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Vulcan football team members gather for a photo after assisting California Rotary with its Adopt-A-Highway road-cleaning effort.

Football Playbook Includes Community Service

Cal U's football team will open its home season Sept. 17 by hosting PSAC rival Millersville University. But the Vulcans and their new head coach, Gary Dunn '94, '96, have made a favorable impression even before the home opener.

Since being introduced as Cal U's football coach last winter, Dunn has emphasized the importance of community service and supporting our students.

Most of his players live in California for nine months or more each year, said the coach, who was a four-year starting center for the Vulcans during his undergraduate days.

"We've got to be involved in this community as much we can. They understand we're all part of this community, and we must be willing to make a positive impact."

The coach's actions have backed up his words. Dunn is a member of California Rotary, which has taken advantage of his offer of help.

Football team members assisted Rotary with its Adopt-A-Highway road-cleaning effort after one of their spring practices. Vulcan players also turned out for a community picnic Rotary sponsored in late June.

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Retired Dean to Receive Carter Award

On Family Day, Sept. 17, California University honors an important aspect of its legacy with the presentation of the ninth annual Jennie Carter Award.

The award recognizes an individual who exemplifies the spirit, resilience and leadership of Elizabeth "Jennie" Carter, California's first African-American graduate.

Alumnus Alan James '62, a former dean of Student Development and Services, who served the University for 22 years, will receive the award at 10:45 a.m. in the Convocation Center courtyard.

Participating in the award presentation will be University President

Geraldine M. Jones, William Carter, the great-grandson of Jennie Carter; and Sheletha Webb, director of Multicultural Affairs, University LGBTQ+ Initiatives, and Commuter and Nontraditional Student Services.

"This award means a lot to me personally, but I do not see it as an award for me," James said. "It's one I share with the administration, students and faculty, because I could not have done what I did on campus without their support."

Mentioning President Emeritus Dr. John Watkins and Emeritus Vice President Elmo Natali by name, he said, "I'm standing on the shoulders of the family of Jennie Carter, and also the administrators who supported African-American students and helped to make the Jennie Carter House, and ultimately this award, possible."

Originally from Pittsburgh, James earned a bachelor's degree in elementary/secondary education from California and a master's degree in secondary education from the University of Pittsburgh. He taught in the Wilkensburg and Jeannette school districts before returning to his alma mater, and also held administrative positions with U.S. Steel and Pittsburgh Public Schools.

"I was fortunate to come back to Cal U — and I really think that was the best job I had," said James, who played for the Vulcan men's basketball team as an undergraduate.

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Alan James '62

Constitution Day Panel to Discuss Conventions, Politics

Cal U seniors Claudia Pehowic, Kira Lent and Ellen "Marl" Boyle, along with alumna Courtney Cochran '12, '13, will share their election-year experiences Sept. 16 as Cal U celebrates Constitution Day.

This summer Pehowic interned with Talk Media News at the Republican National Convention in Cleveland, Ohio. Lent traveled to Philadelphia, Pa., where she was a Fox News intern at the Democratic National Convention.

Boyle is Pennsylvania's student delegate to CollegeDebate16, a national, non-partisan initiative to engage young voters in the presidential election. In June she joined 150 delegates from all 50 states at Dominican University of California, where they attended workshops focused on various political issues.

Cochran is the regional organizer for



Claudia Pehowic



Kira Lent



Ellen 'Marl' Boyle



Courtney Cochran '12, '13

the Campus Election Engagement Project, a nonpartisan initiative that encourages America's 20 million college students to register, volunteer in campaigns, educate themselves and cast their ballots.

This politically active quartet will hold panel discussions at 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. in Rooms 206-207 of the Natall Student Center. Cochran will serve as

the panel's moderator.

All schools that receive federal funds are mandated to observe Constitution Day, which commemorates the signing of the U.S. Constitution.

"For me, (the convention in) Cleveland provided not only the opportunity to witness American history, but the chance to gain a firsthand

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Cal U Welcomes First-Year Students

First-year students from 43 of Pennsylvania's 67 counties got their first taste of campus life at the eighth annual Cal U for Life New Student Orientation.

Starting with Move-In Day, on Aug. 26, and ending with a new student Convocation, on Aug. 28, the program helped freshmen and transfer students meet their classmates and discover the programs and services offered at Cal U.

They also experienced a sudden thunderstorm that cancelled the candlelight ceremony, ice cream social and celebratory fireworks display. The fireworks have been rescheduled for Family Day, Sept. 17, after the President's Showcase.

