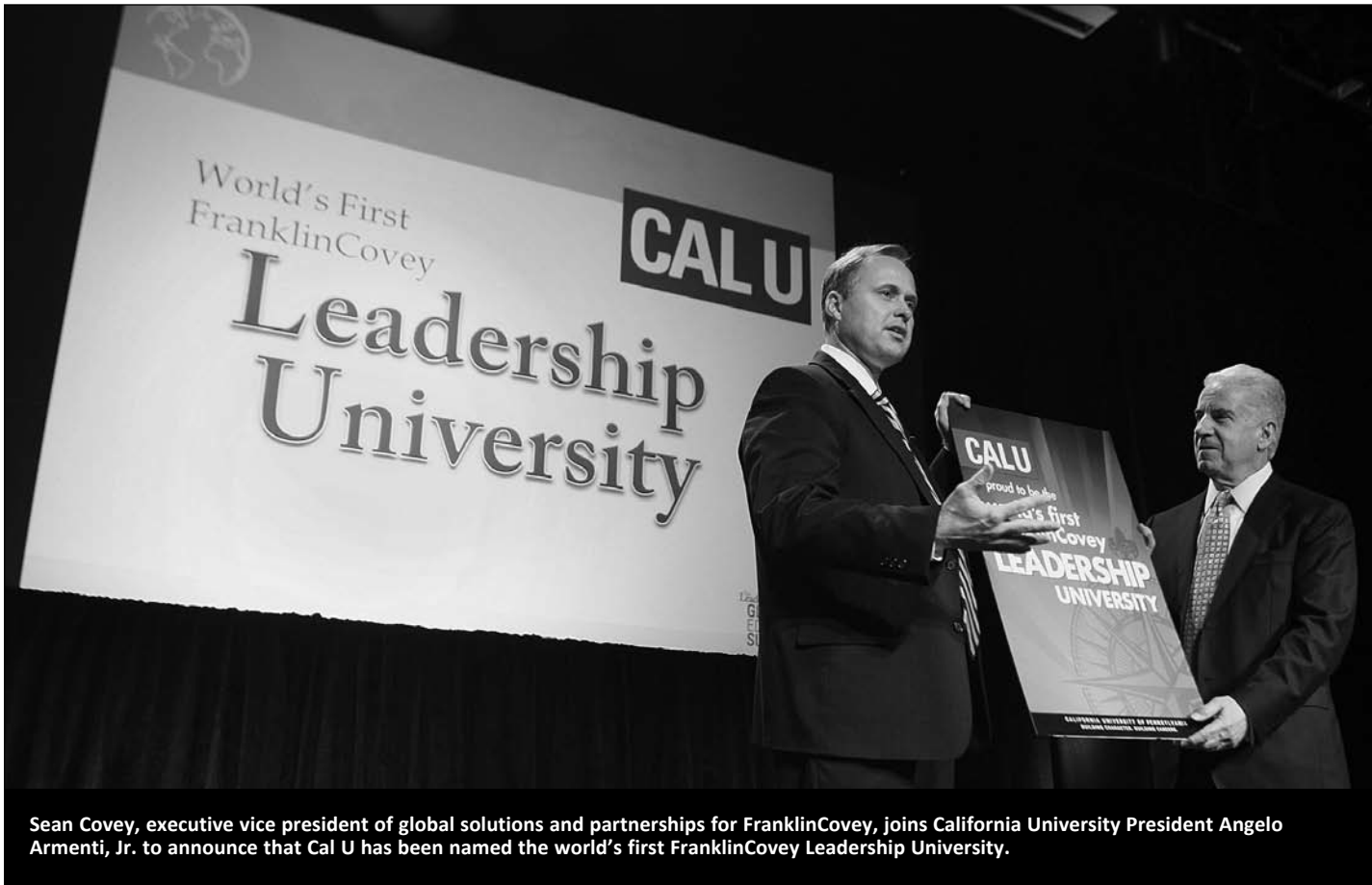


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Summit Speakers Inspire Educators

An international audience of more than 600 teachers and school administrators heard from groundbreaking educators at *The Leader in Me* Global Education Summit, held Aug. 3-4 at Cal U.

