; and Casey Bricker and Fuad Abdul Kader, both 2015 graduates in anthropology.

Bricker spent a day off work from an advanced patient care technician at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC.

"Dr. Kuba knows I'm still interested in the field and considering grad school, so she tested me and asked, 'Do you want to go on a dig?' and I said, 'Yes, of course!'"

Bruner, a former police officer, met Kuba years ago at a professional training session and has been a speaker in her forensic anthropology classes.

"Local historians recorded what may have happened here," Bruner said. "But what we want to do is confirm that oral history."

"John has been really supportive of our efforts, he likes to support local institutions, and we are always looking for hands-on opportunities for our students," Kuba said.

Rugby Standout Plays with Small-College All-Stars

Junior Erica Long returns to the Cal U Women's Rugby Club this season with a new line on her resume: participation in one of the largest women's rugby competitions in the United States.

Long, a criminology major, was selected for the National Small College Rugby Organization's National 7s team after Cal U's spring season.

The NSCRO Women's 7s Select Side is a new program created in partnership with Penn Mutual. While allowing players from smaller schools to compete together at the highest level, the program increases the visibility of talented players and provides them with another pathway to national competition.

In June, Long played for the NSCRO All-Star team, which took part in the Penn Mutual Collegiate Rugby Championships at Talen Energy Stadium in Philadelphia, Pa.

Although she first played rugby last September, Long helped the 16th seeded NSCRO All-Stars finish in fifth place.

She scored three tries in a 39-5 victory over Rutgers University and two tries in a 24-5 win over Delaware.

NSCRO also defeated Ohio State and

Lindenwood (Mo.) universities while winning four of six matches overall.

"It was by far the best experience of my life," said Long, who credited Cal U coach Britany Marrell and NSCRO coaches Jeff McDowell and Bryn Chivers for preparing her for top-level competition.

"When I started playing, never in a million years did I think it would lead me to participating in the largest collegiate rugby competition in the United States. I plan to share all that I learned with my teammates at Cal U when our new season comes around this fall."

Cal U has 26 teams in its 23 sports clubs, and these groups continue to achieve national and regional success. Cal U's three hockey teams, men's and women's archery teams, men's lacrosse and baseball teams have all done especially well.

"Our sports clubs are coming full circle and Erica's success this summer certainly adds to that," said Jamison Roth, Cal U's director of sports clubs.

"Many of our students simply cannot compete in NCAA athletics. However, by participating in sports clubs, they still able to compete, and many of them are earning recognition for themselves and the University."



Junior Erica Long returns to the Cal U Women's Rugby Club this season after competing in one of the largest women's rugby competitions in the United States.



Each fall Cal U salutes service members and veterans with banners highlighting their service.

Vets Banners Available

For the fourth consecutive autumn, Cal U is honoring its service members and veterans by displaying colorful banners that highlight their military service. Now through Sept. 16, the Office of Veterans Affairs at Cal U will be accepting applications for new banners to add to the campus-wide array.

Each red-white-and-blue banner includes a photo of the Cal U student, graduate, employee or family member being recognized, along with details about his or her military service.

Each honoree should have a direct or family tie to the campus community or Cal U Global Online. All members of the U.S. armed services are eligible, including current, former or reserve members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard.

According to Capt. Robert Prah, director of Veterans Affairs, the patriotic

display consists of more than 50 banners.

"This has become an effective, visual way to show what a wide range of veterans we have on our campus," Prah said. "The response from the campus community over these past several years has been encouraging."

"It's a really nice way to honor our veterans and further shows Cal U's commitment and respect for them."

Those who submit a veteran's name are recognized on the banner, along with the business or community sponsor, if applicable. Once the annual display is taken down, the banners are carefully cleaned and stored so they can be reused year after year. Cost of a banner is \$80.

For an order form, visit www.calu.edu and type "banners" into the search box. For details, contact the Office of Veterans Affairs at veterans@calu.edu or 724-938-4076.

