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Mission Day, Security Conference This Week

his week's calendar includes two annual events that showcase the broad range of ideas being explored by Cal U's students, faculty and staff. The campus community is invited to attend Mission Day XIV and the sixth annual Conference on Homeland and International Security.

Mission Day

On Wednesday, Mission Day XIV, the campus community will ponder Cal U's core mission in a time of change and begin to envision a new strategic plan for the University.

Registration for Mission Day begins at 8 a.m. in Steele Hall Mainstage Theatre.

A Cal U tradition since 1998, Mission Day allows all members of the University community to engage in dialogue, share ideas and voice recommendations as equals. Daytime classes will be canceled so all members of the campus community can participate.

After opening remarks by Acting President Geraldine M. Jones, there will be three presentations before the breakout sessions:

- Dr. William Edmonds, Cal U's dean of admissions, will discuss undergraduate enrollment.
- Dr. Daniel Engstrom, associate provost/associate vice president of Student Retention and Success, will describe the student success program.
 - Dr. Caryl Sheffield and Dr. Stephen

Whitehead, interim associate provosts/associate vice presidents of Academic Affairs, will make the final morning presentation.

The conversation already has begun on Twitter, the popular social media site. To take part, follow @CalUofPA and use the #calumday hashtag to share your thoughts

Registration for Mission Day XIV is ongoing. Check the Cal U website, www.calu.edu, for a link to the registration page, or visit www.calu.edu/events/mission-day/index.htm. The website includes recommendations from last year's Mission Day.

Homeland Security Conference

Cal U's sixth annual Conference on Homeland and International Security will take place from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday in the Performance Center.

This year's topic is "Managing the Disaster."

Glenn M. Cannon, director of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, will deliver the keynote address. He will discuss state-level emergency management plans and resources from 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Additional presenters are:

- Dr. Raymond Hsieh, associate professor in Cal U's Department of Justice, Law and Society.
- Dr. Rick Periandi, director of Security at the Reading (Pa.) Hospital and



Dr. Raymond Hsieh, associate professor in Cal U's Department of Justice, Law and Society, is one of the presenters at the sixth annual Conference on Homeland and International Security.

Medical Society.

- Dr. Karl Williams, chief medical examiner for Allegheny County.
- Kevin Angelilli, a retired police chief, author and public safety diving expert.

The conference is sponsored by the Department of Justice, Law and Society at Cal U. Cost is \$35 per person; fee includes lunch.

To register as an individual, send a check for \$35 payable to "Foundation for California University" (include "JLS" in the memo line). Mail checks to Dr. Emily

Sweitzer, Security Conference Co-Chair, California University of Pennsylvania, Department of Justice, Law and Society, P.O. Box 30, California, PA 15419.

Registration information for groups and corporations is online at www.calu.edu; look for the event in the "News" or "Events" carousel on the homepage.

For more information, contact Dr. Emily Sweitzer at 724-938-4438 or sweitzer@calu.edu, or Dr. Michael Hummel at 724-938-6043 or hummel@calu.edu.

Young Teens Thriving in Cal U Classes

t age 13, Louden Conte is certainly ahead of his time.

He's a Pennsylvania Cyber Charter School student, but he's also taking two courses at Cal U this semester through the High School Early Admit program. Five days a week, the son of Cal U's head baseball coach, Mike Conte, walks or rides his bike to campus from his home in California Borough.

Isaiah Engstrom, 15, also has Cal U credits on his transcript.

He's the son of Dr. Daniel Engstrom, associate

provost/associate vice president for student retention. A sophomore at Belle Vernon Area High School, he earned an A last summer in Cal U's online Introduction to Psychology course, taught by Dr. Rebecca Regeth.

"The Early Admit program is an opportunity for students to take college-level courses while they're still in high school," explained Dr. William Edmonds, Cal U's dean of undergraduate admissions.

Six Early Admit students currently are enrolled at Cal U.

"Sometimes they can get credits in high school while

also earning college credit. And in some cases they can take a college-level course in a subject that may not be available at the high school level," Edmonds said.

