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# Volunteers Spend Day in Service

**M**ore than 150 students, staff and faculty performed volunteer work on Jan. 17, the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday and Cal U's eighth annual Day of Service.

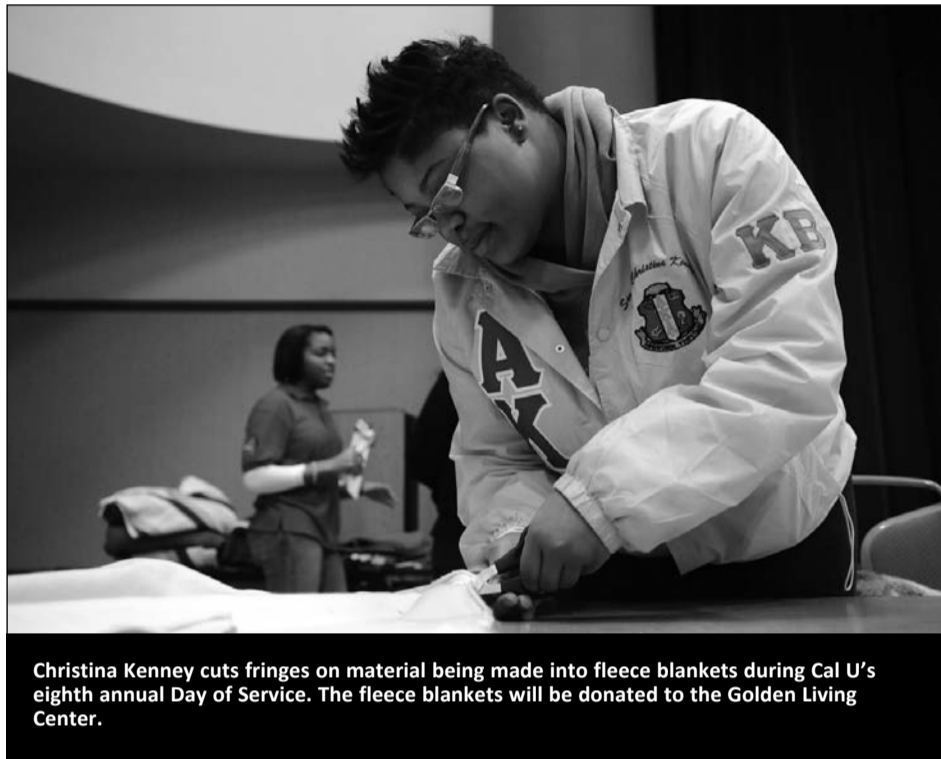
In all, volunteers took part in 12 service projects. In the Performance Center, they made Valentine's Day cards for patients at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, created hand-therapy dolls and fleece blankets for hospital patients, and prepared for the annual American Cancer Society Daffodil Days event.

Off campus, students served meals at the Center in the Woods or did chores downtown at Liberty Towers, a 104-unit high-rise for senior citizens. Others distributed American Red Cross fire-safety materials or assembled care packages for Smithton American Legion Post 790's "Support our Troops" campaign.

Coordinators for the Day of Service were LaMont Coleman, associate dean for multicultural student programs, and Diane Williams, director of Cal U's new Center for Civic Engagement.

This was the first time the event was held on the actual date of the holiday, one day before the start of spring

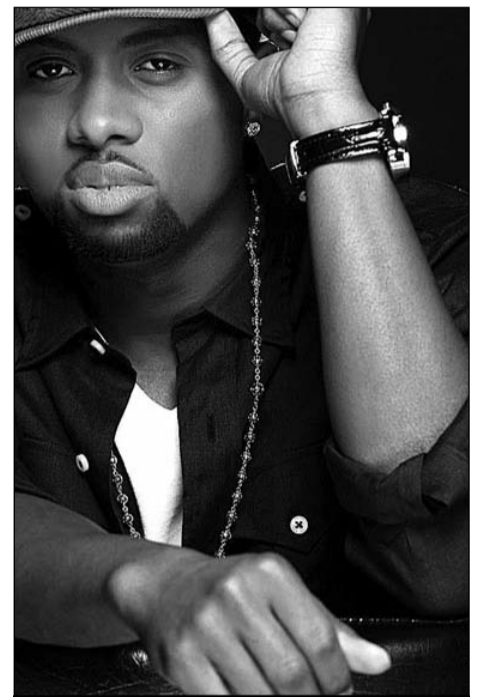
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Christina Kenney cuts fringes on material being made into fleece blankets during Cal U's eighth annual Day of Service. The fleece blankets will be donated to the Golden Living Center.

