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Commencement Set for Dec. 14-15

The first graduates from Cal U's online doctoral program in health science and exercise leadership will receive their degrees at 7 p.m. Dec. 14 as the University holds its Winter Commencement ceremonies at the Convocation Center.

Alumnus Timothy P. Camus '84, retired deputy inspector general for investigations with the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration in Washington, D.C., will address graduate and undergraduate students at the University's 187th Commencement.

In addition to the Doctor of Health Science graduates, master's degree candidates will receive their diplomas and be vested in their academic hoods at the Dec. 14 ceremony.

Undergraduate Commencement begins at 10 a.m. Dec. 15. Both ceremonies will be held in the Convocation Center arena.

More than 1,100 students are expected to graduate, including those who choose not to attend Commencement.

University President Geraldine M. Jones will confer the degrees and greet each graduate. Families and friends are welcome to attend.

Cal U's 187th Commencement recognizes students who completed their studies in August and December 2018.

Both ceremonies can be viewed live online at calu.edu/news. For more information, visit calu.edu/events/commencement.

The Doctor of Health Science and Exercise Leadership students will make

research presentations from 9:30-11 a.m. Dec. 14 and poster presentations from 11:15-noon on Dec. 14 in Kara Alumni House.

The research and poster presentations are open to the public, particularly those who will be receiving their master's degrees in exercise science on Dec. 14. Those who cannot attend the presentations in person may view them live at <https://calu.zoom.us/j/104173671>.

About the speaker

Timothy P. Camus '84 served in the U.S. Department of the Treasury for 32 years, including six years as an IRS revenue officer and 26 years as a special agent in the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration.



Timothy P. Camus

He was named deputy inspector general for investigations in 2011. In that role, Camus was responsible for leading and supervising all aspects of the agency's law enforcement mission.

During his law enforcement career, he investigated domestic terrorism groups, death threats made against public officials, bribery, extortion and other aspects of internal corruption and white-collar crime involving the IRS.

Camus was promoted into the Senior Executive Service (SES) in 2003. Prior to his appointment as deputy inspector general, he held a variety of executive management and supervisory special agent positions, as well as serving as the investigations subcommittee chair for the

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President Geraldine M. Jones, Tom Rutledge and Karen Rutledge look over plans for the Rutledge Institute. The facility will be dedicated on Dec. 10.

Rutledge Preschool to be Dedicated

Cal U will dedicate the new home of the Rutledge Institute preschool program at a child-friendly ceremony from 11 a.m.-noon Dec. 10 in Morgan Hall. The entire campus community is invited to attend.

The preschool is a key component of the Karen and Tom Rutledge Institute for Early Childhood Education, a center for educational excellence based at Cal U.

Funded through a generous gift from Karen and Tom '77 Rutledge, of Greenwich, Conn., the institute brings teachers from The Village, a nationally accredited childhood education center, to campus to provide high-quality preschool education to eligible children ages 3-5.

"We have stayed true to Mrs. Rutledge's vision of providing pre-K education for children who otherwise might not have that opportunity," said Cherie Sears, president of The Village and the preschool program's director.

The institute also offers exceptional learning opportunities and full tuition scholarships for future teachers enrolled at Cal U as Rutledge Institute Scholars.

Since it opened this fall, the institute's preschool program has been housed elsewhere in Morgan Hall while Cal U employees completed extensive renovations.

The children kept an eye on their progress, Sears said. As the work wrapped up, a group of little ones even stopped by to say thank you to the workers.

"Our employees are very invested in this project, because they know it's for little kids," said Robert Thorn, vice president for Administration and Finance. "They always take pride in their work, but this project was special."