More than 900 students took part in the orientation program, representing 330 high schools in 11 U.S. states, plus the Virgin Islands and Washington, D.C. The three-day program began with nearly 180 volunteers, mostly Cal U students, helping the first-year students carry boxes into their residence halls.



Above, President Geraldine M. Jones talks to families during the University's annual Move-in Day for first-year students. At left, student volunteers from the Delta Zeta sorority pack an elevator as they help carry belongings into a residence hall.

Retired Dean to be Honored

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After retiring from the University, he served six years on the board of directors for the Cal U Alumni Association, including two terms as treasurer.

"Along with making donations as an alumnus, I wanted to contribute after I retired, and that was a good forum to do so," James said.

He praised both the University's diversity efforts and its commitment to graduating students who are equipped to compete in the workplace.

"What's important is that not just African-American students, but all students, can go out and be successful," he said.

"I believe the administration, particularly the leaders in Academic Affairs and Student Affairs, do all they can to support students in general, making our University a place where our students can succeed."

Webb said James was a mentor to her while she earned two degrees from Cal U.

"He typifies so many of Jennie Carter's leadership qualities," she said. "He was instrumental in promoting the University's commitment to diversity and seeing that all students made the most out of their Cal U experience."

James said he is looking forward to visiting campus on Family Day, and to accepting the award named for Jennie Carter.

"Being the first African-American graduate is obviously very important," he said, "but her legacy and what the University has stood for over the years is just as important."



Family Day, Sept. 17

- 10 a.m. — Registration, information desk, Natoli Student Center.
- 10 a.m. — Free concert by the University Choir, Convocation Center courtyard. (Rain location: Morgan Hall auditorium.)
- 10:45 a.m. — Presentation of the Jennie Carter Award, Convocation Center courtyard. (Rain location: Convocation Center lobby.)
- 11 a.m.-2 p.m. — Family Fun Zone activities, Third Street near the Natoli Student Center.
- Noon — Free movie, Vulcan Theater. Additional showings at 4, 8 and 11 p.m.
- 12:30-4:30 p.m. — 11th annual Family Field Day, organized by the student chapter of The Wildlife Society, in and around Frich Hall.
- 1 p.m. — Vulcan football, Cal U vs. Millersville, Adamson Stadium. Students, faculty and staff with valid CalCards are admitted free, along with children ages 12 and younger. Kids Zone and Vulcan Huddle alumni tent open at 11 a.m.
- 5 p.m. — President's Showcase: Hidden Treasures, cocktail reception with hearty hors d'oeuvres, Convocation Center lobby. Cost is \$125; proceeds support scholarships.
- 7:30 p.m. — Third annual President's Showcase talent show, Steele Hall Mainstage Theatre. Cost is \$10, free for students with valid CalCards.
- 8:30 p.m. — Celebratory fireworks.

For more information, visit www.calu.edu.

Cal U's Football Playbook Includes Community Service

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"When Gary Dunn told us that the football team was willing to do some service work in the community, we took him up on it," said Beth Baxter, president of California Rotary.

"Our organization was very impressed with how willing the players were to do anything we asked. The young men helped us do the (road) cleanup in record time. At the picnic they helped with putting up tents, setting up games and even blowing up balloons."

In return, Rotary members plan to attend the 7 p.m. Coal Bowl game against IUP on Oct. 8 at Adamson Stadium.

"We are grateful for the team's help and support, and Rotary wants to return the favor," Baxter said. "We are going to saligate in the stadium parking lot and then root for 'our' football team."

The football players have volunteered at other community events. They helped out at each of the Lenten fish fries organized by the California Volunteer Fire Department. Players packed backpacks for the Good Eats child nutrition program at California United Methodist Church, cleaned the Village Early Childhood Education Center during The Big Event, and helped with cleanup and setup at youth baseball and softball fields in Washington Township.

This fall the Vulcans will partner with Delta Zeta sorority on a charity event, and in the spring they plan to spearhead an on-campus "Be The Match" registry drive organized by the National Marrow Donor Program.

"Gary (Dunn) is getting his guys out there, and they're making a difference," said Diane Hasbrouck, director of Cal U's Center for Volunteer Programs and Service Learning.