## You can help

Cal U is collecting items on the Ronald McDonald House Charities Wish List. Items such as cereal, canned goods, paper products and cleaning products are needed. Drop off donations by Friday at the Center for Civic Engagement, Room G35, Carter Hall. For more information, contact director Diane Williams at [williams\\_d@calu.edu](mailto:williams_d@calu.edu). The first 100 donors receive a free T-shirt.



One of many highlights during Cal U's Black History Month celebration will be a music workshop and lecture with Kendrick 'Wylldcard' Dean on Feb. 21 from 6-8 p.m. in the Morgan Hall auditorium.

# Speakers, Performers Celebrate Black History Month

Cal U will celebrate Black History Month in February by showcasing the accomplishments of African-Americans in education, finance and the arts.

Highlights include a Feb. 21 music workshop and lecture with Kendrick "Wylldcard" Dean, a Grammy-nominated composer and record producer who has co-written and produced singles with artists including Toni Braxton, Mary J. Blige and Danity Kane and Destiny's Child.

Comedy-club favorite Nore Davis

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# MLK Speaker: Show 'Sense of Caring'

**T**he keynote speaker at Cal U's annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day luncheon urged his audience to honor the famed civil rights leader by dedicating themselves to community service and showing appreciation for the help others provide.

"We must exhibit a sense of caring for our fellow citizens every day," said Robert G. Stanton, a senior adviser to U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar. "That is the obligation we have, if we are to honor Dr. King's legacy."

Stanton is the former director of the National Park Service and the first African-American to hold that post. He led the Park Service from 1997 through the end of the Clinton administration.

Today, Stanton advises the Interior Secretary on a wide

range of environmental, organizational and management issues and provides executive leadership for the Interior Museum, Historic Art Collection and the congressionally authorized Indian Arts and Crafts Board.

Stanton began his visit to Cal U by speaking at a breakfast meeting with Dr. Harrison Pinckney and students from the Parks and Recreation Management program. Pinckney earned his doctorate at Texas A&M University, where Stanton served as executive professor in the Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences before returning to federal service in 2009.

In his luncheon address, Stanton made note of Cal U's commitment to building both character and careers.

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# Scholarship Sends Intern to Argentina

**J**ust before Christmas, senior Emily Hutzayluk, of Pottstown, Pa., received the perfect gift.

Hutzayluk learned in December that she had received the first Rutledge Internship Award, which will allow her to spend three months beginning Feb. 7 working at Rivadavia Hospital in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

The internship award was established by Tom '75 and Karen Rutledge. It provides scholarships to juniors and seniors with a grade-point average of 3.0 or higher who have unpaid or low-paying internships that are geographically and professionally diverse.

The amount and number of awards will

be determined by a committee and will vary by semester, but the minimum award is \$1,000.

Hutzayluk, who graduated in 2008 from Cal U's physical therapist assistant program, needs just three credits to graduate in May with a degree in Spanish. She will earn those by taking a four-week and an eight-week course in the language at the University of Belgrano.

"My career goal is to be a physical therapist for people who speak Spanish as a first language," Hutzayluk said. "So I found



Emily Hutzayluk

this unpaid internship at a hospital in Buenos Aires that will have me working in the physical therapy department of the hospital with amputees — helping them prepare for their surgeries, watching their surgeries and then helping them ambulate with the new legs and arms. I'm very excited."

She says she "couldn't do the internship part at all" without the Rutledge

Internship Award.

"The internship itself costs \$2,000 to do, and the fact that there is a fund to pay

those expenses and allow me to do this is incredible."

Hutzayluk credits Dr. Andrae Marak, interim director of the Honors Program and associate professor in the Department of History and Political Science, and Karen Primm, director of the Internship Center, with helping her find funding. And she credits Andrea Cencich, who teaches in the Department of Modern Languages and Cultures, with helping her meet an important deadline in the application process.

"Every student needs to study abroad, because they'll never be the same person when they come back," Marak said.

