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Student Wins Leadership Award

Education major lauded for hard work, accomplishments

Jacqueline Davis, a sophomore early childhood education major with a minor in business administration, has been awarded the 2009 Robert D. Lynch Undergraduate Leadership Scholarship from the Pennsylvania Black Conference on Higher Education.

The award is given to an undergraduate student who demonstrates outstanding leadership skills and at least a 3.0 grade-point average. Interpersonal qualities and participation in extracurricular activities

also were considered.

"Jackie Davis is very deserving of this award," said Provost Geraldine M. Jones. "Her hard work and dedication has led to this recognition of the many good things she has accomplished during her undergraduate career at California University of Pennsylvania.

"She has excelled as a scholar, been a leader in service and has not been afraid to work hard to achieve her goals. I think we will be hearing about many more of her accomplishments in the years ahead."

At Cal U, Davis is a class representative on the Honors Student Advisory Board and a spring 2008 inductee into the Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society. She has been a Student Government senator for two years, serving for two semesters as a recording secretary for that group. She is president of the Zeta Epsilon chapter of Zeta Phi Beta sorority, which has participated in fund-raisers for groups including the March of Dimes and the

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The third annual Red and Black Affair Extraordinaire is set for March 29.

Annual 'Affair' Raises Scholarship Dollars

California University will showcase the latest spring fashions and raise scholarship dollars for students at the third annual Red and Black Affair Extraordinaire.

The California University Alumni Association will host the sold-out fashion show, gourmet luncheon and charity auction on March 29.

Adults will model the latest trendy clothes from Cache'. Child models will wear the newest styles from Janie and Jack, Gymboree and Crazy 8.

The Red and Black Affair Extraordinaire raised more than \$19,000 last year, which the Alumni Association distributed as student scholarships.

KDKA-TV and Pittsburgh CW traffic and transportation reporter Jim Lokay will emcee the event. Lokay graduated from Cal U in 2002 with a degree in Communication Studies and a focus on radio and television. The East McKeesport native is a fixture on the KDKA-TV morning news, as well as making regular appearances on the station's evening shows.

The Red and Black Affair Extraordinaire will be held in the Performance Center in the Natali Student Union. Numerous vendors will be on hand beginning at 10 a.m. The fashion show and luncheon will begin at 12:30.

For more information, call Tricia Rutherford Stahl at 412-257-8596 or 412-498-1674.



Junior Brooque Williams has been a driving force behind Cal U's excellent 2008-2009 season. Cal U owned a 26-4 record heading into the NCAA tournament.

Women Vie for Regional Title Tonight in Hamer Hall

Tonight in Hamer Hall, California University will host the 2009 NCAA Division II Women's Basketball Atlantic Regional Championship game. Tip-off is at 7 p.m.

The Vulcan women earned the right to host the regional contest after a 26-4 season that culminated with the team's seventh PSAC-West title in eight years and unprecedented ninth consecutive appearance in the PSAC championship game.

Cal U now has tied the conference record by making eight consecutive NCAA tournament appearances.

The Vulcans' first-year head coach is Heather Kearney.

This is the third time since 2003 that Cal U women's basketball has hosted the NCAA event.

The Vulcan women entered the playoffs on Friday hoping to win their fourth Regional title in seven years, continuing the University's tradition of success.

Cal U became the first PSAC team to win the NCAA Division II national crown in 2004, after a Final Four showing in 2003. Both Cal's men's and women's basketball teams won NCAA Regional titles a year ago, and the Vulcan women have compiled a 15-6 NCAA tourney record since 2002.

Eight Regional championship teams will compete at the 2009 NCAA II Elite Eight National Championships in San Antonio, Texas, beginning March 24.

The March 25 national semifinal games, scheduled for 6 and 8:30 p.m.,

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Top Scholars Honored Saturday at Convocation

California University will recognize nearly 1,400 of its best and brightest students at an Honors Convocation 2 p.m. Saturday in Hamer Hall Gymnasium.

Dante Morelli '02, former SAI president and student Trustee, will deliver the honors address. A member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors for the past three years, he currently is a doctoral candidate at Ohio University.

Cal U President Angelo Armenti, Jr. will preside over the Convocation, and Provost Geraldine Jones will introduce the platform party.

The University rewards academic excellence on the part of master's, bachelor's and associate degree-seeking students by honoring Presidential Scholars at this annual event. In addition to meeting other requirements, Presidential Scholars carry a grade-point average of 3.25 or above. Both full- and part-time students are eligible for the award.

