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FROM THE PRESIDENT



In 1974, a grocery store cashier picked up a brand-new device and, for the first time ever, scanned a barcode at the checkout.

The floppy disk had been invented just four years before. The VCR and the word processor were newer still. Erno Rubik's "Magic Cube" was puzzling mathematicians, but it hadn't yet made its way into toy stores. And healthcare workers were learning a new first-aid technique called the Heimlich maneuver.

That was the year California adopted its special mission in science and technology, a commitment to connecting our students to a rapidly evolving world of invention and discovery.

More than 40 years later, our University is renewing its emphasis on that special mission as we plan for Cal U's future.

In the increasingly competitive higher education arena, we are building on our strengths to create a strong and distinctive identity that will set Cal U apart from other universities in our region and across Pennsylvania.

Why focus on our special mission?

Today, the Eberly College of Science and Technology is our largest academic college, with programs such as mechatronics, cybersecurity and drone technology that were barely a dream back in 1974.

Thousands of Cal U students are earning degrees online, expanding the University's reach across the country and around the world.

And STEM — science, technology, engineering and math — is infused throughout our curricula. Cal U's education programs prepare teachers to lead classrooms transformed by digital technology. Liberal arts courses reflect technology's impact on communication and artistic expression. And business programs respond to decision-makers' increasing reliance on data and analytics.

Over the years, our special mission has become an integral part of Cal U's identity.

By renewing our emphasis on science and technology, we intend to make Cal U the preferred choice for capable, career-focused students, now and in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

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ONLINE **PROGRAMS** AMONG **NATION'S BEST**

Cal U's 100% online bachelor's degree programs have been ranked No. 6 in the country by U.S. News & World Report, a recognized leader in college rankings.

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Looking for a 'sustainable way to help others,' an alumnus takes his athletic training skills to Haiti.



On the road

Larry Maggi '79 recalls his 5,578-mile motorcycle ride and the people he met along the way.



Nurturing Nature

A collaborative project restores fish habitat, beautifies a community park and creates an outdoor laboratory for students.



Analytics advances careers

Decision-makers rely on 'big data' — and this SAS certificate program teaches you to manage it.



Ready for take-off

A new career field takes flight, and Cal U introduces a program in drone technology.



X-ray vision

Filling a workforce need, Cal U partners with the Washington Hospital School of Radiologic Technology.

A NOTE TO OUR READERS

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Email Milestones items to revieweditor@calu.edu.



Alumnus revs up for a cross-country ride

merica called, and Larry Maggi '79 answered. Last summer he traded his suit and tie for jeans and a T-shirt, stepped away from the chairman's desk in the Washington County Commissioners Office, and set out on a 26-day, 5,578-mile motorcycle ride across the United States.

"I enjoy my life and my family," says Maggi. "But as I got into my 60s, I put a couple of things on my 'bucket list.' ... I wanted to get outside my comfort zone."

Maggi, now 66, has traveled "pretty extensively" both with the Marine Corps and on excursions with his wife, Mary Jeanne.

"I'd flown across the United States, but I'd never really seen America," he says. "I wanted to see our country from the bottom up."

Maggi has owned a motorcycle since he left the Marine Corps, in 1971. He rides occasionally with his wife, and with groups of veterans, police and firefighters.

Gradually, the idea of an extended motorcycle journey took hold. Maggi — a longtime fan of "cowboy history" - decided to see the West.

"The more I thought about it, the more I talked about it, the more excited I got. It was just so exhilarating and uplifting."

The planning became a passion, and he spent a year getting ready.

He bought a new 2015 Harley-Davidson Ultra Limited, with GPS, a radio and room to store his gear. He started running and lifting weights — "like training for a sport," says the former Vulcan wrestler. He had the Marine Corps' anchor, globe and eagle insignia tattooed on his biceps. He laid out a route, made packing lists, decided where to go and what to see.

Maggi's family would use a smartphone app to track his progress, and he'd call home at least once a day. Other than that, he'd be on his own.

"My work life is regimented, and I didn't want to be regimented on my trip. I wanted to experience the freedom, the thrill of being responsible just for myself.

"If anything goes wrong, it's on you, and anything that goes right is on you, too."



CAREER PATH

Larry Maggi '79 has been a member of Cal U's Council of Trustees since 2009 and will complete his second term as chairman in June. He has spent his professional life in public service:

U.S. Marine Corps 1969-1971

Pennsylvania State Police 1973-1997

Washington County Sheriff 1997-2003

Washington County Commissioner 2003-present

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Easy riding

On June 20, 2016, Maggi hit the road. Three Marine Corps buddies accompanied him to Zanesville, Ohio, where they bought him breakfast and wished him good luck. Then Maggi turned west on Route 40,

the National Road.

For three weeks he rolled across the country, taking in the sights: The Gateway Arch and the Mississippi River near St. Louis. The Sonoran Desert and the Grand Canyon. The Cowboy Church in Tombstone, Ariz., and the Mormon Tabernacle in Salt Lake City, Utah. Fort Sumner, N.M., where gunfighter Billy the Kid was shot, and the Wyoming Territorial Prison where the outlaw Butch Cassidy served time.

"There was no hurry," Maggi says. "It wasn't about the destination; it was about the journey." He made only one reservation, at a bed-

and-breakfast in Tombstone. Located in the town's historic district, the Tombstone Bordello was built in 1881. Before it became a tourist stop, it was a notorious "house of ill-fame" owned by gunslinger John

Henry "Doc" Holliday's girlfriend. Now the B&B is run by Tombstone's mayor, Dustin Escapule. Having checked out his guest online, the innkeeper invited "Sheriff Maggi" to lead a parade marking the 150th anniversary of the Buffalo Soldiers, African-American cavalry regiments formed in 1866 to fight in the Indian Wars.

"Life is all about experiences," Maggi says, so he accepted the offer. A photo shows him with "Mayor Dusty" and parade marshal Nelson Mitchell, a war hero who survived the 1941 attack at Pearl Harbor.

Person to person

What sticks with Maggi are not the landscapes but the people he met on his iournev.

He recalls three "gentlemen of questionable repute" who offered to guide him back to the interstate when he took a



wrong turn near St. Louis and ended up in a rough neighborhood.

couple he met at a Grand Canyon lodge. He remembers the panhandler in Ferguson, Mo., who saw his Marine Corps flag and greeted him with, "Semper Fi, brother.' Niaggi bought the homeless veteran

a couple of sandwiches and talked with him over dinner.

"I like to hear people's stories," Maggi says. "And I love talking to people at all the little convenience stores, the diners, the truck stops. They're the crossroads of America." He'd buy a bottle of water or a cup of coffee, then sit back and listen. Families, blue-collar workers, long-haul truckers —

each had a story to tell.

On Route 66 near Amarillo, Texas, Maggi met a grizzled biker with military patches on his vest. They exchanged greetings, and soon Maggi was deep in conversation with Jim Hathcock, brother of the late Gunnery Sgt. Carlos Hathcock, a legendary Marine Corps sniper in the Vietnam War. The two veterans rode to Albuquerque together.

"Here (at home), it's my job — sometimes



He's kept in touch with an Australian



I have to be a talker," Maggi says. "There, I was just a listener to the experiences of other people."

Home again

By the time he reached Wyoming, Maggi was ready to go home. He skipped the crowds at Yellowstone National Park, spent a night in Denver, Colo., then took Route 70 east.

"Our country is truly great because of our freedoms and because of our people," he says, looking back. "There's a common bond, a common theme. We are all Americans."

Maggi's trip yielded dozens of photos, and enough stories to last a lifetime. But already his wheels are spinning.

"I'm not sure it will be as euphoric, as gratifying as the first time, but I'm planning to do it again."

This summer he'll travel northeast, to see New England and Nova Scotia.

But he won't turn his back on southwestern Pennsylvania.

"This has always been my home. My family is here," Maggi says. "I'll always come home to Washington County."

By Christine Kindl, communications director for Cal U

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Flooding tests Pike Run restoration

This winter, heavy rainfall coupled with melting snow flooded the park along Pike Run in California Borough.

The spreading waters tested a collaborative stream mitigation and streamside restoration project that had transformed the habitat for fish and aquatic insects, as well as anglers, nature lovers, students and community residents.

The project passed with flying colors.

The flooding came as no surprise to Jose Taracido, coordinator for the Partners for Fish and Wildlife program at Cal U. Rather than doing damage, he says, it cleared the stream of sediment that had been building up for years.

"The actual flood helped move the silt load out of the stream ... and deposited sand and gravel on the banks," he reports. "The stream banks are all stabilized and holding."