A highlight of the summit was the announcement that Cal U has been named the world's first FranklinCovey Leadership University. The University will institute the campus-wide *Leader for Life* leadership development process beginning this fall.

"Because of our long history of preparing teachers, I think it is important that Cal U be involved as a leader in the effort to continuously improve our schools and the education they provide to our nation's students," said Cal U President Angelo Armenti, Jr. in his keynote address.

"The *Leader for Life* program will not only help students get a job, it will help them do their job. I believe that every student at every level can become a leader for life."

Cal U has hosted the Global Education Summit each of the past three summers. This year's attendees came from schools in 26 states and 14 countries.

After a videotaped welcome by Dr. Stephen R. Covey, who was unable to travel to the event, his son Sean Covey discussed *The Leader in Me*, describing it as an "operating system" that can transform schools.

He explained how *The Leader in Me* changed his own children's school, and he introduced teachers from FranklinCovey Lighthouse Schools across the country. There are more than 500 leadership schools in North American and 880 worldwide.

"*The Leader in Me* is an idea whose
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Cal U named FranklinCovey Leadership University

Cal U has been named the world's first FranklinCovey Leadership University in recognition of its efforts to incorporate leadership principles into teaching, learning and campus life.

The announcement was made Aug. 3 by Sean Covey, FranklinCovey's education practice leader, during the annual *Leader in Me* Global Education Summit.

The designation recognizes Cal U's longtime commitment to character building and leadership training based on *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People* and other works by Dr. Stephen R. Covey.

It also signals Cal U's commitment to reaching Lighthouse University status by instituting the campus-wide Cal U *Leader for Life* leadership development process and achieving measurable results among students, faculty and staff. FranklinCovey

confers "lighthouse" status on model schools that meet specific criteria and demonstrate improvements based on the leadership model.

"As a *7 Habits* instructor for more than a decade, I have seen the power of Dr. Covey's ideas firsthand," said University President Angelo Armenti, Jr. "By positioning Cal U as the first FranklinCovey Leadership University, we hope to strengthen the character-building efforts that are a core component of Cal U's mission and give every member of our campus community the opportunity to become an effective leader."

Beginning this fall, the Cal U *Leader for Life* process will encourage all students to participate in Character Quotient (cQ) surveys and a Leadership Foundations module, complete *7 Habits* training in face-to-face sessions or online, complete the Great Work, Great Career online

course and meet with a career counselor for a career assessment, and take part in capstone leadership activities.

Students who complete the program will receive certificates and special recognition at Commencement. Similar multi-step programs are being developed for faculty and non-teaching staff. Eventually, parents also will be involved in the leadership initiative.

"I congratulate Cal U for becoming the world's first FranklinCovey Leadership University and for committing to achieve Lighthouse University status," said Sean Covey.

"For students, staff and faculty, it promises to help them develop 21st-century skills and leadership capabilities that are critical for success in today's fast-changing world. We believe Cal U will be an inspiring example to all universities around the world."



Gates Chasing Olympic Berth

Last spring Melissa Gates became Cal U's first NCAA national champion in swimming when she won the Division II 50-yard Freestyle National Championship.

In July she will compete for a spot on the U.S. team for the 2012 Olympic Games in London.

The senior from Leola, Pa., reached the 2012 Olympic Team Trial qualifying time in the 50 freestyle last month at the USA Swimming Eastern Zone Super Section, at Trees Pool in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Gates won the finals of the 50-meter event with a time of 26.23 seconds.

"What a tribute to a student-athlete who has worked hard the past three years while at Cal U and at home with her club team during the summers!" said Cal U head swimming coach Ed Denny. "Melissa has specific goals each season, and each builds upon the previous ones."