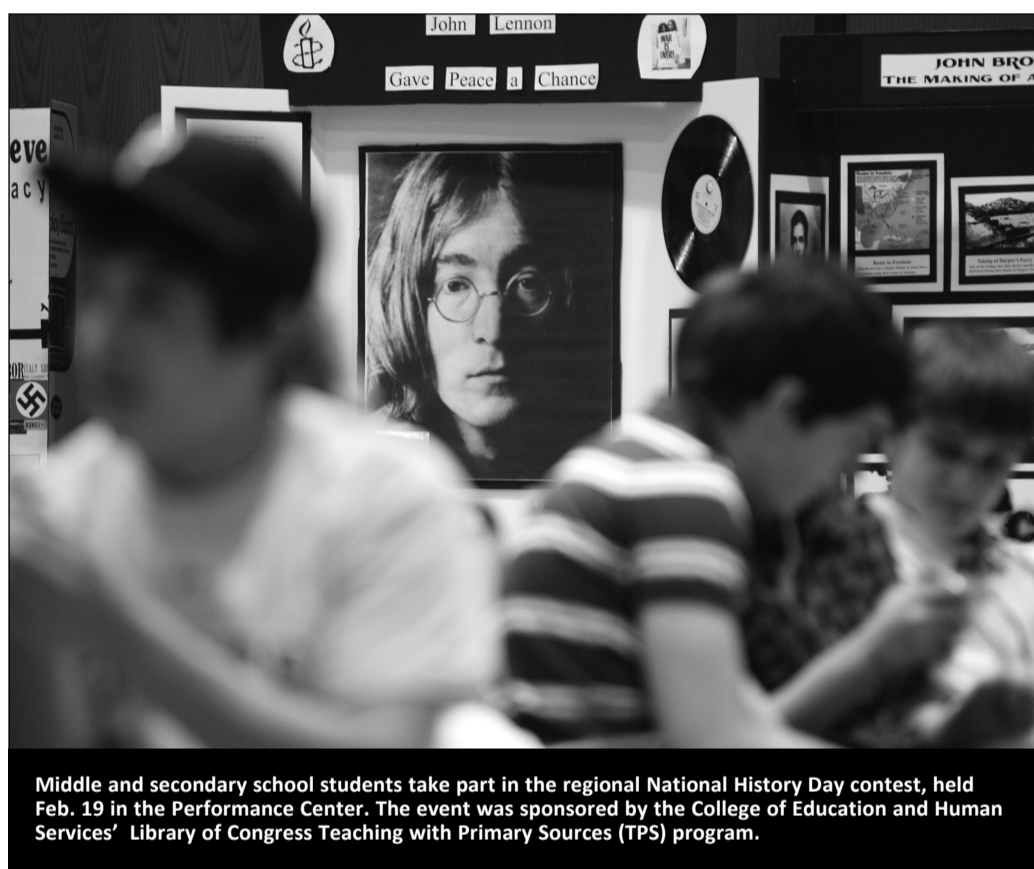
This year's Honors Convocation will recognize 220 students from the College of Graduate Studies and Research, 225 from the College of Liberal Arts, 688 from the College of Education and Human Services, and 248 from the Eberly College of Science and Technology.

A reception for all attendees will be held in the gymnasium immediately after the program.

For more information, contact Jodie Rooney at 724-938-1584 or rooney@cup.edu. Information also is available online at www.cup.edu/academic/hc.



Cal U success story Dante Morelli '02 will deliver the honors address Saturday in Hamer Hall Gymnasium.



Middle and secondary school students take part in the regional National History Day contest, held Feb. 19 in the Performance Center. The event was sponsored by the College of Education and Human Services' Library of Congress Teaching with Primary Sources (TPS) program.

History Day Competition Expands

Students dug deep into history and pre-service teacher served as judges for the second annual Primary Sources History Competition, held Feb. 19 in the Performance Center.

"This local event is a microcosm of the regional competition where approximately 500 students compete," said Danni Hale, coordinator for the regional National History Day contest, dubbed NHD PITT.

"From what I saw, the entries are worthy of consideration at the regional level and all ought to enter."

Some 125 middle and secondary school students competed at Cal U this year, a sharp increase over the 36 eighth-graders who took part in 2008. They represented five schools in four school districts: Belle Vernon Area, Charleroi, Uniontown Area and Ringgold.