COOPERATIVE PROJECT

Through a contract from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, Partners for Fish and Wildlife carried out the habitat restoration project last fall in collaboration with the California Borough Recreation Authority, Pheasants Forever, the Army Corps of Engineers, the Washington County Conservation District and the state Department of Environmental Protection.

Partners for Fish and Wildlife installed rock weirs to alter water flow, and constructed log dams and other features in the stream between Coal Center and the

Route 43 overpass. The dams create waterfalls that alter the stream's flow, reducing erosion along the bank and creating deeper, betteroxygenated pools for fish.

"Nothing we've put in here obstructs the movement of fish," says Taracido, whose crews also planted trees and removed fencing and non-native plants, such as Japanese knotweed, to make more space for fishing and recreational use.

A trail was constructed with steps at either end, so anglers and hikers can walk safely from Mechanic Street down to the stream and along its banks. A gated road and crossing is planned, to make it convenient for borough workers to mow grass and maintain the park.

Cal U students are involved in the project, too. They've already begun a fiveyear effort to monitor the stream and the surrounding area under the direction of biology professor Dr. David Argent.

"This is not just a beautification project," Taracido says. "We must show improvement in the fish and insect habitat, as well as the water quality."

OUTDOOR LABORATORY

As part of the stream monitoring project, Cal U will provide PennDOT with an annual report on Pike Run's water quality, aquatic life and insect communities.

Students from the American Fisheries Society and Cal U's ichthyology (fish science) and ecology classes took samples from the stream before the project began, and they sampled again after the restoration.

After trout season, Argent plans to return once more to sample the fish and other aquatic life.

"We'll continue to go out over the next couple of years to keep track of things," he says. "I do expect a reduction of sediment in there, which will be good because that will increase the habitat complexity."

The ongoing project, just a short walk from campus, is an outdoor laboratory for students.

"This provides them some hands-on experience and the opportunity to participate in a bio-monitoring and assessment project," Argent says.

"Obviously, it will give them some ideas about macroinvertebrate and fish identification, too."

Student Austin Hess has found the work exciting. He'll graduate this spring with a degree in environmental studies, with a concentration in fisheries and wildlife biology.

"Due to my major and my love of fishing, I would love to see improvement on the stream," says Hess, a member of the American Fisheries Society.

"Having gone to school here for four years now, I know how important Pike Run is to this community."

GO FISH

Area residents enjoy the improvements, too. The Pennsylvania Fish Commission brought in trout and stocked the creek March 1 with the help of local high school students.

The Pike Run Youth Fishing Festival, a popular event for more than 20 years, drew hundreds of anglers to the renovated park on April 22.

"It's amazing how much area has been cleared along the stream banks," **Borough Council** "It was encouraging to see so many

make this happen. It's a huge improvement and something we can be proud of."

repositioned after the wintertime flooding, and borough crews cleared some dead trees. The area will look even better soon, when saplings planted this spring fill out after their first growing season.

fishable, and it has the capacity to hold more trout than it ever did," Taracido says.

I'm looking at here — it's fantastic." 🗖 By Bruce Wald '85, information writer for Cal U

says Pat Alfano, president of California

different departments come together to A few large rocks in the stream were "The stream now is 100 percent more Gazing across the park, he adds, "What



Partners for Fish and Wildlife, based at Cal U, is a cooperative effort among many Pennsylvania agencies. It works with landowners to improve water quality and wildlife habitat, to remediate degraded wetlands, and to restore native grassland and wildflower habitat. To see photos of past projects, visit calu.edu/review.

ANALYTICS **ADVANCES CAREERS**

Cal U and SAS team up to offer data science credentials

tatistics professor Dr. Melissa Sovak has a list of more than 100 companies that look for SAS skills when they hire. SAS software is the "gold standard" for advanced statistical analysis, and data scientists who are adept at using it are very much in demand.

Retail and pharmaceutical giants utilize SAS to identify trends that guide business decisions. The software is widely used in research, government, social media, the film industry and "any field that deals with data, which is almost everything these days," Sovak says.

Beginning this fall, Cal U makes it easy to earn a SAS Data Science Certificate, either as part of a degree program or as a stand-alone credential.

Students from Cal U or other universities, as well as working professionals, can complete the 15-credit certificate program entirely online.

Earn the certificate and you also can sit for two SAS exams to become a SAS Certified Big Data Professional.

"There is a huge talent gap, a real need for data scientists," Sovak says. "Cal U answered the call to develop a program at the undergraduate level."

In fact, Cal U is the only university in the United States to partner with SAS on an undergraduate data science certificate. A graduate-level certificate is available, too.

SAS reviews and approves all coursework, insisting that students analyze real-world data and complete a hands-on capstone project.

"This is not a traditional math class," Sovak explains. "There are no complicated math formulas, no heavy coding. You learn how to use the software and manipulate data. There's lots of real-world information that students can latch onto."

Senior Cassie Gartin, a math major, prefers SAS to other software products she's used.

"The outputs are easy to read and easy to interpret," she says. "I could take these reports directly to my boss, or to a client, and explain the results in a way they could understand."

Gartin graduates in May, and she's looking ahead to a data science career. "A certification in SAS stands out on a

resume," she says. "It's an advantage when you go into the job market."

A study by PayScale and Money magazine backs her up. It ranked SAS analytics No. 1 on a list of skills linked to higher pay, career advancement and job opportunities.

SAS is not just for business and science majors, says Sovak, a former market research analyst. Psychologists, for instance, analyze data to find patterns in human behavior. Text analysis powers search engines, and TV producers use data to fine-tune their program lineups.

"We're all flooded with data all the time," Sovak says. "SAS helps you make sense of it." By Christine Kindl, communications director at Cal U



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Drone technology program debuts this fall

rofessor Jeff Sumey is intrigued by flight. Airplanes, sailplanes and helicopters have been his passion for more than four decades. He's flown delta-wing kites to gather data for NASA and used radio-controlled aircraft as teaching tools.

Lately he's been piloting commercial-grade unmanned aerial systems — UAS, for short and developing an academic program focused on this exciting technology.

Cal U's new program in UAS/drone technology begins this fall.

"Unmanned aerial vehicles, also known as drones, are going to have an enormous impact on our society," Sumey says.

"A new type of technologist with skills in the design, configuration and deployment of small civilian drones is going to be in high demand."

That's the career direction Joe Phillips is eager to take. A sophomore in Cal U's robotics engineering technology program, he sees tremendous potential in drones.

"Because they can hover, and they have such precise maneuverability and GPS functions, drones are becoming safer," he says. "And the technology is becoming more accessible."

While awaiting the UAS program's start, Phillips made 50 test flights with a "practice drone," then moved up to a professional model. He's a better pilot now, he says, and after a few crashes, he's become skilled at making repairs.

"Drones are fun," he adds. "The first time I flew one, I crashed it almost immediately. But that half-second of flight was an eternity of bliss." **Economic impact** The Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International (AUVSI), a trade group, expects the civilian drone industry to have a \$90 billion economic impact and generate

100,000 jobs in the next 10 years. Unmanned aerial vehicles already are Technicians are needed to imagine, design Cal U's UAS program will give students

becoming game-changers in agriculture, real estate and disaster relief. Drones can ferry medication across a sprawling hospital campus, carry sensors that gather environmental data or tote cameras to take images from the air. and build the vehicles, configure and maintain them, and analyze the data they collect.

these career-focused skills, along with a foundation in college algebra, physics, weather

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Prepare for employment as a UAS technician with Cal U's 60-credit, campusbased Associate of Science in Unmanned Aerial Systems/Drone Technology program. Complete the program in as little as 15 months, or use it as a stepping stone to a Cal U bachelor's degree in computer, electrical or mechatronics engineering technology. An optional 1-credit course gets you ready to take the FAA exam required for a UAS operator's license. To learn more or apply online, visit www.calu.edu/drone.



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science and technical writing. Core courses include hands-on lab activities and missionbased field trips for test flights and data collection.

An optional 1-credit course prepares students to take the Federal Aviation Administration exam required for licensed UAS operators. The AUVSI reports that drone pilots can earn \$85,000 or more per year.

"Cal U's program is one of the first to focus exclusively on small, commercial-grade unmanned aircraft systems," Sumey explains.

"These drones are going to change not only business and industry, but also our day-to-day lives."

By Christine Kindl, communications director at Cal U



Partnership brings imaging careers into focus

he rules have changed for radiologic technologists, the professionals who take X-rays, MRIs, CT scans, sonograms and more.

Once, the career required a diploma from a hospital-based program. Today, you need an associate degree to sit for the licensing exam administered by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists.

Thirty-five states, including Pennsylvania, use the exam scores in licensing decisions.

To meet this regional workforce need, Cal U has partnered with the Washington Health System (WHS) School of Radiologic Technology to offer an Associate of Science in Radiologic Technology.