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# Speaker: Show ‘Sense of Caring’

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He recalled Martin Luther King’s statement that “intelligence is not enough. Intelligence and character — that is the goal of true education.”

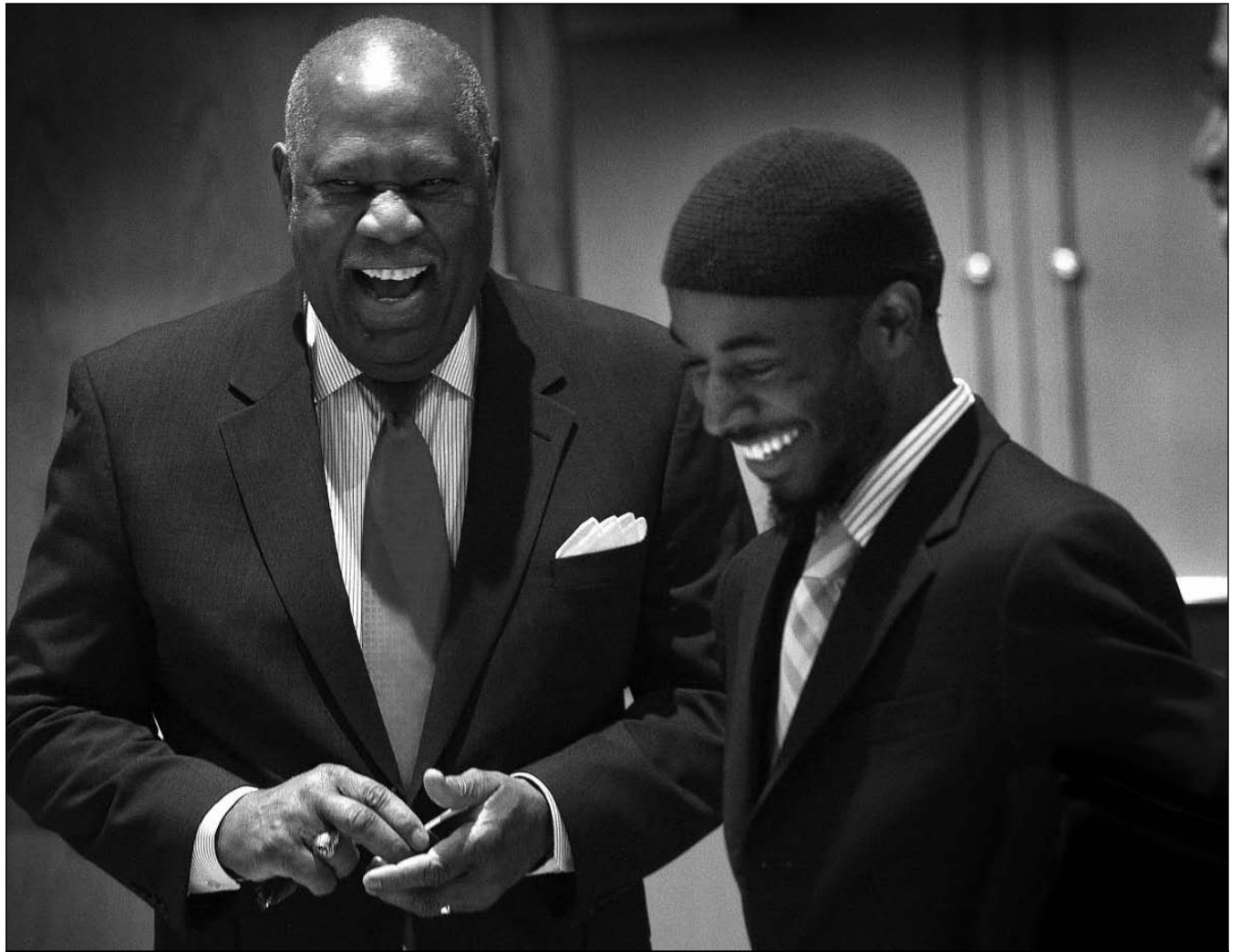
“Don’t ever waver from that commitment,” Stanton urged.

“Regardless of the heights to which we achieve or aspire, we will always need the help of others,” he added. “Intelligence and character should propel us to acknowledge their contributions.”