The event was sponsored by the College of Education and Human Services' Library of Congress Teaching with Primary Sources (TPS) program, in affiliation with the Department of History and Political Science.

Modeled on the National History Day competition, the Cal U event lets area students compete locally while preparing them for entering the regional competition at the Sen. John Heinz History Center on March 21.

Eight pre-service teachers judged the entries.

"This competition is an example of how the college leverages the TPS resources to reach out to the region's educators and students while enhancing university-level instruction," said Dr. Kevin Koury, acting dean of Cal U's College of Education and Human Services.

Dr. Andrae Marak, chair of Cal U's History and Political Science Department, said the event enhances skills that all students need.

"Historical inquiry is an effective way of developing critical thinking skills among students, and this competition sharpens students' abilities to research, analyze and draw conclusions," Marak said.

Based on the positive feedback from participating teachers and students, TPS director and event coordinator Dr. Michael Brna said he expects the event to grow. Teachers realize that primary source-based instruction is applicable across disciplines at all grade levels, he said.

"Primary source-based instruction has been reported to reinvigorate teachers who seek new instructional methods using topics that interest them," Brna added. "This event gives teachers a platform to experiment with primary source-based instruction.

"The entries produced by students provide direct evidence that both teachers and students understand how to apply primary sources in support of a chosen theme."

Rappers Headline Benefit Concert at Cal U

Tickets on sale now; proceeds benefit Alzheimer's Foundation

Tickets are on sale now for a benefit concert at Cal U featuring award-winning hip-hop artists Fabolous and Yung Joc.

The music begins at 8 p.m. April 3, when TKE Rock for a Cure opens in Hamer Hall Gymnasium.

The concert is presented by Cal U's Student Activities Board and Student Association, Inc. Seventy percent of the proceeds will be donated to the Alzheimer's Foundation.

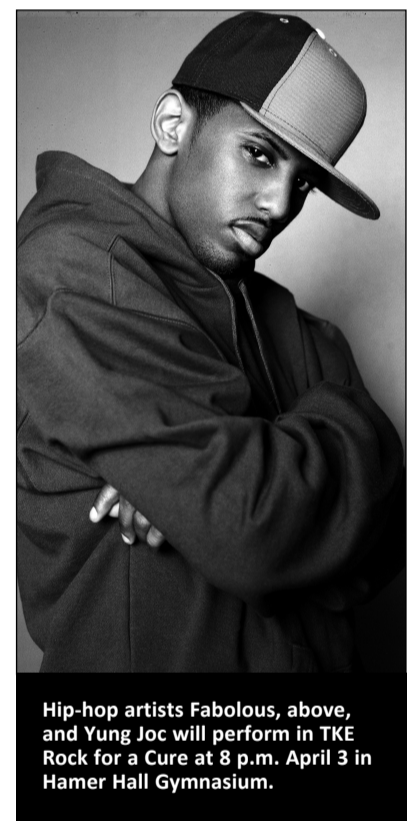
Def Jam Recordings artist John Jackson, a.k.a. Fabolous, was among the first East Coast rappers to be influenced by Southern hip-hop. The Brooklyn-born star has two platinum albums to his credit — *Ghetto Fabolous* (2001) and *Street Dreams* (2003) — and his 2004 recording, *Street Talk*, went gold.

Back on the Def Jam label after stints with both Elektra and Atlantic Recordings, Fabolous recently released his fourth album, *From Nothin' to Somethin'*.

Southern hip-hop sensation Yung Joc is the artist behind "It's Going Down," nominated for a Grammy Award for Best Rap Song in 2007 and winner of a BET award for 2006 Hip-Hop Track of the Year. Born Jasiel Robinson, the Atlanta native also reached No. 17 on the Billboard Top 100 with "I Know You See It" (2006). Both singles are from his debut album, *New Joc City*.

In 2007, Yung Joc released *Hustlenomics* and opened his own record label, Swagg Team Entertainment, managed by Jive Records. A new album, *Mr. Robinson's Neighborhood*, is due out this summer.

Opening the show at Cal U is Armahn, an R&B and hip-hop artist from Pittsburgh who recently recorded his first single, "I Wanna." Born Armahn Tio Ashley, he has performed live in



Hip-hop artists Fabolous, above, and Yung Joc will perform in TKE Rock for a Cure at 8 p.m. April 3 in Hamer Hall Gymnasium.



churches and other venues throughout southwestern Pennsylvania.

Ticket price is \$10 for students with a valid CalCard, \$15 for others. To order tickets, visit <http://california-university-of-pennsylvania.ticketleap.com>.