One class has graduated from the collaborative program since the degree became a requirement in Pennsylvania. A second class is in progress, and a third begins in August.

Students complete their clinical work at Washington Hospital. They take general education and prerequisite courses either online or on campus at Cal U.

The program "is extremely fast-paced. because it combines the clinical and general education requirements and allows students to finish in 24 months," says Lisa Finnegan, director of the School of Radiologic Technology.

"After 24 months, a graduate can obtain a job with a competitive starting salary," adds clinical coordinator Kelli Alexander.

As the health care field advances, many professions require a two- or four-year degree. Some hospitals have discontinued their diploma programs.

But the WHS Washington Hospital partnership with Cal U is beneficial in many ways, Alexander says.

For example, "a vast majority of people working in our radiology department at the hospital came from this program at the School of Radiology. Once they're here, they don't leave, or they come back eventually."

Cal U provides points of contact to assist students enrolled in the program, because the University's admission requirements, tuition and financial aid are separate from those at WHS. A staff member in Cal U's Office of Academic Success helps radiography students schedule classes.

Kim Paparella, of Canonsburg, Pa., is a senior in the program.

During a recent information session at the WHS School of Radiologic Technology, she spoke to prospective applicants.

"It's a balancing act. Staving organized can be the biggest challenge," she told them. "But it's not boring, because every patient and





I'm hoping to study during the summer, pass the CT registry, then start classes for my bachelor's degree right after that. SAMANTHA NOVELLY RADIOLOGIC TECHNICIAN

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Novelly adds.

up loving it."

director at Cal U

situation is different. Lifting a baby (to take an X-ray or scan) is different from lifting a man."

Graduates leave the program with an associate degree, but a bachelor's degree in science and technology is very much within reach. Cal U accepts all of the associate degree credits

That's enticing for Samantha Novelly, of Canonsburg, who graduated from the radiologic technician program in August. She works in the CT department at St.

Clair Hospital, near Pittsburgh, Pa. Compared to a diploma or certificate, earning an A.S. degree provides a greater sense of accomplishment, she says. "So I'm considering enrolling in the fall to get my bachelor's on top of that. They have designed it to be a very easy integration."

First she'll take the test to perform CT scans, which requires a separate registry, or license.

"I'm hoping to study during the summer, pass the CT registry, then start classes for my bachelor's degree right after that."

Knowing whom to contact about financial aid, tuition and scheduling allowed her to focus on doing well in the program.

"If Cal U knew we had clinical rotations on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, Julie (Osekowski, in the Office of Academic



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Success) would make sure we could get into the anatomy class on Tuesday and Thursday,"

"Also, my classmates and I were able to take a lot of the same classes together, which helped us to study. And Cal U kept us on track via email about classes we still needed

Both Paparella and Novelly enjoyed their electives as a change from clinical studies. "The general education courses that are part of the major introduce you to things you might like that you would never know about if you didn't have to take those classes," Paparella says, "like classes in linguistics and languages." "Society and the Sociopath was one of the most interesting classes I've ever taken,"

"It had nothing to do with my field of study. I took it as an online option in the winter because I needed a class, and I ended

For more information about the Associate of Science in Radiologic Technology, contact Lisa Finnegan at the Washington Health System. 724-229-2084 or Ifinneaan@whs.ora: or Shauna Balog in the Cal U Office of Admissions, 724-938-4404 or balog@calu.edu.

By Wendy Mackall, assistant communications

PARTNERS **IN NURSING**

Cal U also partners with the Washington Health System School of Nursing, at Washington Hospital, to provide non-nursing courses for its students.

The University offers courses in English, anatomy and physiology, sociology, psychology, nutrition, and career readiness for students seeking an associate degree.

Graduates from this educational partnership program can transition seamlessly into Cal U's online RN-BSN degree program.

Cal U also offers these advanced degrees:

- MSN in Nursing Administration and Leadership
- MSN-MBA dual degree
- MBA in Nursing Administration

To learn more, visit www.calu.edu/nursing.

CAMPUS CLIPS

GROUNDBREAKING DOCTORATE TARGETS CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROFESSIONALS

l U is breaking new ground nationally as it adds a second professional doctorate to its array of academic programs. The Doctor of Criminal Justice is the first regionally accredited D.C.J. degree in the United States. The program, set to begin this summer, is designed to enhance the careers of mid- and senior-level criminal justice practitioners across the country.

Program director Dr. John Cencich, a professor in the Department of Criminal Justice, says the program responds to state and national calls for reform of the criminal justice system.

"Professionals in this program will make in-depth analyses of topics such as federal consent decree implementation and enforcement, police use-of-force, false confessions and wrongful convictions, and reducing recidivism," Cencich says.

Students enrolled in the two-year D.C.J. program will complete nearly all of their coursework through Cal U Global Online. Two five-day summer residencies on campus will allow students to meet with nationally recognized experts.

For program details or to apply online, visit www.calu.edu/DCJ.

Orchestra harmonizes with Cal U musicians

California alumni, students and faculty made beautiful music at the Washington Symphony Orchestra's winter concert.

Before the performance, former Music Department chair Max Gonano gave a video presentation about the life and music of Pittsburgh legend Henry Mancini. It was part of the ongoing Steel City Grooves series, a project of the Senator John Heinz History Center's Volunteer Ambassador Program.

Each semester two students in Cal U's commercial music technology program,



guided by assistant professor Greg Davis, produce a video vignette focusing on Pittsburgh jazz artists.

David Kiss '15, a current MBA student who earned his bachelor's degree in commercial music technology, produced the 14-minute Mancini video with fellow alumnus Josh Howell '13.

The WSO program also reprised *Journey* Bevond Earth, a musical score composed by Dominic Carrola '16, whose original musical debuted last year at Cal U. The ethereal music of *Journey* accompanied imagery from the International Space Station and the Hubble Telescope.

In keeping with the concert's "homegrown" theme, the WSO also welcomed the Mon Valley Push Polka Band, led by assistant professor Dr. Frank Stetar, Cal U's director of bands. Four Cal U alumni — Barry Niccolai '93, Paul Sheppick '15, Steve Ventura '12 and Nate Wright '12 - comprise the rest of the band.

Dr. Yugo Ikach, co-chair of the University's Department of Music and Theatre, is principal conductor and music director for the WSO. Cal U students who show a valid CalCard are admitted free to WSO events.



Software connects students to services

Cal U's Office of Academic Success - already home to student success facilitators, the Four-Year Graduation Plan and other student resources — has introduced a campus-wide communication tool that connects students with faculty members and campus support services.

"The Starfish software is designed to help our students succeed," says Lisa Glasser, who coordinates the system.

Through Starfish, professors and staff members can easily connect to assist students with academic or financial concerns. Faculty members also can use Starfish to post office hours and schedule appointments.

Starfish has a "kudos" section to provide positive feedback for students, and a onestop "services" tab so they can easily reach staff in Academic Records, Financial Aid, Peer Mentoring and other offices.

Intern 'on parole' in Harrisburg



Junior Cameron Eisenhauer has completed a stint with the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, part of a 15-

week internship sponsored by Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education.

Eisenhauer, a political science major, was one of 11 students participating this spring in The Harrisburg Internship Semester program.

THIS students work as interns in some aspect of state government while earning a full semester's worth of credits.

In the parole board's central office in the state capital, Eisenhauer addressed constituents' concerns about inmates seeking parole. He also listened to parole hearings, rode along with a parole officer and completed a research project.

"This is a tremendous opportunity to gain real-world knowledge about the legislative and policy affairs that happen across the entire state," he said.

"I got to experience what the job entailed and the work ethic I need to handle the day-to-day tasks."

Veterans office: New name, inclusive mission



The Office of Veterans Affairs has changed its name to better define its role. Now the Office of Military and Veterans Affairs, it

remains committed to providing a full array of services to an important segment of the Cal U community: all active-duty service members, members of the National Guard and military reserves, student and alumni veterans, and eligible dependents.

"The name is a little longer, but it was necessary to be more inclusive," says Capt. Robert Prah, the office's director.

"We wanted the name to encompass every Cal U military person and make sure they know the office is here to serve them in any way we can."

Nearly 200 military veterans attend classes on Cal U's campus, and more than

500 service members around the world are enrolled in Global Online, Cal U's Internet-based learning community. The University has been designated a 2017 Top School for Veterans by KMI Media, publisher of Military Advanced Education, and a 2017 Military Friendly™ School by Victory Media, publisher of G.I. Jobs[®] and Military Spouse magazines.

Day of Giving assists local family

A California family who lost their home to fire benefited from the generosity of the Cal U community.