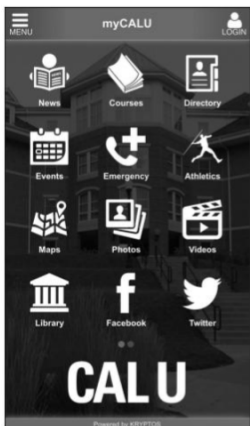
Last spring nearly 850 Cal U students performed a combined 6,000 hours of community service, she noted. That total includes all 56 spring football players; each took part in at least one community-focused activity.

In all, the team put in 300 service hours during the spring semester, and the coach is looking to double that total.

"Our Cal U students are committed to helping others, and we've seen a significant increase in student-athlete participation over the past several years," Hasbrouck said.

Building ties with their fellow students matters too, Dunn said. During last month's training camp, the team took a break one night to watch the Cal U Marching Band perform.

"It's all about building relationships," he explained. "This is home, and we are willing to do anything we can to get out into the community."



Smartphone App? It's myCALU

A new smartphone app puts Cal U resources at your fingertips, whether you're a future college student who's thinking about Cal U, a current student who wants to stay plugged in to campus life, or a Cal U alumna looking to keep in touch.

The free myCALU app has features for everyone — and even more for students with a Cal U campus ID. Available for iOS and Android devices, myCALU offers access to a wealth of campus resources, including videos and campus photos.

First-year students can learn their way around campus and find their class locations. Current students can check out Vulcan game times and scores. Alumni can see how the campus has changed since they graduated, and future students can explore Cal U without leaving home.

The app offers mobile access to campus news, the useful "people finder" directory and Cal U's official social media platforms. Current students who log in with a campus ID can link to D2L or Banner, enabling them to check their coursework, grades and financial accounts.

"The authentication inside of this is geared especially for current students, but it is certainly an app for all audiences," said John Moore, project manager and applications engineer with University Technology Services.

"It's a really handy application suite for campus information. It also gives users a look at our campus, even without being here."

Moore said the maps feature with GPS is particularly useful, especially for new students who are new to Cal U.

"Not only will it tell you where a building is, it also tells you how long it will take you to walk there, which is kind of neat," he said.

Maria Pecon, a first-semester freshman majoring in communication studies, said she is finding the new app to be helpful — and fun. "This app is awesome," she said. "I can find all of my student information including my classes and schedule."

"The app is easy and fast to use." The app allows users to report issues, troubleshoot problems or get help. Users who have downloaded myCALU are encouraged to use its Send Feedback feature to help UTeach Services make additions and improvements.

"We want to be guided by the University community as we move forward," Moore said. "Any suggestions or comments are welcome."

Health Fair Returns Sept. 21

Cal U serves up a healthy portion of information and advice, with a side order of fun, at its 29th annual health fair, set for 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sept. 21 in the Convocation Center.

The free event is open to all Cal U students, faculty and staff, as well as members of the local community.

More than 40 health care industry representatives will staff booths addressing health and wellness topics such as diabetes, smoking cessation, orthopedics, healthy eating and more.

Central Blood Bank will conduct a blood drive during the event. Rise-Aid pharmacy staff will administer flu shots, cost is \$31.99, and insurance cards will be accepted.

Outside the Convocation Center, mobile units from UPMC will offer biometric screenings and STD tests.

"The Cal U health fair continues to be both an educational and extracurricular experience," said event organizer Fran Fayish, a nurse practitioner at the University's Wellness Center.

"People who come to the health fair will have a good time and undoubtedly come away with something that will help them to lead a healthier life."

In addition to the pamphlets and giveaways offered by exhibitors, Cal U's Health Education Awareness Resource Team (HEART) will hand out free sunglasses, megaphones and cellphone wallets during the event. Bottled water and healthy snack packs will be distributed randomly throughout the day.

Hear Tonight, a band featuring Cal U students, will perform in the Convocation Center courtyard. Temporary tattoo artists and caricature artists will provide entertainment.

More than 1,600 people visited the Convocation Center for last year's health fair.

Fayish stressed that campus groups, as well as health care experts, are an integral part of the fair.

Off-campus exhibitors include Adagio Health; Amedysis Hospice of Pennsylvania; AVI FoodSystems; Avon; BeantControl; Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Laurel Region; Centerville Clinic; Central Blood Bank; Children's Home of Pittsburgh; Domestic Violence Services of Southwestern Pennsylvania; GreenStar Treatment Center; Hamilton Chiropractic; Magnolia Law (Pittsburgh); Mary Kay Cosmetics; Mental Health America of Westmoreland

County; Monongahela Valley Hospital; New Life Options; Nurse-Family Partnership; Redstone Pharmacy; Rise-Aid Pharmacy; Schneider's Dairy; Sysco; The Physical Therapy Institute; Tri-State Dermatology; Uniontown Hospital; UPMC Women's Care Associates; Walmart Health and Wellness; Washington Drug and Alcohol Commission Inc.; and Washington Health Systems.