The preschool has two bright, roomy classrooms equipped with wood furniture manufactured locally by the

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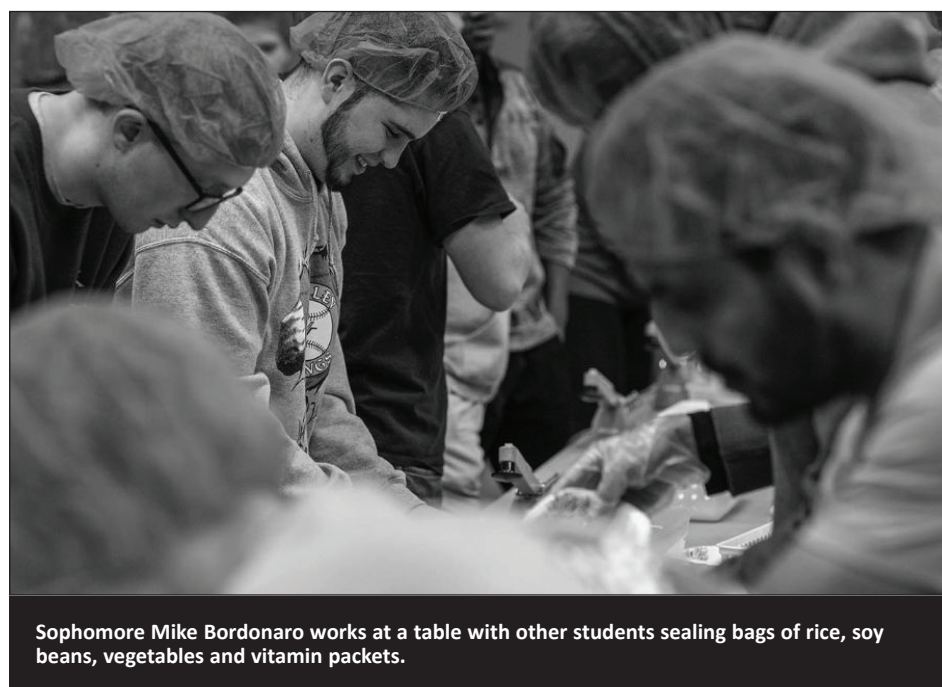
Students Give Back at Rise Against Hunger

Standing in front of tables full of rice, soy beans, vegetables and vitamin packets, 70 student volunteers at Cal U donned hair nets and rolled up their sleeves for a project to help end world hunger.

The students packed 10,000 meal boxes in two hours last month for Rise Against Hunger, an international relief organization. It's the third time the event has been held at Cal U and the first time the Student Government Association provided funding for the outreach.

"This is a wonderful event, and students requested that we do it again," said Diane Hasbrouck, director of the Center for Volunteer Programs and Service Learning at Cal U. "Our students understand that hunger is a global crisis as well as a local one and are passionate about helping where they can."

The event was part of the annual Hunger and Homelessness Week at Cal U, a weeklong series of programming related to the two issues



Sophomore Mike Bordonaro works at a table with other students sealing bags of rice, soy beans, vegetables and vitamin packets.

and volunteer opportunities for students to pitch in to make a difference.

Students pitched in close to campus at locations such as the Center in the

Woods, California Food Pantry and the Liberty Tower Food Pantry.

"We've been doing Hunger and Homelessness Week during the week

before Thanksgiving since 2013," Hasbrouck said. "Students look forward to helping out."

Natalie Reichard, a criminal justice major who is active with the Gamma Sigma Sigma service sorority, was one of the 70 students doing their part at Rise Against Hunger.

"This is my third time with this event," she said. "It's a great opportunity for students to participate. Sometimes we don't realize the actual level of hunger that people experience. It's very eye-opening."

"It's simple and easy and has a tremendous impact," added Amanda Andrews, an education major.

Alan Ninan, a sociology major at Cal U, is an event support specialist for Rise Against Hunger and a Student Government representative.

"The ability to end world hunger by 2030 starts here," he told the student volunteers. "Thanks for taking two hours out of your busy schedules. Cal U cares and has a heart for the community."

Day Highlights Scholarship and Creativity

How beneficial is a compound found in foods like broccoli, kale and brussels sprouts?

Senior Aryn Hess delved into the science of the compound, sulforaphane, for a research poster that she presented Nov. 29 at the Student Scholarship and Creativity Day at the Convocation Center.

She was one of the students who presented posters that summarized their work at the event, which was sponsored by Cal U's Center for Undergraduate Research. The center also sponsors the spring Strike-A-Spark undergraduate research conference, which will be held April 24.