The Olympic Team Trials will be held in Omaha, Neb., from June 25-July 2. The preliminary and semifinal heats of the women's 50-yard freestyle are scheduled for July 1, and the finals are set for July 2.

The swimmers with the best two times in the finals will represent Team USA at the 2012

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Partnership Links Cal U, California Elementary

In the spirit of *The Leader in Me* Global Education Summit, a special partnership is about to begin between Cal U and the California Area School District.

University President Angelo Armenti, Jr. has announced that Cal U will provide the first full year of the *Leader in Me* process to all administrators, teachers and staff of California Elementary School.

Through the partnership, certified *Leader in Me* facilitators from Cal U's faculty and staff will lead a series of training sessions at California Elementary.

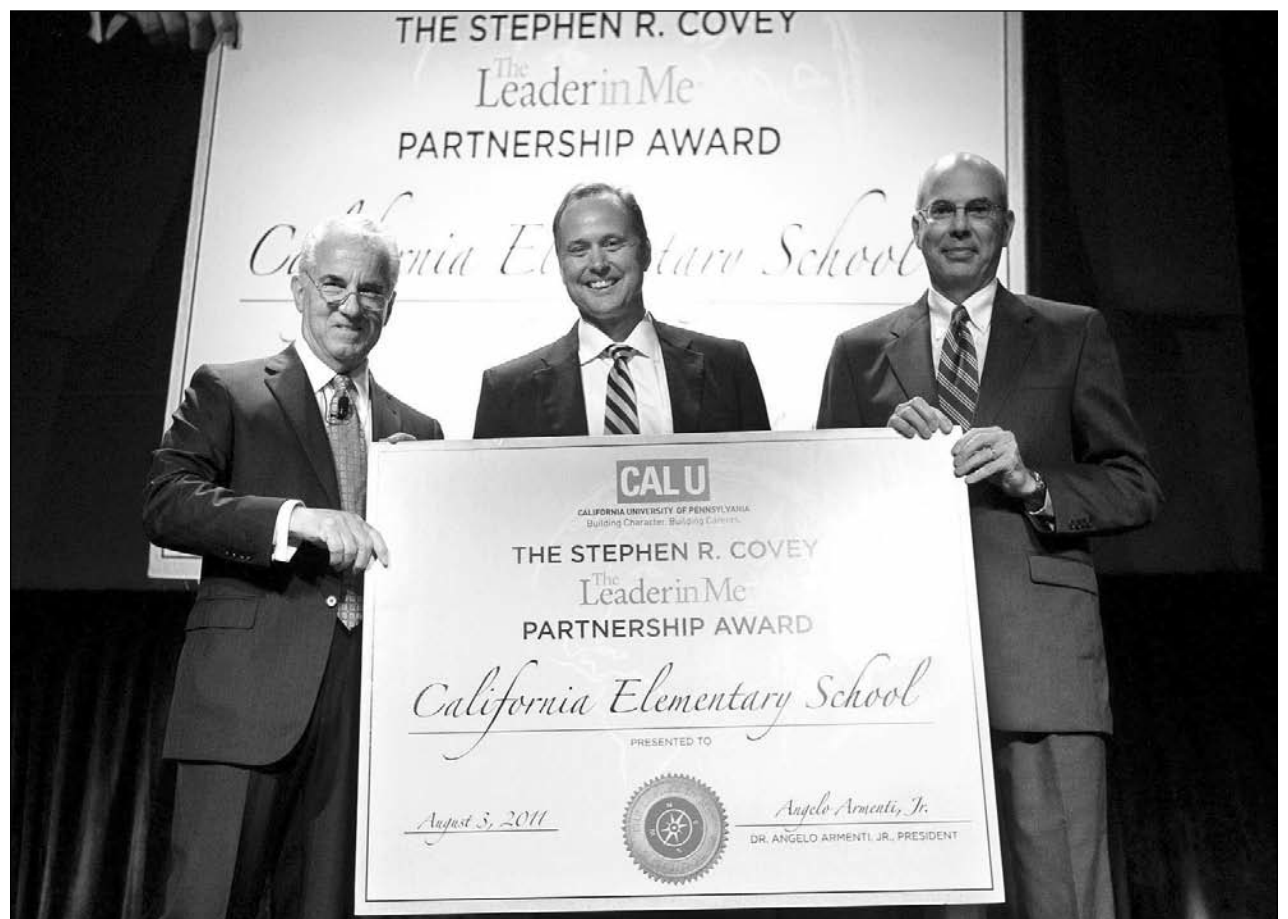
The Leader in Me is a school-wide program based on *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People* by Dr. Stephen R. Covey. By instilling the 7 *Habits* principles, it aims to transform a school's culture to improve academic achievement, minimize discipline problems, increase engagement among teachers and parents, and give students the skills and self-confidence they need to thrive.