Donations of gently used clothing, Cal U's annual Day of Giving honors the In all, Cal U students and employees

nonperishable foods and other household items collected on the Day of Giving helped the local family get back on its feet. spirit of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Organized jointly by the Center for Volunteer Programs and Service Learning and the Office of Multicultural Affairs and Diversity Education, this year's event included a Central Blood Bank blood drive. donated about 500 pieces of clothing and 190 food items, along with nearly 200 additional items such as accessories, books and electronics. The blood bank collected 39 units of blood.



n living color



Donations that the local family didn't need were taken to the Cal U Cupboard, a student food pantry based in the Natali Student Center; the Lions Club in Washington, Pa.; Washington City Mission; and the Washington Food Bank's new thrift store.

Much of the donated clothing came from a School Spirit Swap organized during the fall semester by the Student Government Association. The charities received T-shirts from other schools that were swapped for Cal U gear at New Student Orientation, Homecoming and Student Appreciation Week events.

Seniors (from left) Karlissia Council, Kamara Townes and Aaryn Smith view a mural on display at the Black Arts Festival and Multicultural Affairs Night, one of many events held during Black History Month. Activities, speakers, a film screening and the annual Soul Food Luncheon encouraged students to explore the contributions of African-Americans, think deeply about past and current events, and celebrate African-American arts and culture.

CAMPUS CLIPS



Speaker: Use history to combat racism

Cal U kicked off its celebration of Black History Month with a program designed to challenge conventional thinking.

In "The Good News About Racism," empowerment specialist Eraka Rouzorondo urged the audience to confront racial injustice in personal and powerful ways. "Find your courage," the Baltimore

resident said. "I found mine in history. "White supremacists are ignorant of

the historical contributions of black people to the development of civilization. We have a presence, as any group does, in every part of civilization."

Students were especially interested to hear Rouzorondo describe pre-classical African kingdoms, the architectural expertise of ancient Egyptians, and the black heritage of famous historical figures - topics rarely covered in conventional history lessons.

Sheleta Camarda-Webb, director of Cal U's Office of Multicultural Affairs and Diversity Education, said the talk sparked dialogue about a difficult topic.

"We can build on this," she said, "to continue educating our students."

Gospel singers raise voices at Jovfest

The Rev. Trini Lopez Massie, who has performed gospel music around the world, headlined the Young and Gifted Gospel Choir's springtime Joyfest concert. The annual production brings a

celebrity artist to campus to perform with Cal U's gospel choir and other choral ensembles.

This year the University of Pittsburgh Gospel Choir and the Bethlehem Baptist



International pride

Members of the International Club display their nations' flags at the spring Clubs and Organizations Fair in the Convocation Center. More than 100 student groups staffed tables at the event, which is organized every semester to encourage students to join campus activities. This spring, more than 400 students attended the fair.

Church Youth Choir joined Cal U singers onstage.

Massie is the minister of worship at the Mount Ararat Baptist Church in Pittsburgh, Pa., where he leads the young adult choir and is responsible for all music performed in the main sanctuary.

He has facilitated workshops and ministered in concerts across the United States and in Canada, Europe, Micronesia and the Caribbean.

Directed by Dr. Randy Tillmutt, of the Department of Music and Theatre, the Young and Gifted Gospel Choir is open to all Cal U students. Its repertoire includes traditional spirituals and African-American gospel music.

New minor debuts: event planner benefits

Carly Carolla has set her sights on a career in event planning. And it looks like she's well on her way.

This spring she'll receive her bachelor's degree in geography, with a concentration in tourism studies. And in March the Pittsburgh Chapter of Meeting Professionals International (MPI) named her its member of the month.

MPI is the world's largest association for the meeting and events industry. Membership provides access to seminars, workshops and webinars to assist with professional development.

"MPI provides a great opportunity to meet event planners in the Pittsburgh area," Carolla says. "It's all about networking."

Carolla is graduating with two minors, one in parks and recreation management and another in event planning and management — a new program that debuted this spring.

It was a perfect fit for Carolla, who held a work-study position and completed two internships at the Cal U Convocation Center.

"I loved everything about it," she says. "I am confident that I can be an event planner anywhere."

Becky McMillen, executive director of University Conference Services, believes the new minor will further the Convocation Center's role as a site for practicums and internships.

"Our partnership with the tourism studies program should help our students graduate with valuable experience — a background that's resume-worthy when they're looking for jobs."

National honors for athletic trainers

Three Cal U faculty members — Dr. Barry McGlumphy, Dr. Shelly DiCesaro '94 and Julie Ramsey-Emrhein — have been honored by the National Athletic Trainers' Association.

NATA is the professional membership association for certified athletic trainers. The worldwide organization has more than 43,000 members.



McGlumphy, a professor in the Department of Exercise Science and Sport Studies, received NATA's Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award.

It recognizes members for their exceptional commitment to leadership, volunteer service, advocacy and professional activities.

McGlumphy is the coordinator of Cal U's master's degree program in exercise science and health promotion. He also works every year as an athletic trainer for National Football League teams.

DiCesaro and Ramsey-Emrhein received the NATA Athletic Training Service Award, which recognizes members for volunteerism.

DiCesaro is director of Cal U's graduate athletic training program and clinical education coordinator for the undergraduate program. She is also the licensed athletic trainer for Cal U women's basketball.

Ramsey-Emrhein is an adjunct professor in the Department of Exercise Science and Sport Studies.

Financial Aid staff lends parents a hand

Cal U's Admissions Office and the Office of Financial Aid have offered a helping hand to families of college-bound students completing the FAFSA, or Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

The online application is an essential step for students seeking financial aid at colleges nationwide.

On FAFSA Night, families brought the required documents and financial aid staff walked them through the application process step by step.

Staff also shared tips for making higher education more affordable, explained the benefits of filing the FAFSA early, and described the U.S. Department of Education's verification process.





Video-call links **U.S.**, Russian students

in common.

On a video-call to a college classroom in the Russian city of Perm, Cal U students discovered many points of similarity with young adults more than 5,200 miles away.

hosted the video-call to the National Research University Higher School of Economics.

Student clubs are common on both campuses, the callers learned, but the Perm group inquired about fraternities and sororities, which do not exist at Russian universities

Soccer, skiing and inline skating are popular in both nations, but the Russians were amused by the Pokemon Go craze and curious about Americans' passion for spectator sports.

As the students in both nations warmed up, their talk turned to more substantive issues: American student loan debt, Russian economic policy, anti-doping efforts by international sports authorities and gay rights.

"This was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," says Dr. Sean Madden, director of the international studies program. "All of the students enjoyed a conversation that stretched from one side of the world to the other."

Facebook isn't the only thing they have

Cal U's international studies program

Forensic evidence cracks the case

Criminal justice students from Cal U demonstrated fingerprint techniques and presented posters about forensic science, crime scene imagery, evidence collection and more at an event sponsored by Peters Township (Pa.) Public Library.

The program "Justice Delayed: Solving Crimes with Forensic Science" focused on a 1979 murder that was solved 34 years later using carefully preserved evidence.

Dr. Raymond Hsieh, of the Department of Criminal Justice, accompanied the students and discussed the forensic evidence that eventually solved the case.







Lt. Julian Wallace

Deployed soldier among winter '17 graduates

he loudest applause at Cal U's 183rd Commencement honored a graduate who wasn't in the room. At winter graduation ceremonies, the audience delivered a standing ovation for Lt. Julian Wallace, who earned a master's degree in exercise science and health promotion, with a focus on rehabilitation science.

Wallace is a U.S. Army officer on active duty at Camp Buehring, Kuwait. His mother, Kimberly McDermott, traveled from Philadelphia to accept her son's diploma.

"He called from his base to tell me he'd finished his degree," McDermott recalls. "Mom, I want you to walk for me,' he said."

Since the former ROTC member received his commission, Wallace has been stationed in Texas and deployed to Africa, his mother says. She expects he'll return from the Middle East this spring.

In her remarks to the graduates, University President Geraldine M. Jones noted that Cal U has been designated a Military Friendly School[™] for eight consecutive years.

McDermott says the recognition is well earned.

"This was just an amazing experience. That applause, that support ... it just meant so much."

'Give back,' speaker says

Alumnus James Stofan '71, vice president for alumni relations at Tulane University in New Orleans, La., addressed the graduating students on Dec. 16 and 17.

Cal U has a proud tradition of asking distinguished alumni to speak at Commencement. In addition to his work at Tulane, Stofan has been the associate vice chancellor of alumni relations for Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., and a member of the alumni relations office at the University of California, where he worked for more than 25 years.

"You didn't come here (to Cal U) to get the answers," he told the graduates. "You came here to learn the habit of imagining and providing the answers — to light a fire, not fill a pail."