Hess was interested in determining if sulforaphane extractions from kale contain antibacterial, antifungal and anti-parasitic properties.

She began this project last spring but repeated the work using a different extraction method.

"Many plants such as cabbage, kale or broccoli have anti-cancer agents. The foods are not only beneficial to your good health, but also these agents are used in Synthetic Drugs to combat cancer," Hess said. "I want to see how plants affect people's overall health."

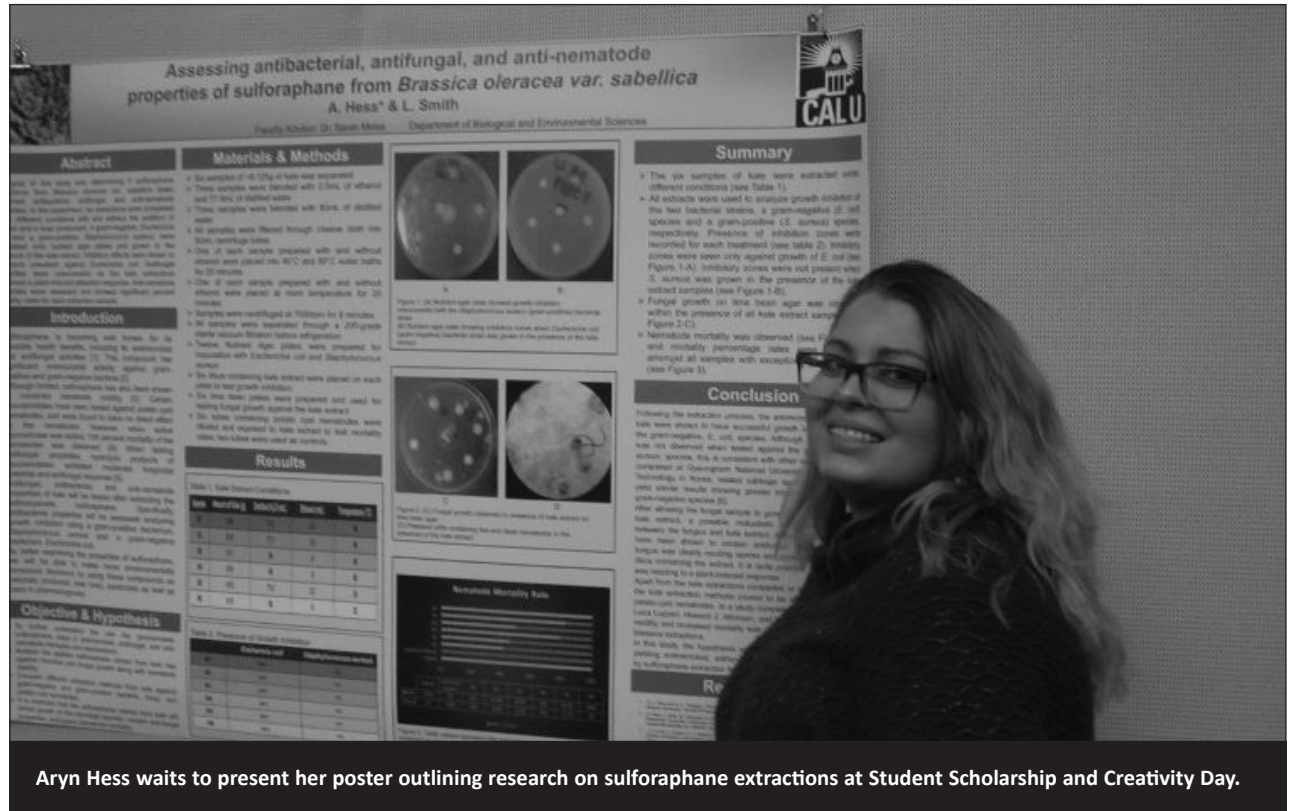
Her conclusion: the sulforaphane from kale appears to have beneficial properties, and the highlight was the successful growth inhibition affecting a type of *E. coli* bacteria.

Hess said the research and presentation experience is invaluable as she looks toward a career in the lab.

"The poster helps me in piecing together all of my information and presenting it, because people can visualize what I do and it helps me explain it," she said.