Stanton closed his remarks by inviting the audience “and all Americans” to visit Washington, D.C., on Aug. 28, when President Obama will dedicate the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial on the National Mall.

The four-acre site, on the Tidal Basin between the Lincoln and Jefferson memorials, will use water, stone and other landscape elements to reflect the themes of justice, democracy and hope.

Reflecting on King’s contribution to the civil rights movement, Stanton said, “All of us truly are beneficiaries of one of America’s greatest sons.”



Keynote speaker Robert G. Stanton (left), a senior adviser to U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar, chats with Dr. Harrison Pinckney, assistant professor in the Department of Earth Sciences, at Cal U’s annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day luncheon.

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semester classes.

“Our students did not have to be here today, but the large turnout certainly showed their commitment to service,” Coleman said. “We really appreciate their help.”

Inspiration for this event was a 2003 visit to Cal U by the late Coretta Scott King, wife of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. During her visit, she asked that the day commemorating her husband be observed as “a day on, rather than a day off.”

This year marked the 20th anniversary of observing Dr. King’s birthday as a federal holiday.

Both Williams and Coleman emphasized that the Day of Service ties in with the Cal U for Life initiative, which encourages students to share their time and talent, and reflects the eighth goal of the

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— Senior Josh Gillen, orientation leader and peer mentor

University’s Strategic Plan by fostering civic engagement.

Student volunteers who registered with their CalCards also will receive credit on their Activities Transcript.

“This is an ideal way for students to continue Dr. King’s legacy by giving of their time and talent,” Williams said. “While the program did not start until noon, many

students showed up during the morning hours ready to go.”

Josh Gillen, a senior sport management major who is also a Cal U for Life orientation leader and a peer mentor, helped for the first time.

“Well, we always preach about giving back, so I thought I would practice it,” he said. “We need to do our part, and this is certainly worthwhile.”

Participating in the Day of Service for the fourth consecutive year was Christina Kenney, a senior psychology major and member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority.

“Our sorority is here to help and serve as much as we can,” she said while making a fleece blanket. “This ‘day on’ is an opportunity to give back and also enjoy and meet other students.

“It was a day off, but we got up and helped because there’s always more that you can do.”



Candice Kmetz, a criminal justice major, works on cutting stars for ‘Stars for Anti-Drunk Driving Pledge’ which will be used to kick off an anti-drunk driving campaign.

## Workshops, Performances Set for Black History Month

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will perform his fast-paced comedy routine Feb. 4, and social commentator Dr. Boyce Watkins will deliver his trademark brand of no-nonsense financial advice Feb. 14 in “How to Get Your Paper Straight.”

Also scheduled to perform:

- Feb. 10, Black Violin, two classically trained musicians and their DJ — a group whose signature sound blends jazz, hip-hop, funk and classical strings.

- Feb. 11, The Young and Gifted Gospel Choir, talented Cal U singers whose “Celebration of Gospel” will include a special appearance by recording artists King.

- Feb. 17, Twin Poets, award-winning slam poets Al & Nnamdi, Philadelphia-based wordsmiths whose work also includes a youth mentoring program focusing on self-expression.

In addition, multicultural educator



Black Violin, a group that blends jazz, hip-hop, funk and classical strings, will perform at 6 p.m. Feb. 10 in the Performance Center as part of Black History Month.

Brian C. Johnson, of Bloomsburg University, will use Hollywood films to spark a discussion of diversity, and a series of talks sponsored by the Frederick

Douglass Institute will feature the research, community involvement and personal interests of various Cal U faculty members.

Students will share their talents in a variety show, and a step-show contest based on the synchronized routine made popular by the Divine 9 will showcase the “stepping” dance tradition popularized by African-American fraternities and sororities.

The celebration closes with a trip to the National Great Blacks in Wax Museum and the Reginald F. Lewis Cultural Museum in Baltimore, Md.

Cal U’s Black History Month celebration is sponsored by the Black Student Union, the Frederick Douglass Institute and the Office of Multicultural Student programs. All events are free and open to the public.

Visitor parking is available in the new Vulcan Garage, off Third Street near the campus entrance.

For a complete calendar of events, video clips and more information about the performers and speakers, visit [www.calu.edu](http://www.calu.edu).