On-campus exhibitors include the Communication Disorders Department; Counseling Center; End Violence Center; Women's Center; Health and Wellness Center; Options@ Cal U; Office of Academic Success; Office for Students with Disabilities; Pennsylvania State Employees Credit Union (PSECU); Prevention Awareness Recovery Center; and Veterans Affairs Department.

For more information, contact Fayish at fayish@calu.edu or graduate assistant Dan Hickerson at 412-251-7313 or bi04237@calu.edu.

Campus BRIEFS

Trustees Meet Sept. 21

The University's Council of Trustees will hold its third quarterly meeting of 2016 at 7 p.m. Sept. 21 in the Grand Hall of Old Main. The meeting is open to the public.

Climate Change Expert Speaks Sept. 23

Dr. Michael Mann, a well-known expert on the subject of climate change, will speak at 4:30 p.m. Sept. 23 in Eberly Hall, Room 110, as part of the Cal U Meteorology Club's fall colloquia series.

Admission is free, and the public is welcome to attend.

Mann, a professor of atmospheric science at Penn State University, is the author of the new book *The Madhouse Effect: How Climate Change Denial is Threatening Our Planet, Destroying Our Politics and Driving Us Crazy*.

The book, co-authored by Tom Toles, an editorial

cartoonist at the *Washington Post*, offers a lighthearted take on the very serious issue of climate change.

Mann will be available to sign copies of the book, which will be on sale at the lecture.

Voter Registration Drive Sept. 27

Cal U will mark National Voter Registration Day with a voter registration drive from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sept. 27 in the lobby areas of Manderino Library, Eberly Hall and in the kiosk area outside the Natali Student Center. In case of inclement weather, the Natali location will be in the student center lobby.

The program is sponsored by the American Democracy Project at Cal U. Co-sponsors are the Office of the Provost/Academic Affairs, the College of Liberal Arts, the Department of History and Political Science, the Women's Studies program, and the Frederick Douglass Institute.

Career Week Provides Advantage

The Career and Professional Development Center is powering up for a Pokémon-themed Career Week Sept. 19-23.

Activities open Sept. 15 with a preview Block Party from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the parking lot in front of the Natali Student Center.

Students can meet their career advisers and learn about the Career Advantage program, which helps students discover a suitable career path and graduate on schedule. Food, prizes and T-shirts will be given away.

Career Week events include resume reviews and tip sheets, speed-interview panels, graduate school information, and a session on proper workplace attire. Tables will be set up in front of the Natali Student Center from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. each day.

Students can swipe their CalCards at the Block Party and during Career Week events to earn Career Advantage points, which can lead to Career

Advantage graduation cords.

In case of rain, the Block Party and the Career Week tables will be relocated to the career center, in Natali 138.

Rhonda Gifford, director of the Career and professional Development Center, said Career Week is intended to prepare students for the Cal U Fall Job & Internship Fair, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 4 in the Convocation Center.

"We want our students to dress professionally and know what to do when they are in an environment with prospective employers," she said. "Many employers are starting the recruiting process now for May and summer positions."

For more information, contact the Career and Professional Development Center at 724-838-4413 or careers@calu.edu. Information is also available by selecting "events" at www.calu.edu/careers.



Ray Dressler, a sophomore trumpet player, cheers at the "End of Band Camp" concert Aug. 25 on the Quad. Both the Cal U and Bentworth High School marching bands will perform Sept. 17 at Adamson Stadium. The program show starts at noon.

Home Football Features HS Bands

The Cal U Marching Band again will incorporate local high school bands into home football game activities at Adamson Stadium.

Visiting bands will perform their high school halftime shows before Vulcan games. After the pregame performance, the high school musicians will join Cal U band members in the stands.

Members of the University's undergraduate admissions team will meet them to provide Cal U spirit items and information packets.

"We are looking forward to doing this again. It's a nice recruiting tool," said Dr. Frank Stetar, Cal U's director of bands.

"We enjoy giving the younger musicians a more personal look at who we are, and everyone has a good time."

Vulcan football fans can enjoy hearing high school bands from Bentworth on Sept. 17, California Area and Brownsville Area on Oct. 1, Washington on Oct. 8, and California again on Nov. 5.