Brothers Calvin and Peter Livengood's poster described a restoration plan for Ohiopyle State Park's more than 20,000-acre Kentucky Campground.

Their work identified seven plant species found at the campground that could be planted in conjunction with campsite modifications to offset improper tent placements and foot traffic.



Aryn Hess waits to present her poster outlining research on sulforaphane extractions at Student Scholarship and Creativity Day.

The Livengoods' plan was submitted and accepted by Ken Brisbee, Ohiopyle State Park manager. Plans are to restore one loop road a year for 10 years.

Peter Livengood is a home-schooled senior who is in Cal U's High School Early Admit program. He plans to major in fisheries and wildlife biology.

"This was the first research scientific poster we've ever done," he said. "It's tough to condense months of work in your mind, but this gives you a way to do it and gives you a quick summary."

Calvin Livengood, who is majoring in business management and environmental studies at Cal U, said

the two worked more than 500 hours on the project.

"Problem-solving and identifying suitable plants were probably the two biggest challenges, but putting together the poster afterward has helped give a clearer understanding," he said.

Dr. Gregg Gould, who directs the Center for Undergraduate Research, was pleased with the event.

"When a student drives a project, they get more experience and engaged with what they're doing," he said. "You can see the excitement when they talk about their work, which is the benefit that comes from research projects."



Front, from left, Taylor Kodric, Emily Sloan, Madison Groover and Katelyn Victor. Back, from left, Giovanni Marian, Calvin Livengood, Katie Lowery, Dalton Obitko, Robert E. Eberly Jr., President Geraldine M. Jones, Taylor Assad, Cynthia Zelmores and Thomas Victor.

Eberly Scholars Express Thanks

The Eberly Scholarships at Cal U allow eligible students from Greene and Fayette counties to attend tuition-free. Just before Thanksgiving, 11 Cal U students shared their gratitude with a philanthropist who changed their lives.

Robert E. Eberly Jr., president of the Eberly Foundation, traveled from his home in North Carolina to meet with 11 recipients of the Eberly Scholarship at a luncheon Nov. 16 in Kara Alumni House.

Eberly shared his family's story with the students — and, in turn, they explained how the foundation's scholarships have made a difference for them and their families.

Like many of the students, faculty and staff at the event, Eberly has ancestors who worked in the region's coalmines. His great-great-grandfather Sebastian emigrated from Bavaria and settled in Fayette County when the industry was thriving.

Eberly's grandfather Orville was a third-generation coal miner. Although he never finished high school, "he had an inquisitive mind," Eberly said, and educated himself by reading and taking correspondence courses.

Eventually, Orville Eberly invested in oil and gas, then got into banking. Fifty-five years ago he founded the Eberly

Foundation, which focuses on supporting education through scholarships and other initiatives.

"My grandfather was a champion of education all his life," Eberly said. "I can't think of anything better to do, if you have the means to do it, than help someone get an education."

Senior Katelyn Victor, a communication studies major with a concentration in public relations, spoke on behalf of all the scholarship recipients.

The Eberly Scholarship allowed her to concentrate fully on her studies, she said, and removed "a huge financial burden for me and my family." She called choosing Cal U "one of the best decisions I've made in my life."

"I've met my best friends, I'm doing work that I love, and I have so many opportunities I wouldn't have received otherwise."

After the luncheon, the students lined up to speak with Eberly individually and express their thanks.

"I know how much our students appreciate your work," University President Geraldine M. Jones told him.

"I know that our students will do exceptional things in their lives, and you have helped to make that happen."

Campus BRIEFS

Mark Your Academic Calendar

Students, faculty and staff are reminded of these important dates:

Dec. 14: Residence halls close at 8 p.m.

Dec. 17: Winter College classes begin; online classes end Jan. 18.

Dec. 24-27: Holiday break (University closed).

Jan. 20: Residence halls reopen at 9 a.m. for new students, 2 p.m. for returning students.

Jan. 21: All University offices close in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Jan. 22: First day of classes for the 2018 spring semester.

Destination Day Dec. 14

The University plans a free Destination Day Dec. 14 for college students considering a transfer to Cal U, with a waived application fee those who apply that day.