This semester Louden is taking Current Issues in Health, taught by Dr. Chris Harmon, and a U.S. history course taught by Dr. Clarissa Confer. Last spring he audited Dr. Laura Miller's Sport Psychology course.

"My teachers are great, and I feel like just another college student, because (my classmates) all are nice to me," Louden says. "They didn't even realize I was 13

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Ghost Hunter on Campus

Paranormal investigator Chris Fleming will lecture and then conduct a ghost hunt from 7-9 p.m. Oct. 29 at the SAI Farmhouse. See story on page 2.

Diversity Month Continues

al U continues its celebration of Diversity Awareness Month with an appearance by the star of the MTV docu-series *Chelsea Settles* at 11 a.m. Thursday in the Performance Center.

The MTV hit chronicled the ups and downs of Chelsea Settles's life as the new graduate left home to live in Los Angeles.

Diversity Month programming concludes with "All the Real Heroes," a talk by Regis Bobonis Sr., founder of the Tuskegee Airmen Memorial of Greater Pittsburgh Inc., at 11 a.m. Nov. 1 in Steele Hall Mainstage Theatre.

The Tuskegee Airmen were the first African-American military aviators in the U.S. armed forces. In conjunction with this event, Cal U's Student Activities Board will be airing the film *The Tuskegee Airmen*, starring Laurence Fishburne, at various times throughout the month.

Both events are free and open to the public. The entire Cal U community is invited to attend.

The Black Student Union, Student Government, the Office of Veterans Affairs, the Hispanic Student Association, the Rainbow Alliance and the Office of Multicultural Student Programs sponsor Cal U's Diversity Awareness Month programming. For more information, visit www.calu.edu.





It's Magic!

Nate Staniforth brought his multimedia magic show to the Convocation Center on Oct. 9. Before his performance he met with Cal U students in the Natali Student Center and is shown above mystifying Marcus Moroney and Carrie Campbell. During his show the magician actively engaged the audience, including student Alec Barrelet, a member of the Homecoming Court.

Investigator to Speak, Lead Ghost Hunt

al U gets into the Halloween spirit with a lecture and "ghost hunt" led by paranormal investigator Chris Fleming from 7-9 p.m. on Oct. 29 at the SAI Farmhouse.

Fleming has been investigating ghosts and other paranormal phenomena for more than 37 years. He recently appeared on A&E's "Psychic Kids," the Travel Channel's "Ghost Adventures Live" and SyFy's "Ghost Hunters."

Fleming co-hosted the international

television show "Dead Famous: Ghostly Encounters" that ran three seasons on the BIO channel in the United States and on Living TV in Europe. He has appeared on radio and TV shows including "Coast to Coast AM," "Larry King Live," "Inside Edition," "Showbiz Tonight" and Fox

His passionate style of investigating has helped to open the doors for psychics and mediums to investigate side by side with paranormal investigators while using scientific equipment to support and verify their claims.

The program is sponsored by SABUG, the Student Activities Board/Underground.

Admission to Fleming's ghost lecture and ghost hunt is free, and the public may attend. The SAI Farmhouse is located on Cal U's south campus, about a mile from the main campus.

For more information, e-mail Melissa Dunn at dunn@calu.edu .

Light Box Therapy Returns

fter a successful start last spring, Cal U's Wellness Center is again offering light box therapy. The program began this month and runs through Dec. 7.

Designed for students with symptoms of depression known as Seasonal Affective Disorder, or SAD, the program consists of behavioral therapy in combination with bright light from a specially designed, cool-to-the-touch device. The light box delivers therapeutic levels of white light while screening out harmful ultraviolet rays. Used for just minutes each day over a period of several weeks, it has been shown to relieve SAD symptoms in many patients.

To participate, a student must agree to visit the Wellness Center for 30- to 45-minute appointments Mondays through Fridays for two to four weeks.

"This program offers students who suffer with depression an opportunity to try a non-pharmacological strategy and determine whether it might be effective for their personal, at-home use," said Dr. Mary Ann Salotti, a licensed psychologist at the Wellness Center.