"I want to do whatever I can to provide, encourage and inspire kids to take more of an active role in their own education," said Michael Sears, principal at California Elementary.

Students in grades K-4 will learn *The Leader in Me* principles, Sears said, then continue on to high school and perhaps attend Cal U, the world's first FranklinCovey Leadership University.

"Then we get that (*Leader in Me* experience) in return when they come back to the school district as teachers that we hire. It's going to be a wonderful process where we have teachers who really understand and teach our students the 7 *Habits*, and it will just spread from there."

Although Dr. Stephen Covey was unable to attend the Global Education Summit Aug. 3-4, Cal U has dedicated the partnership agreement to him as a token



President Armenti and Sean Covey (center) award the Stephen R. Covey Leader In Me Partnership to California Elementary School Principal Michael Sears in Steele Hall during the Global Education Summit. Cal U will provide the first full year of the *Leader in Me* process to all administrators, teachers and staff of California Elementary School.

of the University's longstanding relationship with FranklinCovey, the company he founded, and in appreciation for his contributions to building leadership

effectiveness over many decades.

In his honor, the initiative will be called "The Stephen R. Covey *Leader in Me* Partnership."

Summit Speakers Inspire Educators

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time has come," said Sean Covey, FranklinCovey's executive vice president of global solutions and partnerships. "Leadership is convincing people of their own worth and potential so clearly that they are inspired to see it in themselves."

Summit attendees gave a standing ovation to speaker Erin Gruwell, a former teacher in the tough Long Beach (Calif.) School District. The district had written off her students, but their journal entries became the basis for a New York Times bestseller, *The Freedom Writers' Diary*.

In 2007, Academy Award winner Hilary Swank starred in the feature film *Freedom Writers*, based on the book. During her presentation Gruwell urged the audience to "treat children like they have a Ph.D. of their own."

"These kids need to find their voice, become leaders and start telling their stories to other people," she said. "They all have a unique odyssey and journey."

Speaker Stone Kyambadde also drew an enthusiastic response. A former professional soccer player, he now uses the sport to help teenage boys in his native Uganda grow into men of character.

Kyambadde, who appears in a FranklinCovey video, emphasized the importance of love in influencing tomorrow's leaders.

"You can love people without leading them, but you can't lead people without loving them," he said.

Closing the summit was Muriel Summers, principal of A.B. Combs Leadership Magnet Elementary School in Raleigh, N.C.

Summers turned the once-failing school into a thriving magnet school when she focused on leadership and infused the 7 *Habits* principles into every class, creating *The Leader in Me* model. Nine of her A.B. Combs students appeared onstage during the opening session to discuss the 7 *Habits* and answer questions from the audience.



"Shine your light on others so they can see their own worth and potential," Summers told the educators. "As our students return to our classrooms this fall, we need to greet them with messages of hope and promise."

The conference made an impact, participants said.