## Wintertime at Cal U

A snowstorm closed Cal U's main and Southpointe campuses on Jan. 21, yet another blast in a very wintry stretch. A snowfall earlier in the month had Walter Balla (left) using a leaf blower to clear staircases outside the Natali Student Center. Grounds crew employees have been kept busy clearing snow from roadways, sidewalk steps and even the Eberly statue outside of Manderino Library.



The President's Gala will again take place in the Omni William Penn Hotel's Grand Ballroom.

## Award Winners to be Honored at Gala

Cal U President Angelo Armenti, Jr., has announced the winners of this year's President's Awards for faculty and emeriti faculty.

The awards will be presented at the President's Gala on June 4 at the Omni William Penn Hotel in Pittsburgh.

Dr. Christine Patti, of Department of Educational Administration and Leadership, will receive the President's Faculty Award for Teaching.

Dr. Ralph Belsterling '78, '81, of the Department of Communication Disorders, will receive the award for service, and Dr. Robert Whyte, of the Department of Biological and Environmental Science, will be honored for research.

Dr. Donald Thompson and Professor Marsha Nolf will receive the President's Emeriti Faculty Awards.

Gwendolyn Simmons, a longtime member of the Board of Trustees, will be this year's recipient of the Lillian M. Bassi Core Values Award.

The President's Gala is the University's largest annual fundraiser; net proceeds support student scholarships. Since 1994, the Gala has raised more than \$1.24 million.

This year's theme for the black-tie fundraiser will be "Puttin' on the Ritz."

## Kellar Returns to Coach Vulcans

After serving two successful years as the head coach at Concord University in West Virginia, Mike Kellar has returned to the Cal U football coaching staff.

The Vulcans' offensive coordinator from 2004-2008, Kellar is now the program's new associate head coach for offense.

"Mike is known for his sophisticated and high-powered offenses, and he helped make us into a national power during his first coaching stint with us," said 10th-year head football coach John Luckhardt.

"He turned the Concord program around in only two years and had it contending for a conference championship this past season."

Concord had managed just one victory in two years before Kellar arrived. He guided the Mountain Lions to a 14-8 cumulative record during the 2009 and 2010 seasons.

In 2010, Kellar coached Concord to an 8-3 overall record to mark the first eight-win season for the program since it joined NCAA Division II in 1991. The Mountain Cats ranked second in passing and total offense and third in scoring and rushing last fall in the nine-team West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. They ranked fourth among all NCAA Division II schools in total offense, averaging more than 498 yards per game.

During his first coaching tenure with Cal U, Kellar helped the Vulcans win four-consecutive PSAC-West titles, a PSAC championship, two NCAA Regional championships and a pair of Eastern College Athletic Conference Lambert Trophies.

Cal U's 2007 and 2008 teams posted school-best records of 13-1 and 12-2 respectively.

"At Concord I didn't update my resume once, but after Coach Luckhardt — someone I consider to be a mentor and a friend — asked me to come back, there's no way I could say no," Kellar said.



Regarded as one of the brightest offensive coaches in college football, Mike Kellar has returned to Cal U after two successful seasons as the head coach of Concord University.

"To leave Concord was hard, but to go back to Cal was easy."

Kellar reunites with a Cal U offense that was among the best in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) in 2010. The Vulcans averaged nearly 40 points and 400 yards of total offense per game last year.

Cal finished 2010 with a 10-2 overall record, tied for its sixth straight PSAC-West title and made a fourth consecutive appearance in the NCAA Division II national playoffs.

"Walt Harris will continue to be on staff as the offensive coordinator and will work with Mike to make Cal U one of the dominant offenses in the country," said Luckhardt.

Before coming to Cal U in 2004, Kellar was the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach for eight seasons at Fairmont State University and the offensive coordinator at Northern Michigan for three years.

## Intern to Work in Argentina Hospital

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"It's something I really harp on with students. Emily first wanted just to study abroad and take classes, but I said, 'Let's work with Karen and see if we can find you an internship.'"

Primm says the new Rutledge Internship Award is the first to focus on those internships that are outside the area and present students with unique opportunities.

"We have a fund for smaller needs closer to home," she said, "but we're in a great position now

because we can do 'extraordinary' ones, too."

Hutzayluk says she cannot thank the Rutledges enough.