According to the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, 35 million Americans suffer from SAD each year. Symptoms often arise between ages 18 and 30.

A student who visits the Wellness Center can meet with a staff member to schedule a clinical interview with a Counseling Center therapist. If light box therapy is deemed appropriate, the student will sign a consent form and complete depression inventories at the beginning and end of the therapy.

"This value-added service is intended to introduce students to a treatment that incorporates technology while improving the quality of a therapy response," she said. "Ultimately, an effective therapy for depression improves students' functioning, which directly relates to successful completion of academic goals."

The center expects to offer the light box therapy program again in February. To schedule an informational appointment, contact Dr. Mary Ann Salotti at 724-938-4056.

Writing Center Helps Students Express Thanks

s part of *Cal U for Life* Awareness Week, the Cal U Writing Center helped 87 University scholarship recipients write personalized thank-you letters to the generous donors who funded their scholarships.

The students drafted their letters on scrap paper and shared their ideas about thanking their donors. Each student then produced a handwritten final copy on *Cal U For Life* letterhead that will be sent to the appropriate scholarship donor.

The Appreciation Week sessions took place Oct. 3-4 in the Kara Alumni House. Writing Center tutors Jess DuBois, Britny Trainer, Lindsey Stalnaker and Ryan Fisher assisted.

In addition to helping scholarship recipients show their gratitude, the event also pointed out the advantages of utilizing the Writing Center.

Located in Noss Hall, Room 110, the Writing Center provides free face-to-face and online writing assistance to all Cal U students, no matter their major.

"We are always looking for



Dr. Kurt Kearcher, director of the Cal U Writing Center, reviews thank-you letters with scholarship recipients Deidra DeMoss (left) and Danielle Santoriello.

opportunities to work with student writers on campus, whether it is in the Cal U Writing Center, online, or at events like this," said Dr. Kurt Kearcher, director of the Writing Center and an associate

professor of English.

"We want students to know that the Cal U Writing Center staff is available to assist them by providing feedback and resources related to their writing projects. We hope students at this event found our suggestions helpful and will think of us when they have writing questions in the future"

Lynn Baron, director of donor relations and stewardship, offered opening remarks before each session.

"Dr. Kearcher and his staff did an excellent job teaching our students real-life writing skills," she said. "This opened the door for us to connect our scholarship recipients with the Writing Center, which is certainly another great Cal U campus resource."

Cal U for Life graduate assistant Autumn Harris helped to coordinate Awareness Week activities.

They included "Make A Difference Day" on Oct. 6, sponsored by the Center for Civic Engagement, when students performed service projects in the community.

"We hope the week of awareness results in appreciation of our traditions and everything we should be grateful for," Harris said.



Campaign Items on Display

o promote student interest in the presidential election, a Cal U graduate's collection of political memorabilia is on display at the first floor of Manderino Library through Election Day, Nov. 6.

The political artifacts are from the collection of longtime Mon Valley educator and journalist Stephen V. Russell '70, who retired in June as the superintendent of Belle Vernon Area School District after a 42-year career in education.

The display includes political buttons and other campaign items from both this year's contest and past presidential campaigns.

This is not the first time that Russell has curated such a display. He also exhibited campaign materials during his undergraduate days at Cal U, displaying items during the 1968 election season in the former J. Albert Reid Library.

Former President John F. Kennedy inspired his political interest in 1959, Russell

recalled, and he believes the right to vote is at the very heart of the Great Republic.

"As an educator, it is most important to help students realize the importance of voting. A free society cannot long remain free with a disinterested electorate," Russell said

"The only office in the United States that all citizens vote is for the President, and in this year of 2012 we again have the quadrennial opportunity through our vote to chart the nation's course, along with fulfilling our obligation as citizens."

The display was brought to Cal U with assistance from political science professor Dr. Melanie Blumberg, director of the American Democracy Project at Cal U, and former ADP intern Tamara Alkhattar '12.