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Dr. Reuben Brock and Dr. Justin Hackett, both of the Department of Psychology, will display their musical talents, and comedian Derrick Knopsnyder '12 will perform a short skit. Attendees also will meet Cal U's new head football and basketball coaches, Gary Dunn '94, '96 and Kent McBride.

Dr. Yugo Ibach, co-chair of the Department of Music and Theatre, said the talent lineup includes a song by University President Geraldine M. Jones — a high point of previous Showcase events.

"Anything we can do to help our students through raising scholarship monies is obviously significant," said Ibach, who organizes and emcees the Showcase. He urged students and their families, as well as alumni and community members, to turn out for the show.

"I know our students, alumni, and faculty enjoy performing," he said. "A large crowd energizes the entire event."

Family Day Fun

In addition to the President's Showcase, Cal U students welcome their families to campus Sept. 17 with a series of Family Day events. Registration for the 38th annual Family Day begins at 8 a.m. at the information desk in the lobby of the Natoli Student Center.

These events are planned:

- A free concert by the University Choir at 10 a.m. in the Convocation Center courtyard. In case of rain, the performance will be moved to the Morgan Hall auditorium.

- Presentation of the Jennie Carter Award to alumna Alan James '62, at 10:45 a.m. outside the Convocation Center. The annual award is named for Elizabeth "Jennie" Carter, Cal U's first African-American graduate. President

Campus BRIEFS

Faculty-Staff Convocation Sept. 8

University President Geraldine M. Jones will deliver her "state of the University" report at the 2016 Fall Faculty-Staff Convocation, set for Sept. 8 in Steele Hall Mainstage Theatre. The convocation will be held during the common hour, beginning at 11 a.m.

Discovery Days Set

Cal U has scheduled fall Discovery Days to introduce prospective students to the University. Discovery Days are scheduled from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on two Saturdays, Sept. 24 and Oct. 15, and from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 11.

Check-in for the Saturday Discovery Day sessions begins at 8:30 a.m. in Steele Hall, followed by an overview of the daily schedule at 9 a.m. The Nov. 11 check-in will be at 12:30 p.m. in Steele Hall.

On Discovery Days, high school students beginning their college search may tour the campus and learn about academic offerings, housing options and student activities.

For more information or to register online, visit www.calu.edu, keyword "Discovery Days."

Faculty or staff members who are interested in leading tours should contact the Welcome Center at Ext. 1626 or email Carrie Pavis at pavis@calu.edu.

OSD Registration Meetings Set

The Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD) provides services and support for California University students. The OSD office is located in Carter Hall, Room G-35.

Office hours are 8 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays. Contact OSD at 724-938-5781 or osdmail@calu.edu. Interested students are invited to attend semester registration meetings by contacting the OSD office for meeting dates and times.

Additional information can be found at www.calu.edu/osd.

CUTV Ready for Football

Beginning in September, California University Television will broadcast the complete Vulcan football season, as well as nine high school games. All games are aired via tape delay.

CUTV's Vulcan football broadcasts are slated for 6 p.m. Mondays and 4 p.m. Tuesdays on Armstrong (channel 6) and Atlantic Broadband (channel 17) cable systems. Viewers also can watch on YouTube, at cutvsports.com.

Cal U opens the 2016 season at Cheyney University on Sept. 10.

For the complete Cal U football schedule, visit www.caluvulcans.com.

High school broadcasts on the same affiliates air at 8:30 p.m. Sundays and 5:30 p.m. Thursdays.

CUTV's nine-game scholastic state opens with Springdale at Jefferson-Morgan, played on Sept. 2, followed by the Sept. 9 contest between Avella and home team California Area. The remaining games are Belle Vernon Area at Ringold (Sept. 16), Greensburg Central Catholic at Charleroi (Sept. 23), Waynesburg at Southmoreland (Sept. 30), Baldwin at Conneville (Oct. 7), Bellefonte Center at Brownsville (Oct. 14), Frazier at Benworth (Oct. 21), and Bishop Canevin at Carmichaels (Oct. 28).