Greer Parker, principal of Cal-Allen Elementary School near Corpus Christi, Texas, said she plans to start the leadership program when her school moves to a new campus.



At left, Erin Gruwell, a former teacher in the tough Long Beach (Calif.) School District, delivers an inspiring talk to educators at *The Leader in Me* Global Education Summit's opening morning. Above, Northeastern Elementary School employees Tracy Huffman (left) Lauren Burkhardt (center) and Heather Wechta enjoy the summit, which attracted an international audience of more than 600 educators and school administrators.

"We need a new climate, a new morale, and this conference has been absolutely phenomenal," she said. "It's been the most positive, uplifting and motivational experience I have ever had in my life. This gives hope for everyone, and I plan on bringing back all I can."

Among summit "veterans" was Dr. Tom Hajzus, assistant to the superintendent for operations in the Peters Township (Pa.) School District.

"Peters has bought into Covey very heavily," Hajzus said. "Our meetings revolve around the principles, and you can walk down the halls in our building and see the different points on the walls, such as (Habit 3), 'Put First Things First.'"

"This is a very worthwhile endeavor which teaches extremely important lessons in life."

Senior Swimmer Competing for Spot on 2012 Olympic team

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Summer Olympics.

"When Melissa puts on the bathing cap with the Cal logo on it next summer

in Omaha and steps up on the blocks, she'll know that we are all there with her," Denny said.

A five-time All-American, Gates became just the fifth individual national

champion in school history and first in more than 20 years. She won the 50-yard freestyle national title with a school and Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference record time of 22.72 seconds on March 9

at the NCAA Division II Championships in San Antonio, Texas. Gates established a combined eight school records (three individual, five relay) last year and was selected Swimmer of the Week five times.



A performance by nationally known pop punk band Forever The Sickest Kids highlights the Party in the Park festivities leading into the Vulcan football team's season-opening game against St. Cloud State.

Party Features Pop Punk Band

Cal U will kick off the 2011 football season with its sixth annual Party in the Park and a performance by the nationally known pop punk band Forever The Sickest Kids.

The party gets started at 3:30 p.m. Thursday with a performance by the band Beyond Daylight and a Welcome Back Picnic hosted by University President Angelo Armenti, Jr. at Roadman Park, on Cal U's south campus.

Cal U students, faculty and staff may attend the picnic free with a valid CalCard. Picnic guests pay \$6.75 for adults, \$3.75 for children age 7 and younger.

An alumni tailgate party begins at 5 p.m. at the Roadman Park pavilions.

Forever The Sickest Kids will perform from 5-6:30 p.m.

FTSK, from Dallas, Texas, was named the No. 1 underground band in the "22 Best Underground Bands" by Alternative Press.

The party concludes with a 7 p.m. football game at Adamson Stadium's Hepner-Bailey Field, where the nationally ranked Cal U Vulcans take on St. Cloud State (Minn.).

Cal U students with valid CalCards may attend the football game at no charge. Game tickets are available at the gate. Cost is \$8 for general admission seating, \$5 for students who do not attend Cal U.

For more information, contact Jenifer Sigado, director of student orientation programs and the University Welcome Center, at 724-938-1626 or sigado@calu.edu.

Two Join Board of Governors

The state Senate has confirmed Ronald G. Henry of Bryn Mawr and Robert S. Taylor of New Hope as the newest members of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education's Board of Governors.

Henry is a senior consultant with Capitol Strategies Group LLC, of Harrisburg, and is an independent consultant in the areas of public finance, organization and management. He served as chairman of the Corbett-Cawley Budget, Revenue and Pensions Transition Committee.

Taylor is chairman and chief executive officer of Cameron Companies LLC, a diversified holding company specializing in business and government affairs consulting, real estate investment and acquisition, legal affairs and turnaround management. He is a 1978 graduate of Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania and a member of the university's Council of Trustees, having previously served as Council Chair.