The exhibit is on display during operating hours at Manderino Library: 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Fridays, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturdays and noon-8 p.m. Sundays.

Early Admit Program Allows Teens to Thrive at Cal U

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until I said so on the first day."

Louden attends school year-round, taking two high school classes online and two self-paced classes each semester. The idea of taking college courses piqued his interest after he audited Sport Psychology, which he finished with a grade of 84 percent.

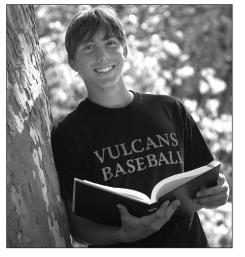
"That class was very interesting, and I wanted harder work than the high school classes," he said.

Louden said this semester's health class piggybacks on what he learned in Sport Psychology, and he enjoys answering questions about the Age of Exploration in the history course. He's made a successful start, scoring 99 on his first tests in both courses.

"He's a great guy, very mature, and I think he's an interesting role model for the other college students and certainly for other high school students," Confer said

"Louden is very respectful, enthusiastic, friendly, and he never misses class. He sits right in front and is willing to participate. It's fun to have him. I'd be perfectly happy to have a classroom full of Loudens."

In addition to keeping up with his



schoolwork, Louden trains regularly — he's a shortstop with the Pittsburgh Diamond Dawgs Elite Travel Baseball Team. An avid reader, he also enjoys playing with his younger brother, Payton.

Loudon has long been comfortable on campus. He has been using Manderino Library since he was 8 years old, and he completed CPR courses at Cal U.

"I am proud of his ambition and quest for knowledge, but it's important that Louden understands that a strong work ethic and sense of humility will allow him to achieve the things he wants," Conte said. "My goal is to continue to challenge him and utilize a fantastic university that



Louden Conte (left) and Isaiah Engstrom are taking classes at Cal U through the High School Early Admit program.

is right in our backyard."

Louden's family ties to the University run deep. His dad earned his master's degree at Cal U, and he's been coaching the Vulcan baseball team for 17 years. Louden's grandfather, Dr. Don Conte, is an emeritus professor of earth science, and his maternal grandmother, Sue Shashura, is a retired SAI employee. The family list of Cal U alumni is extensive.

"I think Cal is a great campus," he said. "My dad's been working here longer than I've been alive, so I've been spending time down here since I was born.

"I am learning so much more this way, and it's a head start on life, I

suppose.'

Isaiah says he enjoyed the psychology course he took last summer — his first college-level class.

"I like to figure out what and why people think the way they do, and I hope to take more psychology courses this January or this summer," he said. "I really learned a lot."

Isaiah also is a baseball player, and the flexibility of the online college course enabled him to participate in a one-week church camp last summer, he said.

"I actually was able to work ahead before I went away, which worked out well. Taking that class, and hopefully others, gets me set, because I understand how hard the college courses are going to be."

Edmonds said both boys have the right attitude, and he expects them to continue to do well.

"I am very confident in their maturity and academic performance," he said.

To be eligible for the High School Early Admit program, a student must have completed his or her sophomore year, be enrolled in a college preparatory curriculum and have maintained a cumulative grade-point average of 3.00 or higher for the past two years. For more information, visit www.calu.edu and click on 'Apply Now.'

Campus BRIEFS

Final Presidential 'Debate Watch' Tonight

Cal U's participation in Debate Watch concludes at 9 p.m. tonight, with the third presidential debate of the 2012 election season. The political face-off will be shown in Eberly Hall, Room 110.

After the televised debate, Dr. Gwendolyn Perry-Burney and student Charles Gilliam-Brownlee will serve as Debate Watch facilitators, leading a discussion of the candidates' performance and grasp of the issues.

Debate Watch is a nationwide program held under the auspices of the Commission on Presidential Debates. The University's "watch parties" are sponsored by the American Democracy Project at Cal U.

Admission is free, and the public may attend. Visitor parking is available in Vulcan Garage, off Third Street near the campus entrance.