Stetar is looking for a band to visit on Senior Day, Nov. 12, and has arranged for eight high school bands to march in this year's Homecoming Parade. Stepping off at noon Oct. 22 will be bands from Alderidge, Bentworth, Beth-Center, Brownsville Area, California Area, Charteroi, Monessen City and Morehead (Eden, N.C.) high schools.

Board Chair Starts With 'Clean Slate'

As a very young girl, Cynthia Shapira, the daughter of a dentist father and a traditional homemaker mother, was certain that girls could do anything boys could do. And academic achievement was a high priority in her home growing up.

"Our parents placed the highest expectations on me, and on my brothers," she said.

In July, she was elected chair of the Board of Governors of Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education, the fifth in its history, the first woman.

Shapira's career journey began in the nation's capital, a long way from her childhood home in southern California.

After graduating from Wellesley with a bachelor's degree in political science, she enrolled in Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, then was accepted into the first class of the President's Management Internship Program, which was created to encourage bright, young graduate students to go into government service. The first class included about 200 members from across the country.

"You had a choice of different agencies to go into. I wanted to work for the CIA," she said. "I would have been a great spy."

Instead she took a management-

consulting job with Peat Marwick (now KPMG) in its public service division. One of her first major projects involved studying the role of the federal government in regulating day care and funding preschool.

"It was a few years after Head Start, but the general area of early

childhood care and education was still somewhat uncharted," she said. "After that, I was assigned to a project working with a really fascinating man by the name of Dr. Fenwick W. English. He was a former public school superintendent who came up with the idea that—just as you could do a financial audit of a school system—you could also do a performance audit."

"What is the school system supposed to do, or produce, and what is it actually doing? ... How do you map together the curriculum—what is actually being taught in the classroom, and how the students are performing—to promote the best results?" It was groundbreaking work that sent her all over the country.

She met her first husband, a neurologist and Pittsburgh native, and moved to Pittsburgh. Later, divorced for many years, she met her husband of almost nine years, David Shapira.

Her passion for government service,

civic engagement and the community led her to become a very active volunteer, including currently serving as chair of the Greater Pittsburgh Jewish Federation.

She also serves or has served as a board member of Brandeis University, the Allegheny County Airport Authority, the United Way, the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust, the Pittsburgh Promise and Point Park University, among others.

Governor Tom Wolf appointed Shapira to the Board of Governors in December 2015. Six months later, she was elected chair.

While she has plenty of experience in higher education, having worked in the past with public university systems in Georgia, Massachusetts and North Carolina, as well as with many private higher education institutions, she had never been involved with the State System before.

"In a way, I think that could be very beneficial," she said. "I don't come in with preconceived notions about what can or cannot be done. I start from a clean slate."

So far, she said, she has been impressed with the experience.

"I think we have an outstanding board," she said. "Such smart people who are dedicated to higher education, to the Commonwealth, and who love this system and these universities."

Panel to Discuss Politics

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perspective of the causes, effects and strategies behind the national news," said Pehowic, who has a dual major in communication studies and political science. She also is the student member of the University's Council of Trustees.

"This experience has helped me to realize that my ability to change the world lies in my own hands," said Lent. "I am an education major, and I need to know the way the world works and what is happening within it, because all these things will impact my students."

Boyle, a political science major, said the focus of CollegeDebate16 was not at all what she expected, "but it is what I needed."

"The concentration on redefining what it means to debate is something our generation desperately needs. We need to be reflective, informed, reasonable and, most of all, civil."

Cochran attended the 2012 Democratic National Convention when she was a Cal U student. She worked as a field organizer for a hotly contested congressional campaign in Arizona before signing on with the Campus Election Engagement Project.

"Election engagement must be a priority on college campuses," Cochran said. "Students can and do make a difference."

This year's Constitution Day program is presented by the campus chapter of the American Democracy Project, the Office of the Provost/Academic Affairs, the College of Liberal Arts, and the Department of History, Politics and Society.

Political science professor Dr. Melanie Blumberg described it as an ideal opportunity to hear firsthand from Cal U community members who have been actively involved in election-year activities.

"Their enthusiasm for all things political is contagious," Blumberg said. "They recognize the role Pennsylvania college students will play in the 2016 presidential race. As such, they seek to encourage their contemporaries to register to vote, educate themselves about the issues, and vote on Nov. 8."

Cal U's Constitution Day program is free and open to the entire campus community, as well as the general public.



Cynthia Shapira

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