The 20-member Board of Governors is responsible for planning

and coordinating development and operation of PASSHE. The board establishes broad educational, fiscal and personnel policies. Among other tasks, the board appoints the chancellor and university presidents, approves new academic programs, sets tuition and approves PASSHE's budget.

The Board comprises 11 members appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Senate; four state legislators, two each from the House and Senate; the governor; the secretary of education; and three students selected from among the student government leaders at the 14 PASSHE universities.

Henry is a graduate of Georgetown University and the Georgetown University Law Center. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the International Visitors Council of Philadelphia, having served as the organization's chairman from 1997 to 2001. He is a member of the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and American bar associations and the Bar Association of the District of Columbia. He is a former assistant

attorney general and counsel to the state Department of Commerce.

Taylor is a graduate of Temple University School of Law and is admitted to the United States Third Circuit Court of Appeals, the United States District Court of Eastern Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. He has been a White House appointee to the Environmental Protection Agency, a trustee in bankruptcy in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and a staff attorney to the Pennsylvania Worker's Compensation Appeal Board.

The other members of the Board of Governors are Kenneth M. Jarin, chairman; C.R. "Chuck" Pennoni and Aaron A. Walton, vice chairmen; Leonard Altieri III, Representative Matthew Baker, Marie Conley, Governor Tom Corbett, Representative Michael Hanna, Senator Vincent Hughes, Jonathan Mack, Joseph F. McGinn, Senator Jeffrey E. Piccola, Guido Pichini, Harold C. Shields, Secretary of Education Ronald Tomalis and Christine Toretta. There are two vacancies.

AmeriCorps Link Leads to Summer of Service

A growing relationship between Cal U's Center for Civic Engagement and AmeriCorps, a national service program that focuses on needs in areas such as education, public safety, health and the environment, led to a summer of service for one recent graduate.

Lauren Kross, who graduated in May with a degree in applied sociology, was one of two students to participate in the Scholars in Service to Pennsylvania, an AmeriCorps program that requires at least 300 hours of community service in exchange for scholarship dollars.

The other, junior Kelly Horrell, worked at the Kiski Valley YMCA to earn her hours.

They are the first of what Diane Williams, who directs the Center for Civic Engagement at Cal U, expects to be many students who will become Scholars in Service as the program grows and more positions are awarded to Cal U.

Kross completed her hours with the Washington Family Center in Washington, Pa., and The Call to Serve, a nonprofit organization that partners with other groups nationwide to provide service opportunities to college-age students.

Kross and nine others traveled to five states over 19 days and did projects such as restoring an oyster bed in Wilmington, N.C.; completing a hurricane and tornado awareness project in Pensacola, Fla.; cleaning up flood damage in Nashville, Tenn.; working with Habitat for Humanity, at a food bank and foster home, and at an animal sanctuary in Austin, Texas; and with a charity in New Orleans to build houses in the ongoing aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

"We met a veteran in Pensacola who was so grateful to see us doing these projects," Kross said. "He kept telling us how touched he was and that we were changing the country for him and his children. So many people were so gracious to us."

"This was a once-in-a-lifetime thing to do," she said. "I may never do anything on such a large scale as this, but I will always want to volunteer where I can."

The Center for Civic Engagement also has AmeriCorps Community Fellow positions, which have grown from seven to 24 for the 2011-2012 academic year. The fellows program addresses community needs in the areas of college access and success, and students work in a variety of jobs.

At Cal U, students are serving as mentors and tutors in local school districts for at-risk students in K-12 and assisting in various offices on campus.

Before her Scholars in Service commitment, Kross worked in the Center for Civic Engagement as a Community Fellow.

"Lauren is very driven," Williams said. "She found her passion in service at Cal U, and now she is trying to find her specific interest in service as a possible career."

For more information on AmeriCorps Scholars in Service or Community Fellow programs, contact Diane Williams in the Center for Civic Engagement at 724-938-4794 or williams_d@calu.edu.