Scholarship Recognition Dinner Thursday

The 16th annual Scholarship Recognition Dinner will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday in the Convocation Center.

This invitation-only event gives donors who have created privately funded scholarships through The Foundation for California University an opportunity to meet the students whose lives have been changed through their generosity.

Both students and scholarship donors are reminded that the event begins promptly at 6 p.m.

To learn more about giving opportunities, call 724-938-5775.



In the Spirit of Jennie Carter

Author, educator and youth pastor Brian Johnson '94, '96 (third from left) joins Acting President Geraldine M. Jones and Kay and William Carter outside the Kara Alumni House on Oct. 9, celebrated annually as Jennie Carter Day at Cal U. Johnson accepted the University's fourth annual Jennie Carter Leadership Award, which honors California's first African-American graduate, Elizabeth 'Jennie' Adams Carter, Class of 1881. William Carter is a direct descendant of Jennie Carter, whose birthday was Oct. 9. In accepting the award, Johnson spoke with great fondness of Cal U and the many individuals who offered guidance and support during his time as a student. Today, Johnson is a faculty member in the Department of Developmental Instruction at Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania, where he also is the director of the Frederick Douglass Institute for Academic Excellence.

Great Scott! Roundball Star in Hall of Fame

Editor's Note: Cal U held its 18th annual Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet Oct. 12 at the Performance Center in the Natali Student Center. The Journal is profiling each of the 2012 Hall of Fame inductees; this profile concludes the series.

consistent, effective forward for the men's basketball team from 1993-1997, Derrick Scott is among the 2012 honorees inducted into the Cal U Athletic Hall of Fame.

Scott still ranks sixth in overall scoring and third in rebounding at Cal U. He finished his career with 1,661 total points and 808 career rebounds, while shooting over 60 percent from the floor.

Scott is the third Vulcan men's basketball player from his era to receive the University's highest athletic honor, joining teammates Chad Scott and Candice Pickens in the Hall of Fame.

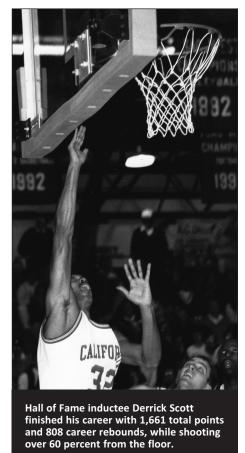
"Wow, this is an awesome feeling," Scott said. "I am extremely happy. Ever since I was told about this, I haven't stopped thinking about it."

The first inside player off the bench during his freshman year, Scott averaged nearly 10 points and five rebounds per game while shooting over 61 percent from the floor.

The 1993-1994 team compiled a 25-5 overall record, won the program's second Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference title in three years, and advanced to the NCAA Division II East Regional finals. Scott was named to the regional all-tournament team.

He led the Vulcans in scoring during his sophomore year, when he averaged 17.1 points per game. At the time, his 512-point total was the 15 best single-season scoring output in school history.

Scott also averaged 7.3 rebounds a game and made 118 foul shots that year. Cal U won 23 games and advanced to the



PSAC and NCAA regional championship

As a junior, Scott averaged 15 points and a career-high eight rebounds per game, with 40 blocks. Cal U's 1995-1996 team made the program's second appearance in the NCAA II Final Four, ending the season with a 27-6 overall record.

"We accomplished a lot that year and worked extremely hard," he said. "After missing the Elite Eight by one game for two straight years, we were determined to go farther, and we did."

After winning the PSAC-West title with an 11-1 record, Cal U won three consecutive conference playoff games,

including an 86-84 home win over IUP in the title game.

Scott made his first 12 shots in that game and finished with 25 points and seven rebounds. That marked the Vulcans' third PSAC crown in five years.

Cal U avenged previous NCAA tournament losses to IUP by overcoming a 14-point deficit and chalking up a 10-point home win against their rivals in the regional title game.

"We had some great battles with IUP, and it was our turn to come out on top that season," Scott said.

At the NCAA Elite Eight Tournament, the Vulcans stunned fourthranked Alabama A&M in the national quarterfinals, 96-86, as Scott produced a 14-point, eight-rebound effort.