Through a partnership with Comcast, CUTV programming is available to more than 850,000 homes. Featured in the photo is Matt Korona, a member of the CUTV crew.

'Rover' Flirts, Flaunts Convention

The Department of Theatre and Dance at California University continue its 2009 season with Aphra Behn's "The Rover." Designed for mature audiences, the play is a comedy of intrigue that initially appeared on the stage in 1677.

Its author was England's first female professional playwright.

Curtain time is 8 p.m. March 18-21, with a 2 p.m. matinee also on March 21. All performances are on the Mainstage Theater in Steele Hall.

Directed by Dr. Michael Slavin, chair of Cal U's Department of Theatre and Dance, the Restoration comedy's plot revolves around sexual adventure and seduction.

Despite a society that tries to force women into proper behavior, Behn's female characters are empowered. They use the merriment and masks of Carnival to flirt without dishonoring themselves and to discover the truth about one another.

The show is open to the public. Cost is \$10 for adults, seniors and children; Cal U students with valid CalCards are admitted free.

For ticket information, or to order tickets (with a credit card) by phone, call 724-938-5943.

Education Major Wins Award

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American Heart Association.

Davis also is treasurer on the Student Association Inc. Board of Directors and vice chair of Student Cabinet, which is the governing financial body for clubs and organizations at Cal U. Recently she began working with Ronald McDonald House in Pittsburgh.

"My experiences at Cal have taught me to have an open mind in approaching all of my experiences, both welcoming and promoting diversity in my educational and extracurricular involvement," Davis said. "Without the opportunities and encouragement to be involved by past Honors Program director Dr. Ed Chute, Provost Jones, Dr. Kevin Koury, Dr. Nancy Pinardi and my family, I would probably still be the average college student without the leadership experiences I have gained.

"Winning the award is truly a great honor to me, being a first-generation college student in my family. I have truly made them proud."

Women Vie For Title Tonight

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will be broadcast nationally by ESPNU. The 7 p.m. national championship game on March 27 will be aired live on ESPN2.

Other teams competing in the Atlantic Regional contest represent the District of Columbia, Charleston (W.Va.), Millersville, Gannon, Fayetteville State (N.C.), Indiana (Pa.), and Johnson C. Smith (N.C.) universities.

For thorough coverage of all Vulcan athletics, visit www.calvulcans.com.

Comcast Offers CUTV on Demand

More than 850,000 Comcast customers in four states now are plugged in to California University Television, CUTV.

Recently, the cable company switched CUTV from a shared-band channel reaching approximately 20,000 homes in the mid-Mon Valley to its Video on Demand (VOD) service in the Three Rivers Region, which reaches parts of Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia and Maryland.

Including 24-hour availability on Armstrong Cable (California and Connellsville systems) and Atlantic Broadband (Fayette County and parts of Greene and Washington counties), CUTV is now airing in nearly 1 million homes at no cost to the University.

"In my opinion, what we have now is far better than what we previously had, and we were going to lose the Mon Valley band, anyhow," said J.R. Wheeler, Cal U's assistant dean for Student Services/Media.

"Comcast is really emphasizing Video on Demand, and as busy as society is, to have the option to start and even pause a program whenever you want is marvelous."

So far, CUTV has aired more than 75 different pro-

grams on VOD, including athletic events, news center broadcasts and documentaries. Comcast customers can access CUTV programming by selecting the on-demand button on their remote controls, scrolling to the Your Town category from the menu and then selecting the California University folder.

"It puts everything we do out there," said Wheeler, who recently watched a Vulcans football game while visiting his mother in Beaver Falls. "High school kids who are interested in doing something in a particular career can see it on TV. This helps make Cal a very viable option for them."

Since its inception in 1986, CUTV has won numerous awards. It was named Station of the Year by the National Association of College Broadcasters (NACB) and Best College TV News Broadcast, Eastern Region, by the Society of Professional Journalists. It also has won national Telly Awards for sports, entertainment and magazine programs.

"You can't measure or put a price tag on how CUTV enhances our University," said Bill Edmonds, dean of Admissions. "Everything they put on the air reflects positively on the University or the community."

Faculty, Staff Help Grads Stay in Touch

The California University of Pennsylvania Office of Alumni Relations is looking for faculty and staff who are interested in helping graduates reconnect with their alma mater.