Stofan has endowed the John and Jean Stofan Music Scholarship at Cal U to honor his parents. A native of West Newton, Pa., he remains proud of his western Pennsylvania upbringing, and he has never lost touch with his alma mater.

"My parents believed Cal U was the place where opportunities would take shape for their children, and they were exactly right," he says. "I found many opportunities here at Cal U that came to me from unexpected corners."

Stofan reminded the graduates to be trustworthy, strategic, humble and responsive, and to realize that on occasion, not getting what you want can be a wonderful stroke of luck.

"You have been uniquely prepared ... to answer guestions large and small," he told the soon-to-bealumni. "Come back and give back."

Senior class gift

Before the undergraduates received their diplomas, senior class envoy Shannon Barnett '16 presented President Jones with a check for more than \$20,000 contributed by graduating seniors and their families.

Since 2010, graduating classes have raised more than \$170,000 for an endowed scholarship.

Barnett — a Delta Zeta sorority sister, peer mentor, alumni ambassador and Cal U for Life Orientation leader — stepped into a full-time job during graduation week. An internship led to employment as a district manager for ADP, where she partners with small business owners to help them manage their companies.

"My degree earned me this job," says Barnett, who studied business administration with a concentration in marketing.

"I believe that to have the best college experience, you get what you give, and my Cal U experience was the best I could have hoped for."

Top scholars

Before sending the graduates out into the world, President Jones acknowledged Hayley J. Bashada and Shannon Marie Curtis for earning bachelor's degrees while attaining a perfect 4.0 grade-point average. Bashada and Kaci J. Sokol earned two separate degrees simultaneously.

Corey Gaffron, who completed the ROTC program, was recognized for his recent commissioning as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

While the future brings challenges and new journeys, President Jones said, she urged all the graduates to reflect on their academic achievements.

"Please pause to take in the moment and savor your success. You have worked hard, you have persevered, and you have accomplished something significant.

"May you find happiness and satisfaction in the days and years ahead."





Speaker James Stofan '71: 'Come back and give back.'



Jr. '13 is all smiles as he waits for Commencement ceremonies to begin.



iate Tinamarie Brown go<u>es in for</u> a hug with biology professor Dr. Sarah Meiss.



Biology major Jake Wild waves to his family before receiving his diploma.

University President Geraldine M. Jones accepts the class gift from senior class envoy Shannon Barnett.

Geri Acrie, a business major from Pittsburgh, smiles as her grandmother takes a picture before undergraduate Commencement.





Cal U's campus is beautiful in summertime!

If you're in the area, please drop by and take a walk across the Quad, grab a bite to eat at the Gold Rush, or visit us in the Kara Alumni House.

I look forward to saying hello!

Jestie Berdar Fleenon



Leslie Berdar Fleenor '08 Director of Alumni Relations



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To receive a Cal U license plate application, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at alumni@calu.edu or 724-938-4418.

ALUMNI CALENDAR



ALUMNI AWARDS LUNCHEON



Cal U honors exceptional graduates at the annual Alumni Awards of Distinction Luncheon. Reservations are required; call and we'll save you a seat in the Convocation Center. For details, contact the Alumni Office at 724-938-4418.



Tee up at Uniontown Country Club for the 36th annual golf outing sponsored

by Cal U Athletics. Proceeds benefit the Athletic Scholarship Fund. For more information, phone Staci Tedrow in the Alumni Office at 724-938-4418.

JUNE ATHLETIC TRAINING 28 **SOCIETY GATHERING**

Attention, athletic training alumni! We hope to see you at the National Athletic Trainers Association convention in Houston, Texas. Don't miss the Cal U Alumni Reception from 7-9 p.m. at Lucky's Pub, 801 Emanuel St. in downtown Houston. Cost is \$10 for alumni, \$15 for guests; ticket price includes two beverage tickets and light hors d'oeuvres. For details, email Shelly DiCesaro at dicesaro@calu.edu.

SAVE THE DATE



SEPT **FAMILY DAY** 9

It's a baseball night in Pittsburgh! Watch Share a full day of activities with your in-box for ticket information. our Cal U students and their families.



Celebrate a milestone for the Class of '67! Formal invitations will be sent for this special event.



Make plans now to meet friends and former classmates for our annual Homecoming festivities.

For more information on these and other events, visit www.calu.edu/ alumni or call the Alumni Office at 724-938-4418

ALUMNI NEWS



Cal who? Cal U!

Fans cheer during a second-half run by the Cal U women's basketball team en route to a win over IUP on Alumni Appreciation Day. The 'red-out' game brought alumni back to campus for a basketball doubleheader and alumni gathering in the Convocation Center.



FOUNDATION AWARDS

Each year the Foundation for California University presents awards to alumni and members of the Cal U community who have made a significant impact. The 2016 honorees and their awards are:

The late Len Keller '61, of Philadelphia, Pa., recipient of the Job Johnson Award. Len was a retired sales consultant with Triumph Learning. a publisher of test preparation materials, and a philanthropist who supported a number of scholarships for Cal U students.

Named for one of the school's founders, the award recognizes alumni who have received recognition outside the University for

excellence, innovation, community service or other notable achievements.

Dr. Bruce Barnhart '83, '89, '01, of Brownsville, Pa., who received the Dixonians Award. Bruce joined the Cal U faculty in 1984, directed the certified athletic training program from 1992-2008 and was the school's first athletic trainer for football. Today he is Cal U's provost, or chief academic officer, and vice president for Academic Affairs.

Named for another school founder who served as a trustee for 46 years, the award recognizes individuals who unselfishly serve the University.



Return of the Vulcans

Alumni from the 1966-1967 men's basketball team return to the court during halftime festivities on Alumni Appreciation Day. Team members (from left) Phil Stewart '68, Frank Pilsitz '67, Coach Myles Witchey, Rich Kotarsky '67, Bob Kroner '69, Pat Hobart '68 and George Roadman '68 were recognized during the men's basketball game between Cal U and IUP. Coached by Witchey, a 2002 Hall of Fame inductee, the 1966-1967 Vulcans won the first of the program's 17 PSAC-West championships.

Chester Chichin '63 and Yvonne Chichin,

of New Castle, Pa., recipients of the Society of 1852 Award. The longtime educators have endowed a scholarship for Cal U students who are pursuing a degree in education, grades pre-K through 12. Chester is a retired psychologist who worked for many years with gifted students in Pittsburgh Public Schools. His wife taught elementary students for 35 years and now teaches part-time in the Early Childhood Department at Youngstown State University.

The award, named for the year of the school's founding, honors philanthropy.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

BUSINESS

ON COMMUNICATION

al U grads are encouraged to build on the skills they learned in the classroom. Katey Wood '07 has taken it more literally than some.

Wood, a communication studies major with a concentration in public relations, is the co-owner of TyE Bar LLC, an independent steel fabricator based in Glassport, Pa.

The company primarily supplies reinforcing steel bar, or rebar, that the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation uses to build bridges and concrete structures. A new division supplies materials for highway construction projects.

TyE Bar is a disadvantaged business enterprise, or DBE, a designation given by the U.S. Department of Transportation to small firms owned by women or minority group members in order to compete for government contracts.

Wood's path from Cal U student to business owner included experience as an office manager at a construction company.

"Eventually I got promoted to a proposal manager position and was responsible for writing, designing and coordinating proposals for construction projects. You need more than just a number — Department of Transportation markets want to know your plan, because the lowest price isn't always the best solution for the owner.

"I started to see that there was a lot of opportunity in the market for DBEs, and I thought, 'Wow, that's something I might be able to do.' I did some research and found there was no female-owned DBE fabrication company in Pennsylvania."

It's worked out for the devoted mom of 7-year-old Ty, after whom the company is named.

TyE Bar opened in 2015 and employs eight people, with more hires expected.

"It's allowed me to balance having a successful career with being present for my son and his activities," Wood says. Her communication skills are an

important tool in building that career.

"I remember a communications class

I'm dealing with different people every day. In order to be successful, I have to get them to buy into my plan... I have absolutely used those skills then and now.

KATEY WOOD '07

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"I have absolutely used those skills then and now."

POWER INDUSTRY PLAYER

job before a diploma. That was the fantastic order of things for Adriene Walls, who graduated in May 2016 with a degree in business administration with a concentration in marketing.

"I had my interview the last week of school and got the job offer the day before graduation," she says.

Walls works as an operations specialist for Touchstone Energy Cooperatives, based in Arlington, Va. The company delivers power and energy solutions to 750 co-ops in 46 states, forming the largest electric utility in the country.

In a "utility player" role, Walls handles office management for the chief operating officer and other members of the Touchstone team, in addition to duties as a meeting planner.

She credits a summer internship in the marketing department at the National

Rural Electric Cooperative Association, also based in Arlington, with paving the way. NRECA represents the interests of the more than 900 electric cooperatives in the United States in various local, state and national governing bodies.