Scott believes a turning point for the Alabama A&M game actually took place the night before, at the tournament dinner, which all eight teams attended. Each of the competing head coaches made remarks.

"We got our ammunition or motivation there," said Scott.

"(Alabama's) coach already seemed be looking ahead to the Final Four. Even before the game they came out of the lockerroom with their chants, acting like they had already won the game. So we were driven, and we played even harder."

Over Scott's first three seasons, the Vulcans compiled a 75-18 cumulative record and a 31-5 PSAC-West mark.

Scott earned all-conference honors for the third consecutive season in 1996-1997, when the Vulcans reached the PSAC Final Four for a sixth straight season. He played for former head coach Jim Boone and current head coach Bill Brown.

"Coach Boone was like a basketball guru and taught me a lot of the game," said Scott. "He really broke the game down, to where we knew what the other teams were running before they called out their plays. We just knew what to do and where to be."

Boone, a 2005 Cal U Hall of Fame inductee, now is the head coach at Delta State University.

"Derrick was an absolute pleasure to coach," he said. "It was so rewarding to watch him grow as a player and as a person. He is absolutely one of the best inside players ever to play during my time (at Cal U). I am so pleased to see him receive this type of recognition."

Scott was named MVP of the first Alumni Basketball Game, held in 2000. He led the black jerseys to a 111-94 victory by scoring 19 points and pulling down 12 rebounds. Scott played his final season under Brown, who initiated the Basketball Alumni Day tradition.

"The Alumni Basketball Day is a lot of fun," Scott said. "Whenever I am able to come back, Coach Brown always welcomes me with open arms. He makes it a pleasure every time, which is something I really appreciate."

Scott earned his bachelor's degree in Parks and Recreation Management in 1997. He credited emeritus professor Dr. Anthony McGrew for supporting him during his undergraduate years.

McGrew still serves as an academic adviser to the Vulcan student-athletes.

Scott is a graduate of his hometown Duquesne High School, where he was the MVP of the Dukes' 1991-1992 WPIAL and PIAA Class A championship team.

He averaged 20.3 points and 15.2 rebounds per game that season and finished his scholastic career with 1,406 points and 1,215 rebounds.

Today, Scott works for Direct Professional Support Staff, based in Elizabeth, Pa. He lives in Monroeville with his wife, Pramaine, and two daughters, Taylor and Kaitlyn.

Kickball for a Cause

ith needy children in mind, dozens of Cal U students are getting ready to head back to the playground.

Many Cal U students have registered to play in a kickball tournament from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday on the Cal U softball, baseball and intramural fields at Roadman Park.

The two-day tournament is open to teams of 10 to 15 players, ages 16 or older. Players pay \$3 each to participate, with proceeds supporting the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption.

The community event will include a variety of games and activities, including crafts and tours of a helicopter, fire truck, ambulance and police vehicle. Refreshments will be sold, and students will collect donations from businesses and individual donors.

Cal U's Center for Civic Engagement has organized the tournament with assistance from Recreational Services, Housing and Residence Life, the Women's Center, and Fraternity and Sorority Life.

Now in its 21st year, the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption finds homes for children in foster care who are waiting to be adopted. Donations provide educational resources, promote awareness, assist policymakers and employers, and support adoption professionals and agencies throughout the United States and Canada.

"This tournament will not only benefit the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption but it will also provide students and community members an opportunity to join together to support a common purpose and raise awareness for adoption," said Diane Williams, director of the Center for Civic Engagement.

For more information contact Diane Williams at Williams_d@calu.edu or call 724-938-4794



Cal U Homecoming Hockey

Cal U student Alexis Shaw gets an autograph and photograph from Penguins defenseman Ben Lovejoy at the inaugural Cal U Homecoming Hockey Series on Oct. 10 at the Rostraver Ice Garden. All three Vulcan hockey teams were victorious that night. Also signing autographs for the enthusiastic crowd was Penguins forward Chris Kunitz.

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