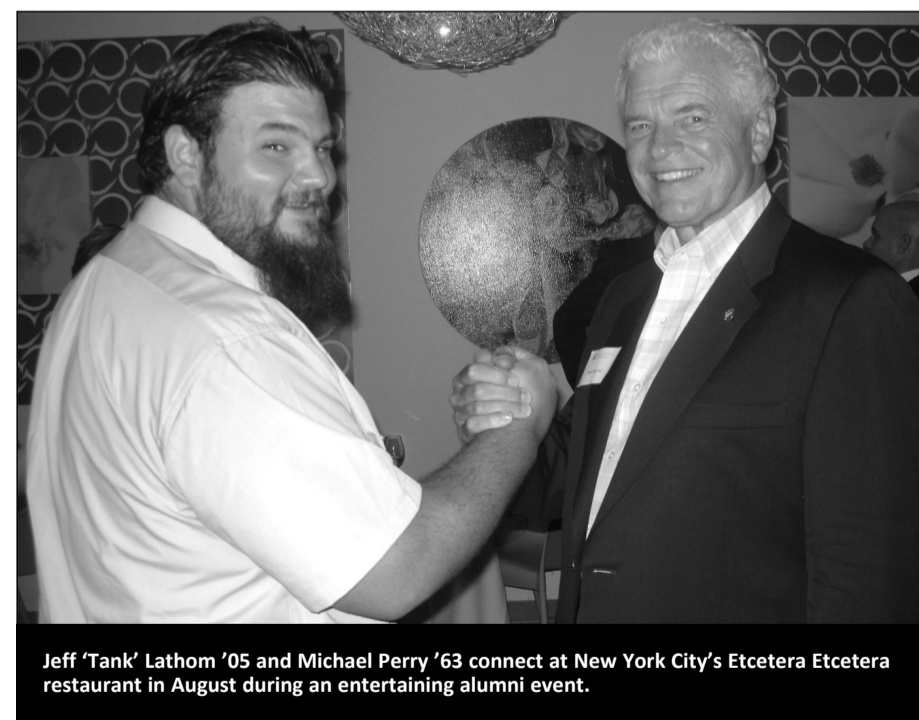
Alumni gatherings at West Chester Country Club in Rye, N.Y., on April 23, at the Titlow Tavern in Uniontown, Pa., and a regional gathering in Tampa, Fla., on May 28 are just some of the many events scheduled this spring.

The Uniontown meeting will mark the 95th anniversary of the first Cal Fayette County Alumni Chapter, which held its first banquet on April 24, 1914.

Leslie Fleenor, assistant director of Alumni Relations, said faculty and staff participation at such events is invaluable.

"The faculty, staff and students greatly enhance any of our events," said Fleenor, a Cal U alumna. "Obviously there are geographical limitations, but our alumni want to know about all the wonderful happenings at Cal U, and there's nothing better than for them to hear about it from those who are experiencing it every day."

Geography isn't the only common thread for alumni groups. The Industrial Arts/Technology Education and the Athletic Training alumni societies



Jeff 'Tank' Lathom '05 and Michael Perry '63 connect at New York City's Etcetera Etcetera restaurant in August during an entertaining alumni event.

conduct very successful annual events, for example.

The trainers group meets in conjunction with the annual National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA) meeting and clinical symposium, which will be held June 17-20 in San Antonio, Texas. This fall, the IA/TE alumni, who hold a reception every Homecoming Eve in Kara Alumni House, will meet

Nov. 5 in Camp Hill, Pa., in conjunction with the 57th annual Technology Education Association of Pennsylvania (TEAP) Conference.

Societies for graduates who are veterans or who participated in band or the campus radio station also are being formed. For more information or to share ideas, contact Fleenor at Ext. 4418 or fleenor_l@cup.edu.

THE CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY FORUM

March 17, 2009
4:00 p.m./LRC Auditorium

TENTATIVE AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

IV. MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 17, 2009

(Approved by e-mail ballot – refer to Forum website or Public Folders in Outlook)

V. MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(Informational Only – Minutes of March 10, 2009)

VI. PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

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Strategic Plan – Draft Three (Informational Only)

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Next FORUM Meeting April 21, 2009

XI. ADJOURNMENT

THE CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY FORUM

February 17, 2009 / 4:00 p.m., LRC Auditorium

MINUTES

The California University Forum met in regular session Tuesday, February 17, 2009, in the LRC Auditorium. Presiding Officer Hoover called the meeting order at 4:05 p.m.