"Students need to realize that the job market is extremely competitive," Walls says. "Relevant experience is extremely important for your resume, and one or more internships are the best way for college students to gain the experience they will need to be successful." The Cal U Marching Band gets credit

for teaching her to manage time and set priorities.

"Our weekends in the fall were always busy," she recalls. "I always had to prioritize what work needed to be done and find time for it before and after games. It's similar when I go to a meeting site for work — what needs to be done first?"

CAPTURING 'SPECIAL MOMENTS'

ob Mackowski '04 came to Cal U to be "an on-air sports guy," drawn to the University by CUTV's recognition by the National Association of College Broadcasters as College Station of the Year in the late '90s.

Sometimes, college changes your focus.

"I learned how to be a behind-the-scenes guy," he says. "Even as a junior and senior in college, I was telling people to learn all those off-camera skills. You can definitely make a career out of it."

Mackowski, who majored in communication studies, took those skills and spent six years as a TV news photographer in Waco, Texas; West Palm Beach, Fla.; and New Bern, N.C.

Wanting to refocus his career, he started Open Aperture Photography, in New Bern, in 2010.

His work has been featured in Professional Photographer Magazine, and he has won the Editor's Choice Award as one of the world's most-published photographers for four consecutive years.

Mackowski runs Open Aperture, which specializes in weddings, engagements and other special moments, with his photographer wife, Amanda. The two pride themselves on customer service and attention to detail.

"We're not the photographers who just show up on your wedding day and ask where we're supposed to be. We're here to hold your hand," their website (www.openapphoto.com) proclaims.

Illustrating the point: A photo of Amanda fixing an antique bracelet with floral wire just in time for the bride to wear it down the aisle.

Mackowski credits Cal U with teaching those customer-service, interpersonal relationship skills that he now relies on as a smallbusiness owner in a very competitive marketplace.



Walls was back on campus last fall for Homecoming, taking part in the parade with the Cal U Marching Band as a feature twirler.

"A big reason I came to Cal U was the structure of the band," she says. "I've been involved with competition twirling for most of my life, and at bigger colleges it can be really tough to get that position.

"Cal U's band had the perfect structure for me."

"I have to be able to have a conversation with anybody, and I've had to transition into not just being a photographer but a business owner, which requires marketing and writing skills.

"I did a little of everything when I was a student — I announced sports on CUTV and WVCS, I was a peer mentor, I was a student orientation leader. I learned a lot of practical skills through extracurricular activities.

"It's really those intangible skills that I keep using." By Wendy Mackall, assistant communications director at Cal U



HEALTH CARE FOR HAITI-

Athletic training graduate works to better the world

t was a simple assignment for a class in Leadership and Professional Development: "In one page, write a tribute as if you were going to be honored in your profession or community. Write your tribute the way you would want others to speak of you, your values, passions and accomplishments."

Completing that task changed Kevin Melanson's life.

"It made me realize that all of the things 'I would do later' needed to be started now," he wrote recently to Dr. Linda Platt Meyer, the professor in the Department of Exercise Science and Sport Studies who made the assignment.

"In particular, serving the community to help improve our world."

Melanson graduated in 2009 with a master's degree in athletic training. In 2011, he took the first of what would become many trips to Haiti.

"As I got more involved, I realized I wanted to incorporate it into my life, as a sustainable way to help others."

Today, after a four-year journey that included volunteer and internship experiences, Melanson lives and works full time for St. Boniface Haiti Foundation, a nonprofit organization striving to improve life for poor people in Haiti. The foundation facilitates access to affordable health care, educational opportunities and community development programs.

Melanson is the disaster response coordinator, monitoring and evaluation officer, and spinal cord injury program manager.

"Right now, as part of the response to the devastating hurricane last year, we're using mobile clinics to bring health care to people who otherwise have little to no access," he says.

"Many people travel hours, often by foot, motorcycle and bus, to get to a clinic. It could take days, weeks or months to save up that kind of money. The mobile clinics serve 200 to 300 people a day who would otherwise go untreated."

The St. Boniface spinal cord injury program that Melanson manages covers 70 percent of Haiti.

"Much of the country is not handicapped-accessible, so our program provides medical care and reintegrates people into their communities."

Meyer says an athletic training education prepares graduates to work with an active population, but also to take their careers in other directions through courses in emergency preparedness and leadership.

"Athletic training is an excellent foundation on many levels, whether you want to get into the medical field or be a physician or pursue a different profession," Meyer says.

"In many school districts, full-time athletic trainers are instrumental in the district's emergency response plans. In this case, Kevin leveraged his emergency response and administration skills to contribute in a unique setting. Both are components of athletic training."

Melanson, who wanted to be a doctor before realizing there are other ways to help, says work in Haiti is challenging. But "this is the work I want to be doing, even as hard as it can be."

"Find your interest and find a way to incorporate that into your life," Melanson advises. "Take advantage of classes. Don't just complete an assignment for a grade. Be open to new experiences; you never know where they might lead." By Wendy Mackall, assistant communications director at Cal U

> Kevin Melanson works with clients of all ages.

ACADEMY

Middle-schoolers study renewable resources at SAI Farm

ome were expecting cows, but the closest they got was manure. Still, more than 100 eighth-graders from Pittsburgh Obama 6-12 had a great day at SAI Farm.

Cal U welcomed the Pittsburgh Public Schools students to the farm for lessons in renewable energy.

Dr. Janie McClurkin-Moore and Dr. Louise Nicholson, of the Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences, led the Biogas Energy Academy. It motivated the children to think about how much energy they and their families consume every day, and it taught them about sources of renewable energy.

The highlight of the academy was a demonstration of the biogas generation system at the farm.

"It turns waste into energy," McClurkin-Moore told the students.

"Manure, which we get from local farmers, goes in at the top. Water is blended in, and bacteria in the manure eats at carbohydrates and creates methane gas. The methane is captured and can be used for cooking, heating, lighting or electricity."

The Biogas Energy Academy was funded by a \$2.400 award from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's Environmental Education Grants Program.

"This is a key age," McClurkin-Moore says with a nod to the middle-schoolers. "We want to get them excited about college as an option." As the Obama students moved from station to station. McClurkin-Moore and Nicholson, aided by three Cal U biology majors, taught them about energy use and

alternative sources.

filled with vinegar and baking soda and capped with a balloon illustrated how substances can be combined to produce a chemical reaction with a gas as a byproduct.

pH levels of everyday substances such as lemon juice, distilled water and milk. In the farmhouse, McClurkin-Moore

I This is a key age. We want to get them excited about college as an option.

DR. JANIE MCCLURKIN-MOORE Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences

At the farm's outdoor pavilion, a bottle Litmus paper strips revealed the talked about types of renewable energy.

The eighth-graders were asked to complete an energy audit as they calculated the impact of leaving smartphones and tablets charging all day, for example.

"A day like this is very cool if you're already interested in science, and maybe it will spark an interest if you aren't," says Shale Brown '16, who graduated in December.

"A lot of the students didn't know what to expect," says Matt Dumbroski, who teaches English at Obama 6-12.

"They didn't realize all the different types of scientific study that you could do on a farm, and that you could go to college to figure it out. (They didn't know) that this is something you could go to school to do." By Wendy Mackall, assistant communications director at Cal U

MAGNIFICENT

Six athletes, one coach join Hall of Fame lineup

Founded in 1995, the Cal U Athletic Hall of Fame recognizes outstanding athletic accomplishments by former players, coaches, administrators and support staff affiliated with Vulcan athletics.

This spring University President Geraldine M. Jones honored seven Vulcan standouts by inducting them into the hall of fame.



Jennifer Doty-Frantz '08 was a three-year starting catcher and second baseman for the softball team from 2005-2007.

The 2005 PSAC-West Athlete of the Year, she earned first-team all-conference honors four times, twice as a catcher and two more at second base.

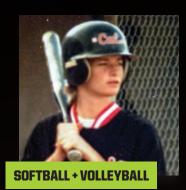
She also was a three-time all-region selection and a two-time academic alldistrict honoree.

In 2005, Frantz's .979 slugging percentage,

.446 batting average and 14 home runs ranked third, sixth and seventh, respectively, in the NCAA's Division II.

Her .387 career batting average and 41 career doubles still rank fifth and sixth in Cal U's record book.

Today, Frantz is the therapy program manager at Caroline Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, in Denton, Md. She lives in Trappe, Md., with her husband, Justin, and three children.



Tara Douglas '99 started at first base for the softball team from 1995-1998, and was a starting hitter for the volleyball team from 1996-1998

On the softball diamond Douglas was a three-time all-conference selection and a 1998 National Fastpitch Coaches Association First-Team All-American.