Lauren Kross

Campus BRIEFS

OSD Registration Meetings Set

The Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD) is available to California University students. The office is located in the Room 105, Azorsky Hall. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays. To contact OSD, call 724-938-5871 or e-mail osdmail@calu.edu.

Interested students are invited to attend Semester Registration Meetings scheduled in the Johnson Hall Multipurpose Room; call OSD for dates and times.

More information can be found on the Cal U website, www.calu.edu; search for the keyword "disability."

New Site for Forum Meetings

The Cal U Forum, the University's governance structure, has changed its meeting venue.

The monthly meetings will now take place in Room 327, Dixon Hall.

As always, the meetings will begin at 4 p.m.

The 2011-2012 meeting dates are Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1, Dec. 6, Jan. 24, Feb. 21, March 20, and April 17.

The meetings are open to the University Community.

For more information call 724-938-1633 or e-mail turcic@calu.edu.

Four Distinguished Alumni Receive Awards

This summer Cal U President Angelo Armenti, Jr. presented alumni awards to four distinguished graduates.

Janis M. Zivic '64 was honored as the Alumna of the Year. Michael A. Perry '63 received the Alumnus of the year award, and Aaron '68 and Gloria '70 Walton were recognized as the Alumni Couple of the Year.

Bay Area mentor

A resident of the San Francisco Bay Area, Zivic built a successful career in corporate recruiting and consulting. After achieving success at several international consulting firms, she founded and managed her own firm, the Zivic Group Inc., for 11 years before it was acquired by another industry leader.

Zivic also is a co-founder of vibrantBrains, described as a "mind gym" for cognitive exercise. Her own experience recovering from a traumatic brain injury led to her work providing "brain workouts" to maintain and improve cognitive skills.

An active volunteer and board member for a number Bay Area organizations, Zivic is especially proud of her role as a mentor with the Bay Area Youth Education Foundation (the BAY Fund), now known as First Graduate. The organization assists children in need, with the goal of



Janis M. Zivic '64

helping them to become the first in their family to attend a four-year college.

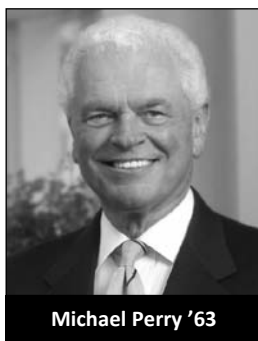
Zivic is currently a graduate student at the University of San Francisco, where she expects to complete a Master of Fine Arts in Writing next year. She is married to Lisa Schoonerman and has a daughter, Jessica Zivic Chamberlin. Both women attended a luncheon in Zivic's honor held June 12 at the Kara Alumni House.

Financial services specialist

During his 40 years in the financial services industry, Perry has worked to identify, assess and develop strategies to assist people in efficiently accumulating, protecting and distributing their wealth.

He entered the financial services industry in 1971, when he joined the nationwide firm of National Pension Service Inc. In 1981 he formed Michael A. Perry and Associates Inc., specializing in retirement, financial services and estate planning, including business succession planning for business owners.

To better serve his clients, Perry co-founded PFOsm LLC, which provides financial analysis and reporting services to high-net-worth individuals. He also founded Benefit Resources, which manages and consults with more than 350 firms in the area of corporate and executive benefits.



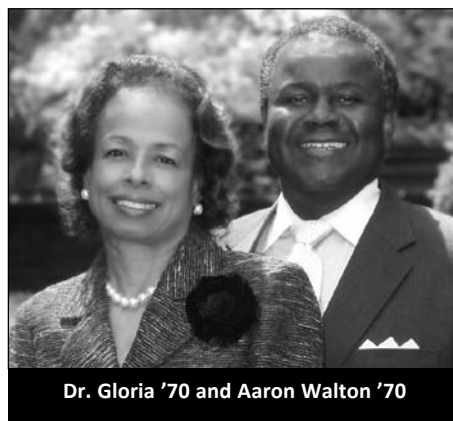
Michael Perry '63

In 2001 Mr. Perry co-founded the Opus Advisory Group LLC, which provides all of the above services, as well as charitable planning through The Opus Foundation.