Students may visit Dixon Hall, Room 312, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Evening and phone appointments are also available.

Students can register at calu.edu/inside/lp/destination-days or just walk in for orientation scheduling, transcript evaluation and financial aid information.

For more information, visit calu.edu/transfer, email transfer@calu.edu or call 724-938-5939.



Cal U theater major Jeromy Mackey poses for a headshot taken by Meredith Rovito, extras casting assistant for the Netflix series 'Mindhunter.'

Students Psyched for 'Mindhunter'

Dozens of Cal U students lined up inside the Performance Center on Nov. 27 to be photographed and submit wardrobe measurements in hopes of landing roles as extras on *Mindhunter*, the award-winning Netflix web television show.

The first season of *Mindhunter*, whose production is based in the Pittsburgh area, was set in 1977, the early days of criminal psychology and criminal profiling at the FBI. Filming for season two is underway.

Before registering students, Trevor Neil Williams, extras casting associate, talked to an audience about social deviance and the challenges of casting background actors for the series.

"Meticulous research is the first step, because it's a tremendous challenge to be as historically accurate as possible with everything from that time period," he said.

"It's the good guys versus the bad guys, and in order to make them seem deviant, we have to truly define what normalcy is with as little attention as possible," Williams said. "The challenge

of that is to find the perfect people, the perfect cars and backgrounds that look like 1977.

"They advance the story by becoming moving scenery."

Extras typically spend 12-14 hours a day on the *Mindhunter* set, Williams said.

Cal U students were more than eager for a chance at the long days.

Jake Drnach a junior criminal justice major, first heard of the event in Michelle Tanner's social inequality course.

"I was glad it was during the common hour, because this was something I was not going to miss. The show is so intriguing," said Drnach.

Jazmyn Neal a junior majoring in communication studies, was enthusiastic while waiting her turn.

"I like to try different things and wanted to learn more about sociology," she said. "It would be amazing to be an extra because there's nothing like this."

Sam Hice, a first-year student majoring in business administration and economics, participated during the question-and-answer

session with Williams.

"I find talking about human psychology and how the mind works very interesting," Hice said. "The show is really good. This has been very fun and it's good to put yourself out there."

Tori Beveridge, a sophomore pre-K-4 education major, who performed in musicals and dramas in high school, saw an opportunity.

"I have an interest in this, wanted to get involved and figured I'd give it a try," she said. "It's a good experience no matter what."

Event coordinator Dr. Emily Sweitzer, a sociology professor and director of Cal U's program in social deviance, said the Netflix show addresses many of the same principles and questions that students in her courses study. She was pleased with the diverse turnout and the potential opportunities for students.

"Cal U students of any major saw both a real-world perspective on this type of behavior but also the challenge of realistically portraying it to a national audience," she said.

Camus to Speak to Grads

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Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency.

He has received a number of prestigious awards. In 2008 Camus was awarded the Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Service, which recognizes a select group of career SES members for accomplishments over an extended period of time.

In 2017 the nonpartisan Partnership for Public Service awarded Camus its Homeland Security and Law Enforcement Service to America Medal for leading a multiagency investigation and public awareness campaign that dismantled an international telephone impersonation scheme — a scam in which more than 1.8 million people received threatening phone calls, purportedly from the IRS, and an estimated 10,000 Americans were cheated out of more than \$54 million.

Last spring, Camus received the W.S. Jackman Award of Distinction from the Cal U Alumni Association, given to those who have gained regional, state, national or international recognition in their professions.

Camus earned his bachelor's degree in business administration and management at Cal U. He also graduated from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center's Criminal Investigator Training Program and completed other law enforcement training programs before he retired from public service.

In his personal time, Camus holds in various leadership roles in his church. He serves as its finance and administration elder and, as an international mission leader, directs mission teams that install and maintain water purification systems in poor, remote villages on the Yucatan peninsula in southeastern Mexico.

Bourque Advises Students to Have a Plan B

If you need to find a Plan B, Cal U is here to help.

A group of students got some advice about life's challenges and using the University's resources to help meet them from Phil Bourque, Pittsburgh Penguins radio broadcaster and two-time Stanley Cup champion.