She led the team in batting during her senior season, with a .415 average. Cal U softball compiled a 193-22

cumulative record, and a perfect 80-0 PSAC-West mark, during the years Douglas played. The team won consecutive NCAA Division II National Championships in 1997 and 1998.

Douglas finished her standout volleyball career with 1,149 kills and 946 digs. Both totals were second best in school history at the time.

Since 2003 Douglas has been teaching at Hillcrest Public School in Barrie, Ontario, where she lives with her 9-year-old daughter, Lillianna.

BASEBALL

Steve Flanigan was the baseball team's starting catcher in 1991, 1994 and 1995. He was a two-time, first-team allconference selection and the 1995 PSAC-West Athlete of the Year.

As a senior he posted career highs, racking up a .432 batting average and 16 doubles.

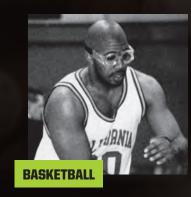
Flanigan finished his career with a .376 batting average. Other career totals are still in the school record book: 15 triples, 36 doubles,

18 home runs and 121 RBI.

The Pittsburgh Pirates called Flanigan's name in the 21st round of the 1995 Major League Draft, and he played professionally for three years. He is the seventh of eight Vulcans to be drafted by Major League Baseball.

Flanigan now works for Ro-Suco Inc., a manufacturing company in Worthington, Pa. He lives in Ford City, Pa., with his wife, Kelly, and stepson, Richard.

To learn more about the 2017 class members and past honorees, or to make a nomination to the Cal U Athletic Hall of Fame, visit www.calvulcans.com/hof.



Robert Jones '97 was a three center for the men's basketball 1993-1994 through the 1996-19

A two-time first-team all-cor selection, he ranked second amo players in rebounding during ea two seasons.

Jones finished his career with and 713 rebounds, totals that sti and 16th in school history. Over his four seasons with the

women's volleyball program from

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Tournament appearances, three

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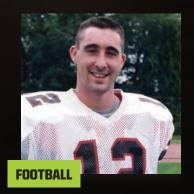
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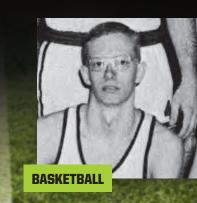
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VOLLEYBALL





A two-time first-team all-cor selection, as well as the team's o Valuable Player in his junior and

wide receiver for the football tea

Shandor was Cal U's leading rec of yards in each of his final three His seven-reception, 179-yar four touchdowns at Clarion Uni

James Vandermer '66 was a four-year shooting guard for the men's basketball team from 1962-1963 through the 1965-1966 season

Despite starting in just two seasons, he finished his career as the fourth-leading scorer at the time, with 942 points.

Vandermer was a two-time all-conference selection and a 1966 NAIA Honorable-Mention All-American. His free-throw percentage — .824 in both his junior and senior seasons —

Robert Jones '97 was a three-year starting	Vulcans won 92 of 120 games, made four
hter for the men's basketball team from	PSAC playoff appearances, competed in
93-1994 through the 1996-1997 season.	three NCAA Division II Tournaments, won
A two-time first-team all-conference	two PSAC championships and advanced
ection, he ranked second among all PSAC	to the 1996 NCAA Division II National
oyers in rebounding during each of his final	Final Four.
o seasons.	Today, Jones is the network and data
Jones finished his career with 1,273 points	center operations manager at Cleveland
d 713 rebounds, totals that still rank sixth	Hopkins International Airport. He lives
d 16th in school history.	in Strongsville, Ohio, with his 17-year-old
Over his four seasons with the team, the	daughter, Jayda.
Melissa Myers '05 was head coach of the	school-record 33-game winning streak,
men's volleyball program from 2002-2007.	plus the program's second of four NCAA
Myers compiled a 161-49 cumulative	regional titles.
cord at Cal U, with five NCAA Division II	The Vulcan volleyball team's 2005 and
urnament appearances, three regional	2007 conference titles were the first for the
als, two PSAC championships and the	program since 1992.
07 NCAA Division II Atlantic Regional	Myers is still on the sidelines, coaching
ampionship.	women's volleyball. Now a resident of Normal,
That year was Cal U's third consecutive	III., she is in her 10th season as head coach
-win season. It concluded with a 35-4	of the NCAA Division I team at Illinois State
erall record, a 16-0 PSAC mark, and a	University.
Vic Shandor '92 was a four-year starting	was the second highest single-game receiving
de receiver for the football team from	yardage total in school history at the time.
39-1992.	Shandor finished his playing career with 138
A two-time first-team all-conference	receptions; 2,349 yards, which ranks fourth in
ection, as well as the team's offensive Most	program history; and 22 career touchdowns, a
luable Player in his junior and senior years,	school record that lasted until 2009.
andor was Cal U's leading receiver in terms	An educator for 25 years, Shandor now is
yards in each of his final three seasons.	the superintendent of York County Schools in
His seven-reception, 179-yard effort with	Yorktown, Va. He and his wife, Melissa, live in
ur touchdowns at Clarion University in 1990	Yorktown with their three children.

still ranks third and fourth in school history. His consistent play helped the 1965-1966 Vulcans compile a 16-8 overall record and win the program's first NAIA District 18 playoff game. A math teacher for 45 years, Vandermer

spent the last 27 years of his career at Cajon High School in San Bernardino, Calif. He died June 30, 2014.

His wife, Linda, of Highland, Calif., accepted the award in his memory. The couple raised three children.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

DOUBLE DUTY

Honor-roll student tabbed for two all-conference teams

ersatile junior Seairra Barrett helped both the women's volleyball and basketball teams enjoy banner seasons that culminated with NCAA Division II post-season tournament appearances.

Along the way she became the first Vulcan student-athlete chosen for all-conference teams in two separate sports where voting by the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference's head coaches determines the honor.

"Seairra epitomizes what a student-athlete is," says Dr. Karen Hjerpe, Cal U's athletic director.

"To play two sports at a high level while maintaining good grades shows not only exceptional athletic ability, but an admirable ability to prioritize her time."

A middle hitter on the women's volleyball team, Barrett was named a first-team all-conference selection last fall, after ranking second among all PSAC players with a .321 hitting percentage. She led the Vulcans with 77 total blocks and was second in points (356) and kills per set (2.97).

In basketball, Barrett made all-conference in 2015-2016 and was the first member of the Cal U women's team to be named PSAC-West Defensive Athlete of the Year.

This season she helped the Vulcans climb as high as second in the NCAA Division II rankings, while averaging nearly 18 points and six rebounds per game.



Barrett is a business administration major with a concentration in accounting and a minor in Spanish. Despite a rigorous training schedule, she has made the Athletic Director's Honor Roll, reserved for those student-athletes who earn a grade-point average of at least 3.0 for the semester.

Switching between sports is apparently no problem for the talented athlete. Last fall Barrett competed in the PSAC volleyball semifinals at Gannon University. The very next day, she helped the women's basketball team win 74-52 at Kutztown.

"Balancing both sports with classes can get difficult, so I have to manage my time very well," Barrett says.

"I enjoy contributing and helping both teams succeed."

DUNN NAMED REGION'S COACH OF THE YEAR

After a memorable first season as Cal U's head football coach, Gary Dunn '94, '96 was selected the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Region 1 Coach of the Year.

Dunn was one of five coaches in NCAA Division II to receive a regional honor this year. Only 25 regional recipients from FBS, FCS, Division II, Division III and NAIA programs have earned the laurel in their first year as head coach.

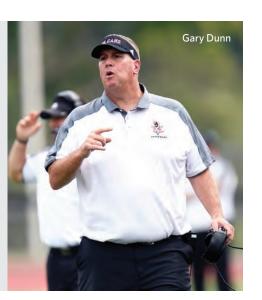
In 2016, Dunn led the Vulcans to 11 wins and the program's first undefeated

regular season (10-0) in nine years. The team's season concluded at the NCAA Division II national quarterfinals.

Dunn's return to his alma mater has had a positive impact on alumni, says Bill Lee '67, a standout Vulcan guarterback and 2011 Cal U Athletic Hall of Fame inductee.

"Gary has really changed the football culture around here, and he has truly made all past players feel welcome. We appreciate his sincerity and enthusiasm.

"I congratulate California University on having such an impressive football coach."





SWIMMER SETS RECORD WITH SEVEN PSAC TITLES

Just ask senior swimmer Jade Arganbright, who returned to her hometown of York, Pa., for the 2017 PSAC Championships. With her parents, grandparents and younger sister cheering her on, she won both the 100- and 200-yard breaststroke events.