State System 'Fact Center' Online

Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education has created an online Fact Center to provide information about the System and its 14 universities, including Cal U.

The online resource at www.pashe.edu/factcenter contains information about the benefits of higher education, collective bargaining, economic impact and points of pride; faculty and staff; financial and student data; a System overview; and fast facts about the 14 universities. Through the Fact Center, one can choose to "subscribe" for updates on many of these topics.

Jones annually presents the award to an graduate who personifies the spirit,



James

resilience and leadership of Jennie Carter.

- Family Fun Zone Activities from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. on Third Street, in front of the Natoli Student Center. Students and their family members can make

- Cal U Bears, leather name bracelets and other arts and crafts. Activities move inside the building in case of rain.
- Free movies in the Vulcan Theater, inside the student center, at noon and at 4, 8 and 11 p.m.
- The 11th annual Family Field Day, organized by the student chapter of The Wildlife Society, from 12:30-4 p.m. in and around the Frich Hill biology building. The public may attend this free

event conducted in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Game Commission. Held rain or shine, the field day includes an archery demonstration, a fly-tying demonstration and casting contest, a conservation class with live animals, a display of animal tracks, information about bluebird box construction, and more.

- Vulcan football vs. Millersville University, at 1 p.m. at Adamson Stadium. Students, faculty and staff with valid CalCards are admitted free, along with children ages 12 and younger. A Kids Zone outside Adamson Stadium from 11 a.m.-12:45 p.m. features mascots that take photos with kids and offer free cookies to children ages 12 and younger. The Vulcan Huddle tent for alumni and their families, also outside Adamson Stadium, opens at 11 a.m.

For more Family Day activities and information, visit www.calu.edu.

Olympic Miler Spins Tale of Success

Nine years after setting the American national record in the 1-mile run, Olympic athlete Alan Webb visited the annual Cal U cross country summer camp, where he reminisced about his career and shared advice.

Webb turned pro after his freshman year at the University of Michigan. He went on to win multiple national titles as a miler, and his time of 3:46.91, set on July 21, 2007, in Brasschaat, Belgium, still stands today.

He addressed nearly 150 people — mostly eager young runners — when he appeared at the Convocation Center earlier this month. The summer camp is directed by Daniel Caulfield, head coach for Cal U's women's and men's cross country and track and field programs.

After showing a video of his record-breaking run, Webb told the audience, "Everybody in this room has the opportunity to be my story by simply falling in love with the process of getting better."

Webb, who represented the United States at the 2004 Summer Olympics in the men's 1500-meter race, urged the campers to look for balance as they strive for excellence in running and in life.

"All of you are at this camp because you want to get better, so use this type of setting as your positive social outlet," he



Olympic athlete and American 1-mile national record holder Alan Webb reminisces about his career and shares advice with more than 150 young runners at the annual Cal U cross country summer camp.

said. "Embrace the running community, make connections here and have fun with it. You won't regret it."

Webb also emphasized the importance of academics.

"My best seasons were when I was taking courses, because of the balance," he said. Thinking about academics can take your mind off a grueling workout,

he explained. "Embrace your academics for obvious reasons, but it will also positively affect your running, because part of working out is 'clicking it off' and focusing elsewhere."

Webb, who began his athletic career as a swimmer, credited the process of striving for excellence with making his

record run a reality.

"Because of the process, it was really all instinct and almost automatic," he recalled. "I really was not thinking about anything."

"It's just going out there and making it happen. It's like you have a full tank of gas and you want to empty the tank and floor it as you cross the finish line."

Following his talk, Webb fielded questions from the audience, including one that asked if he was disappointed not to have won an Olympic medal. "Everyone wants to set the world record and win gold medals, but very few people get the opportunities I've had," he replied.

"People paid me to run around in circles! I'm grateful to have gone through this and have gotten so much out of life."