"If I hadn't found out there was a scholarship, I never would have thought to apply for an internship," she said. "This whole process has taken almost a year, and I am also so thankful to my family and my boyfriend, Sam, for their unfailing enthusiasm and patience.

"The fact that I'm going to be doing exactly what I want to do for the rest of my life as an internship ... I kind of still can't believe that it's happening!"

## Attention University Community! Call for Nominations for Election to Cal U Forum

In accordance with the constitution and bylaws of the California University Forum, a timetable for faculty and student representatives' elections has been established.

The goal is to have all representatives in place for the first meeting of the Forum on Tuesday, September 6, 2011.

All tenure and tenure-track faculty who were hired to begin work prior to or in Spring 2009 and who have the rank of assistant professor or higher are eligible for nomination. (See the list of eligible faculty on this page.)

Eligible faculty members can self-nominate or offer a colleague's name into nomination. Any member of the University community (staff, students, managers) may nominate a faculty member.

Nominations must be postmarked or received on or before **February 11th** and forwarded to Dana Turcic, Recording Secretary of the Forum, sent internally to campus box 99, or emailed to her at [CaForum@calu.edu](mailto:CaForum@calu.edu).

Four faculty members will be elected to the Forum by secret ballot, following the written nominations. All regular (i.e. tenured and tenure-track) faculty may vote. The voting will take place electronically and will be ready for voting on **February 23rd and 24th**. Further information will be provided to faculty members who are eligible to vote.

According to the constitution and bylaws of the Forum, of the four

faculty being elected: two (2) must come from the Eberly College of Science and Technology; and one (1) must come from the College of Liberal Arts and one (1) must be elected at-large (from College of Education and Human Services, College of Liberal Arts, Eberly College of Science and Technology or No College Affiliation.) Faculty members who are currently serving as faculty senators on the Forum are eligible to serve consecutive terms.

The term of these four faculty representatives will be two years.

A plurality of votes cast will be necessary to win election.

Details of the student nomination and election process will be available in future issues of the California Times.

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## Campus BRIEFS

### **Pens Auction Ends Friday**

Bidding closes at 5 p.m. Friday in the third online auction supporting the Pittsburgh Penguins Scholarship at Cal U. Hockey fans can bid on eight items, including autographed Penguins memorabilia, a children's party and a game-night experience at CONSOL Energy Center in Pittsburgh.

Fans who visit the Cal U homepage, [www.calu.edu](http://www.calu.edu), will find a link to the auction site. A link also is available at the Penguins' website, <http://penguins.nhl.com>.

Cal U is the official education partner of the Pittsburgh Penguins.

Auction proceeds support the Pittsburgh Penguins Scholarship, which is awarded annually to a student who demonstrates financial need and maintains a grade-point average of 3.0 or higher. The scholarship was established last year with proceeds from two similar online auctions.

### **FPDC Nominations Due Feb. 15**

Each Faculty Professional Development Committee (FPDC) Subcommittee—Research, Teaching and Learning, Technology, Service and Service-Learning, and Grants and Contracts—offers a \$1,000 award that can be used for professional activities (as appropriate in relation to the award).

The form to nominate a faculty member for the Merit Award can be downloaded from the Faculty Professional Development Committee's website. Self-nominations for the merit award are acceptable.

The completed nomination form must be received by noon on Feb. 15 in the Faculty Center, 134 Azorsky Hall.

A link to the form can be found in the FPDC section of the Cal U website: <http://www.calu.edu/faculty-staff/grants-awards/fpdc/index.htm>. Look under "FPDC Awards and Grants."

### **Autism Seminar Tomorrow**

Teaching children with autism to play will be the focus of a seminar from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. tomorrow in the Performance Center.

Presented by Cal U and Intermediate Unit 1, the program features talks by Dr. Pamela Wolfberg, an associate professor of special education and director of Project Mosaic, the autism spectrum graduate program at San Francisco State University. Wolfberg originated the Integrated Play Group (IPG) model and founded the Autism Institute on Peer Relations and Play, which leads efforts to develop inclusive peer play programs worldwide.

The introductory seminar is intended for educators, therapists, related practitioners and parents or family members of children with autism.

Professional fee for the seminar is \$50. A link to online registration is available at [www.calu.edu](http://www.calu.edu).

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