The following senators were in attendance:
Ms. Cinthia Arcuri
Dr. Mohamed Benbourenane
Dr. Jane Bonari
Dr. Leonard Colelli
Ms. Sharon Elkettani

Ms. Fran Fayish
Ms. Rebecca Giles
Dr. Allan Golden
Dr. Joyce Hanley
Mr. Ryan Jerico
Dr. Chad Kauffman
Mr. Josh Mrosko
Dr. John Nass
Ms. Rebecca Nichols
Mr. Paul Sible
Mrs. Jenifer Sigado
Dr. Tom Wickham
Dr. Brian Wood

The following were also in attendance:
Mr. Douglas Hoover,
Presiding Officer

Mr. Loring Prest,
Parliamentarian
Mrs. Dana Turcic,
Recording Secretary

The following senators were absent:
Dr. Lenora Angelone
Dr. Angelo Armenti, Jr.
Mr. Rick Bertagnolli
Dr. Bill Biddington
Ms. Ashley Briggs
Ms. Angela Burrows
Ms. Diane Dever
Ms. Kay Dorrance
Dr. Arcides Gonzalez
Ms. Mercedes Himmons
Ms. Geraldine Jones

Mr. Keith Kappel
Dr. Kevin Koury
Ms. Adraine Lewis
Mr. Donald Marszalek
Dr. Nancy Pinardi
Dr. Susan Ryan
Ms. Christine Schlieper
Ms. Marguerite Smith
Dr. Linda Toth
Dr. Jacqueline Walsh
Mr. Matthew Weiss

Due to the lack of a quorum of Forum senators, Presiding Officer Hoover adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

Attention University Community!

Call for Student Nominations to Standing Committees to the California University Forum

The California University Forum has announced a call for the nomination of students for the University Forum standing committees. The Forum is the University's shared governance system, which enhances the communication between and among all segments of the University. The University Forum consists of administrators, faculty, staff, students and alumni, all of

whom have a voice in the university's future. **Alumni, faculty, staff, students, or community members may nominate any student of California University to serve. Self-nominations are permitted.** The numbers of student seats available on the committees are as follows:

Athletic Advisory (3)
Budget (2)
Communication (3)
Core Values (3)
Planning & Priorities (3)
Safety and Social Equity (3)
Student Life (7)
Technology (3)

The committees meet

periodically to tackle certain issues and make recommendations to the full Forum. For further information and details of the committees visit the Forum website at www.cup.edu/forum.

The Forum Executive Committee will make the final decision on appointees to the various standing committees. The nominees will be contacted to confirm acceptance of their appointment.

The nomination form is available via the Public Folders (Campus-Wide Resources/University

Forum) on the university's Microsoft Exchange Server. (For detailed instructions, contact the Computing Systems Helpdesk at campus extension 5911.) All nominations must be submitted to the Forum Office by **Friday, March 27, 2009.**

For more information contact Mrs. Dana Turcic, Forum Recording Secretary at 724-938-1633 or via email at CalForum@cup.edu or turcic@cup.edu. You may also write her at University Forum Office, 250 University Avenue, California, PA 15419.



Commencement Videos Online

Sharon Fedorski waves to family and friends during the 2008 Winter Commencement. Full-length, captioned videos of December's undergraduate and graduate Commencement ceremonies now are available online at www.cup.edu/commencements. The videos include remarks by University President Dr. Angelo Armenti, Jr.; Thomas Crumrine, who addressed master's degree recipients on Dec. 12; and Michael J. Napolitano, who spoke to bachelor's degree candidates Dec. 13. Also included are remarks by Ivan and Adelaide Guesman, lifelong educators who received honorary doctorates — and shared a song — at the undergraduate ceremonies.

Posters Will Showcase Service Projects

The Service and Service Learning Committee is seeking entries for its annual poster session. Registration deadline is April 1, and posters will be displayed from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 15 in the Performance Center.

Campus groups, classes, individual students, professors and staff members who serve the community are eligible to enter posters highlighting their volunteer efforts.

Examples of projects include tutoring children, helping the elderly, collecting clothes for the homeless, cleaning up the community, or assisting others with computer problems, business questions or language skills.

Service and service learning involves helping others, while learning from those others at the same time. Usually, those offering the service reflect upon their involvement so they can discover what they have learned from the experience.

The poster session is part of Academic Excellence Days, sponsored by the Faculty Professional Development Committee. Participants will receive a certificate.

For more information, or to register, contact Dr. Ralph Belsterling at belsterling@cup.edu or 724 938-4385.

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