During his talk on Nov. 9, he touched on the three-year period between careers as a hockey player and member of the Penguins radio broadcast team.

"After hockey, I did not have a Plan B, which you must have," he said. "If you're a little unsure of where you are right now, you need to be aware how this school is here to support you. Part of the reason I was brought in today is to reinforce that and let you know this school is behind you.

"I've been very fortunate to live my dream as a player, but to have an unbelievable second career as a broadcaster is something I never thought would happen."

Members of the Office of Academic Success were on hand to discuss services it offers, including peer mentoring, First-Year Seminar, academic scheduling,



Former NHL star Phil Bourque stresses the importance of meeting challenges and the resources Cal U provides to help.

registration, the Four-Year Graduation Plan and more.

Bourque also discussed the importance of mentoring, citing the influence of former NHL standout Jean Ratelle and Hall of Fame teammate and Penguins owner Mario Lemieux in his life.

"You're going to need mentors

who are going to steer you in the right direction," Bourque said.

In 1994, Bourque almost died after dropping off a 40-foot cliff in Arizona, suffering three broken vertebrae in his neck, a broken skull, shattered sinus cavity, a broken cheekbone and a broken nose.

He also talked about his difficult

relationship with his now deceased father and urged students to follow their consciences.

"I did a lot of things in life that weren't the right choices, so listen to that voice, because it's always right and will and save you a lot of heartache," he said.

"This was super-inspiring and had a big impact on me," said Bradley Brncic, a first-year environmental studies major. "Cal has been a great fit for me, and hearing his story just makes me realize to just keep my head to the grindstone and you can get through anything."

Lisa Glasser, student success specialist, said students should be proactive as they continue their academic career.

"This was a nice, fun way to end a busy week, to show students the services we have to offer and to remind them about registering for the spring semester," she said. "As Phil said, you will come across obstacles and need a Plan B.

"Hopefully this event helps let our students know we are here for them."

"This place is amazing — I love this school, and I mean that," said Bourque. "I wish I went to school here."

Panelists Examine Midterm Elections

Exceptionally high voter turnout marked the 2018 midterm elections, where Democrats and women both made significant gains.

Just one week after voters went to the polls — and with final vote counts still under way in several states — a team of nationally recognized political experts explored voters' motivations and the midterm results before a standing-room-only audience in Eberly Hall.

The campus chapter of the American Democracy Project hosted its 10th Election Analysis Forum Nov. 1, with moderator Jon Delano, money and politics editor for KDKA-TV.

The panelists, who have become familiar faces on campus, were political science professor Alan Abramowitz, of Emory University, Ga.; William C. Binning, chair emeritus of the Department of Political Science at Youngstown State University, Ohio; Louis Jacobson, deputy editor and senior writer for the PolitiFact.com website, a contributing writer for PoliticsPA, and a state politics columnist for Governing; and Costas Panagopoulos, professor of political science and director of big data and quantitative initiatives at Northeastern University, Mass.

Voter turnout for the midterms was high throughout Pennsylvania, and Delano noted that incumbent Gov. Tom Wolf, a Democrat, won by more than 835,000 votes, the second-highest margin of victory in state history for a gubernatorial re-election.

More significant, he said, is the shift in Pennsylvania's 18 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives. Formerly all male, with a 12-6 Republican advantage, the commonwealth's delegation now will be split 9-9 between the major parties, with



four of those seats occupied by women.

"We have never had four women members of Congress (representing the commonwealth) at the same time," Delano said.

Nationally, Democrats seized control of the House, and a record 121 females will serve in the next Congressional session. Republicans remain in control of the U.S. Senate.

The increase in voter turnout for the midterms was "truly extraordinary," said Abramowitz, who credited President Donald Trump with sparking voter energy among voters in both parties. Nationwide, about 116 million people — more than 49 percent of eligible voters — went to the polls, compared to 83 million (36.7 percent) in 2014.

Panagopoulos added that the turnout rate was the highest for a midterm election since 1966, and the last time midterm turnout exceeded 50 percent — a rate that may be reached when all 2018 ballots are tallied — was 1914.

"That's where we made history in this election cycle," Panagopoulos said.