His experiences in the world of finance, as a naval aviator, a United Airlines captain, a nuclear power-plant buyer for the U.S. Navy, and a real estate entrepreneur all have contributed to his bringing added value to his clients.

Perry lives in Purchase, N.Y., with his wife, Suzanne. The couple has an adult daughter. Perry was honored June 26, also with a luncheon at the Kara Alumni House.

Wellness advocates



Dr. Gloria '70 and Aaron Walton '70

The Waltons are retirees whose careers were dedicated to the well-being of western Pennsylvania residents, especially the region's children.

As a health insurance executive for Highmark Inc., Aaron Walton's career spanned 40 years and included 14 organizational assignments, including service on Highmark's Executive Leadership Team. In particular, he is

credited with developing the Highmark Foundation's \$100 million initiative to address the physical and emotional health of children in Highmark's 49 county service regions.

Gloria Walton is a licensed/certified psychologist, as well as a lecturer, former university professor and independent consultant. After many years of distinguished service in the Pittsburgh Public Schools, she was an adjunct professor at Duquesne University. She also was a weekly contributor to the *New Pittsburgh Courier*, where her weekly column, "Dr. Gloria," focused on mental health and wellness issues.

The Waltons both are active volunteers at their church and in the community.

A member of California University's Council of Trustees, Aaron Walton is chair of the board of deacons at Ebenezer Baptist Church, in Pittsburgh; chair of the August Wilson Center for African American Culture; and vice chair of the Board of Governors for the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education. He also serves on a variety of boards and is president-elect of the Rho Boule of Sigma Pi Phi fraternity.

Gloria Walton is a deaconess at Ebenezer Baptist Church, where she also serves as director of Christian education and director of Vacation Bible School. Chair of the board of directors for Riverset Credit Union (formerly the Pittsburgh Teachers Credit Union), she is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. and other organizations.

Married for 41 years, the Waltons live in Pittsburgh's North Hills. They are the parents of two adult children.



What's the buzz?

Emeritus professor Dr. Peter J. Belch '64 shows off paper-wasp nests he donated to the Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences, which will add them to the display in the lobby of Frich Hall. Belch retired in 2006 after serving 37 years in the former Department of Social Work and Gerontology at Cal U. He and his wife, Donna '63, recently moved from their home in Hopwood, Pa., to Colorado. Belch collected three nests by climbing 30 feet into trees on his property, sawing tree limbs and carefully lowering each nest to the ground. The delicate, papery nests do not survive the winter, and the wasps will not return to reuse them. Gladly accepting the nests was Lisa Gillis (left), Belch's longtime friend and a secretary for the biology department. The Cal U community is welcome to view the nests and many other displays in Frich Hall. The wasps are long gone.

Teens Study Sports Medicine at Workshop

Eighteen high school students from nine regional school districts attended a workshop at Cal U Aug. 8-10 to learn more about athletic training and sports medicine.

Topics included athletic injury assessment, heat-related illnesses and concussions. Students also were certified in CPR and the use of an automatic external defibrillator. A highlight of the overnight camp was a trip to the Pittsburgh Steelers training camp at St. Vincent College, near Latrobe, Pa. Students took a tour of the facilities and spoke to members of the team's medical staff.

The camp was funded by a \$11,900 grant from Highmark and PASSHE. It was run by Dr. Shelly Fetchen DiCesaro, assistant professor in the Department of Health Science and athletic trainer at Cal U.

Faculty Convocation Aug. 30

Cal U President Angelo Armenti, Jr. will host the 2011 Faculty Convocation on Tuesday, Aug. 30, in the Learning Resource Center auditorium in Morgan Hall during the University's common hour, beginning at 11 a.m.

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