Webb added that he hopes to make a positive impact by speaking to young runners and helping them to improve as athletes and as individuals.

Among those in the audience who appreciated Webb's appearance was Jacob Mikula, a sophomore cross country runner and baseball player from Fulton, Md.

"I hope to apply what he was saying to my skills," Mikula said. "This camp has been everything I hoped for. I believe I will improve this season."

Three Academic All-Americans for Cal U Track Teams

Cal U athletics concluded the 2015-2016 academic year with three student-athletes from the track and field team earning Academic All-America honors from the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

Alex Zanella '15, '16 and Morgan Huegel '16 were selected as first-team Academic All-Americans for the women and men's teams, respectively.

Redshirt sophomore Summer Hill was a second-team women's selection.

To be eligible for Academic All-America consideration, a student-athlete must maintain a cumulative grade-point average of 3.30 or higher on a scale of 4.00 and must have reached sophomore athletic and academic standing at their institution.

Zanella repeated as first-team Academic All-America selection and earned her master's degree in reading specialist with a 3.93 cumulative GPA in May. In 2015 she earned her bachelor's degree in elementary education (PreK-4) with a 3.96 cumulative GPA.

On the track Zanella repeated as the PSAC outdoor league champion in the 800-meter run and was part of Cal's first-place 4x800-meter relay team.



Zanella



Huegel



Hill

Zanella is also the PSAC's nominee for the 2016 NCAA Woman of the Year. This award honors graduate female student-athletes who distinguished themselves throughout their collegiate career in the areas of academic achievement, athletics excellence, service and leadership.

The top 30 finalists—10 from each of the three divisions of the NCAA, will be announced later this fall. Those honorees will be celebrated and the 2016 NCAA Woman of the Year winner will be announced at the annual award ceremony on Oct. 16 in Indianapolis, Ind.

Huegel was a second-team Academic All-America selection in 2015, and completed his bachelor's degree in mathematics with a concentration in secondary education with a 4.00 GPA.

He finished second in the 800-meter run at both the PSAC indoor and outdoor

meets earlier this spring.

Hill maintains a 3.89 cumulative GPA while pursuing a degree in sport management.

This past spring she competed at NCAA Division II National Championships and earned second-team All-American honors with a ninth-place finish in the 1,500-meter run. She won that event at the PSAC meet and was also part of the PSAC champion 4x800-meter relay team with Zanella.

Zanella, Huegel and Hill helped the PSAC lead all NCAA Division II conferences with 48 CoSIDA Academic All-American honorees in 2015-16.

Cal U Athletic Director Dr. Karen Hjerpe lauded Cal U's trio of Academic All-Americans as well as the collaborative efforts of their coaches, Cal U's Department of Academic Support for Student-Athletes and the faculty for this noteworthy achievement.

"The commitment by these three track and field standouts shows they are students first and then athletes," Hjerpe said. "Alex, Morgan and Summer have deservedly earned acclaim for themselves, their teams, our athletic department and California University."

"We are proud and honored."

GRANTS AWARDED

The Office of Sponsored Programs and Research reports that:

- Dr. Daniel Harris, of the Department of Earth Sciences, has been awarded 20 MOVE licenses for structural modeling and analysis software for the upcoming academic year. The academic site licenses from Midland Valley Exploration Ltd. are valued at \$135,000.
- Dr. Clover Wright, of the Department of Childhood Education, has been awarded a \$4,800 contract from the YWCA Greater Pittsburgh and Southwest Regional Key. The funding will be used to plan and conduct professional development sessions at an early childhood science and nature mini-conference she coordinated.
- Rachel Michaels, of the Office of Student Affairs, has been awarded \$2,500 from Cardinal Health for on-campus education about the misuse of prescription drugs.
- Frances Fayoh, of the Wellness Center, has been awarded a \$1,500 Health Awareness Initiative grant from the Pennsylvania Faculty Health and Welfare Fund. This award will be used for health-related materials for the 29th annual Cal U Health Fair on Sept. 21.

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