But young voters weren't flocking to the polls, as some pundits predicted they might. Nationally, voter turnout for the 18-29 age group was just 13 percent, up narrowly from the 12 percent average over the past three midterms.

Jacobson called this year's midterm a "realignment election" that highlighted the "fault lines in the American electorate." Results show that in general, Democratic candidates are succeeding in more affluent, well-educated communities, while Republicans are gaining rural and blue-collar supporters.

"It's clear that those demographic divides are becoming deeper and deeper as time passes," he said.

Historically, midterm elections favor the party that is out of office, Binning reminded, so candidates did not always benefit from President Trump's midterm appearances on the campaign trail.

"I've never seen a president campaign as vigorously in my lifetime," he said. "Trump certainly wanted to define the election and be the center of it."

Delano concluded the forum by asking the panelists to forecast the 2020 presidential election. None of the panelists predicted Trump will be re-elected, although no two could agree on the likely Democratic contender.

Abramowitz emphasized that much can happen in two years.

"Midterm elections do not predict presidential elections — just ask (Bob) Dole and (Mitt) Romney," he said. "But the voter turnout in 2020 will be through the roof."

Bass Fishing Club Lands Big One

Juniors David Blaker, left, and Nick Fulks will represent Cal U at the 2019 YETI Fishing League Worldwide (FLW) College National Championship Tournament next summer on the Potomac River in Marbury, Md. The two co-founded Cal U's Bass Fishing Club in 2017. Members competed in three regular-season qualifying tournaments. "Making nationals our first year was like an early dream come true," said Blaker, club vice president and a fisheries and wildlife biology major.



Preschool Dedicated

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Bruderhof community. A central foyer, child-size restrooms, teacher offices, laundry facilities and storage rooms support the learning environment, and a fenced play area gives children a safe space for outdoor activities.

"We've come a long way since I sat down with the Rutledges and listened to them describe their vision for the institute," said University President Geraldine M. Jones.

After months of behind-the-scenes planning, the initiative — funded with the largest gift in California's history — was announced in April.

Currently, 11 children attend the Rutledge Institute preschool program, and seven Rutledge Institute Scholars are enrolled in first-year classes. In the future, the institute anticipates enrolling 20 children annually, with a cohort of 10 first-year college students added each fall.

"We are excited about dedicating these classrooms, but this is just the start," said President Jones.

"So many people have done so much to bring the Rutledges' vision to life. And the children of our community, their future teachers, our Childhood Education Department and the teaching profession itself will benefit."

GRANTS AWARDED

The Office of Sponsored Programs and Research reports that:

- Laura Giachetti, of the Department of TRIO and Academic Services, has received a \$313,406 continuation grant from the US Department of Education for Student Support Service to prepare eligible high school students for success in college.
- Dr. Chad Kauffman, of the Department of Earth Sciences, has received \$60,243 from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for a project through the American Meteorological Society.
- Dr. Susan Ryan, of the Department of Earth Sciences, has been awarded additional funding in the amount of \$12,880 to continue her work with

Destination Gettysburg. This funding will be used to continue to perform data collection and reporting for the Gettysburg Visitor Intercept Survey.

- Donna George, of the Department of Student Affairs, has received an \$8,000 grant from the Commonwealth Prevention Alliance for the PA STOP Opiate Abuse Campaign.
- Dr. Louise Nicholson, of the Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences, has received a grant of \$4,996 from the First Energy Foundation. Funding will be used to support the Biotechnologies Project, which will increase course content in molecular biology and biotechnology.
- Dr. David Argent, of the Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences, has received \$4,919 from the

Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission for his project entitled, "Unassessed Waters 2018." In addition he received \$4,939 from the Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds.

- Dr. Clover Wright, of the Department of Childhood Education, has received a \$2,400 grant from the YWCA Greater Pittsburgh to provide professional development in Early Childhood Education.
- Dr. Carol Biddington, of the Department of Exercise Science and Sport Studies, has been awarded a \$1,500 Healthy Lifestyle Initiative grant from the PA Faculty Health and Welfare Fund for a program designed to introduce the benefits of regular exercise to faculty members diagnosed with health conditions.

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