Those gold-medal finishes gave Arganbright seven individual PSAC titles, the most in school history. Until the hometown meet, she'd been tied with Clarissa Enslin '14, with five individual conference titles.

Arganbright has won the PSAC title for the 100-yard breaststroke in each of the past three seasons. Her 200-yard breaststroke title reprised a 2015 victory, and she won consecutive 200-yard individual medley conference crowns in 2015 and 2016.

THREE SCORE BIG AS SCHOLARS, ATHLETES

Cal U headed into the spring semester proudly claiming three Academic All-Americans: senior Megan Litoborski and juniors Taylor Nikithser and Will Brazill.

A setter for the Vulcan volleyball team, Litoborski was selected a College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Third-Team Academic All-American. She is the fourth player in program history to be named an Academic All-American.



Litoborski, who owns a 3.94 cumulative grade-point average, graduates this spring with a business administration degree with concentrations in accounting and finance and a minor in Spanish.

Last fall she led the PSAC with 10.35 assists per set and helped the 22-10 Vulcans make the program's 15th appearance in the NCAA Division II Tournament.

Vulcan football players Brazill and Nikithser both earned secondteam CoSIDA Academic-American honors. They are the seventh and eighth Cal U football players to earn this academic honor.

Brazill, a kicker, maintains a 3.62 cumulative GPA while majoring in parks and recreation management. He was fourth among all NCAA Division II kickers in 2016 with 111 points.

Nikithser, a center, has a 3.76 cumulative GPA. A sport management major with a minor in business, he helped the Vulcan offense lead the NCAA Division II in scoring, averaging 49.6 points per game.



The only thing better than setting a record is sharing the moment with family.



RUNNERS EARN PSAC HONORS

Junior Julie Friend was named the Most Outstanding Athlete and classmate Summer Hill was named Outstanding Track Athlete at the 2017 PSAC Indoor Track and Field Championships.

Friend placed second overall in three individual events: the 1-mile run, and the 3,000- and 5,000-meter runs.

Hill won the 1-mile run with a meet record time of 4 minutes, 52.68 seconds, and she finished first in the 800-meter run.

Friend and Hill, along with senior Emilia Ricciuti and sophomore Jaclyn Reinbold, also took first place in the distance medley relay — an event Cal U has won in four consecutive years.

Overall, the women's track team matched its highest finish at the indoor championships, placing fourth for the second time in three years.

On the men's side, sophomore Jae'Len Means won the gold medal in the 200-meter dash, and senior Joe Vedilago placed second in the finals of the 400-meter dash.

The Vulcan men finished eighth in the team standings.

STUDENT-ATHIETES **AS SCHOLARS**

Cal U student-athletes from all varsity sports compiled a 3.20 cumulative grade-point average in the Fall 2016 semester. A total of 185 Vulcans earned a GPA of 3.00 or higher, and 23 had a perfect 4.00.

Collectively, the Vulcans have compiled a cumulative grade-point average of 3.10 or higher for 13 of the past 14 semesters.

MY CALU Story

Every graduate has a Cal U story. To share yours, email alumni@calu.edu.



CAMPUS CONNECTIONS CREATED 'PASSPORTS TO SUCCESS'



awn Fredrickson Wilson '70 has made her mark in education. Last year the Florida resident retired as executive director of professional learning from Duval County Schools in Jacksonville. one of the country's largest school districts with 140.000 students.

She's now working with Learning Forward, a national organization that promotes professional learning, and with a Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation project that aims to transform learning in more than 20 urban school districts.

Through it all, Wilson has kept the white wool suit she wore when she was named Homecoming Queen nearly 50 years ago. It hangs with her wedding gown, she says, because "Homecoming '68 was that important."

SO WAS HER CAL U EXPERIENCE. WILSON WRITES ...

In the fall of 1966 I had the good fortune to be assigned to a room on the third floor of the Stanton Hall dormitory. ... Little did I know then that the girls in the rooms around me would become my lifelong friends.

However, it was more than the dormitory assignment that our group had in common. We also carried the hopes and dreams of our parents — like President Jones, we were the first in our families to attend college and have the opportunity to earn degrees.

These shared values and beliefs built bonds that sustained us during college and throughout life.

Our group was active in Panhellenic activities, student government, sports, cheerleading and the band. ... The friendships we forged and our connections within the college community enhanced our academic experiences and produced personal passports to success.

Although we now live a distance from each other, Cal U Homecoming provides an opportunity for us to reconnect in person, share fond remembrances of "the way we were" and deepen the ties to our alma matter....

Cal U was my gateway to this amazing world of learning. Because of Cal U, I learned there were "other worlds in which to sing."

CALU MILESTONES

60s ·····

Raenna Biddle '60 is retired. At Cal U, she majored in education and was in the choir and band. She also served as a Student Government representative. She and Judith Kearney live in Aurora, Co.

William Lese Jr. '63, of Blounts Creek, N.C., who was a math major a Cal U, now teaches at East Carolina University.

Louis Mazzoli '63 and Joan Mazzoli live in Westerville, Ohio. Louis is retired from his work for the state of Ohio

Gayle Fulton Singer '64, a former elementary education major, is retired. She and Byron Singer live in Florence, Ariz.

70s

David Orange '70 is a Broadway and film actor. He lives in New York City and Fort Lauderdale. Fla. David majored in education at Cal U, where he also played basketball.

Michael Pastorkovich '70, of Pittsburgh, Pa., is retired. He majored in philosophy at Cal U.

Dr. John Hisiro '69, '70 is an adjunct professor for Marshall University, where he teaches leadership and education. He retired in 2002 after serving as superintendent for eight years in both the East Allegheny and Sto-Rox school districts in Allegheny County, Pa. John lives with his wife, Carol, in Charleroi, Pa., and in Clearwater, Fla. He has been president of the Twin Palms Home Owners Association for 12 years and is in his second year as president of the Federation of Manufactured Home Owners of Florida. John has 240 mobile home parks under his leadership in Pinellas County. He also is on the board of directors at the Georgian Inn Beach Resort, in Ormond Beach, Fla.

Jane Flaherty '75 has been selected to serve on the board of directors of the Mon Valley Initiative, a coalition of 10 community development corporations in southwestern Pennsylvania. Jane is an expert on home loans and financing.

Rodger Young '76 is retired. He majored in education at Cal U and lives in Greensburg, Pa.

Roger Young '76 is a professional potter from LaVale, Md. He studied environmental science and ceramics at Cal U and operated a public water system for 25 years.

Laurie Duraney '78, of Waunakee, Wis., is retired

C. David Cook '71 and Patricia Abbadini Cook '71 live in Johns Creek, Ga. He majored in education and was a wrestler at Cal U, while she majored in liberal arts.

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Beth Dolinar '81 now writes a twice-monthly column for the Herald-Standard newspaper in Uniontown, Pa.

Leslie Spears Mathews '82, a former elementary education major, lives in Mooresville, N.C.

Carl Braunegg '84 is the chief financial officer for Hospice of Central Pennsylvania, based in Susquehanna Township, Pa. He most recently served as CFO at the Jewish Federation of Greater Harrisburg. He earned his master's degree in business administration from Cal U.

Mary Cullen '85 is the vice president of nuclear propulsion at Huntington Ingalls Industries' Newport News (Va.) ship-building division. She studied chemistry at Cal U.

Nick Mazzarella '87, president of Community Management Corp., has been elected to the Community Associations Institute's Association of Professional Community Managers. Nick studied business and economics at Cal U.

Bill Gerhauser '87 has completed his second term as president of the Council Rock Teachers Association and is a 10-year member of the Pennsylvania State Education Association's Resolutions Committee. He is in his 23rd year of teaching in the Council Rock School District in Bucks County, Pa. For the past 16 years, he has taught AP Psychology at Council Rock High School South. He lives in Yardley, Pa., with his wife, Dot, and daughter, Grace.

Amy Mazanetz '88 is now a victim advocate in the Washington County (Pa.) District Attorney's Office. Amy earned her degree in psychology from Cal U. She previously worked at Southwestern Pennsylvania Human Services Inc.

HOME RUN EFFORT

Vulcans baseball coach Mike Conte accepts a check from the Edward V. Monaghan Charitable Youth Foundation. This donation enabled three disadvantaged youths to attend the Cal U baseball clinic. Edward V. Monaghan '67 played baseball at Cal State and was a member of the Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity. Friends and family established the foundation upon his passing to provide educational and recreational opportunities for disadvantaged youths. Pictured (from left) are Ted Barnett '67, a foundation board member; coach Conte; Virginia Sala Monaghan '68, Edward Monaghan's wife and a foundation board member; and Tony Mauro '92, '93, associate vice president for University Development and Alumni Relations at Cal U

James Coode '88, a former history and political science major, is an attorney living in Martinsburg, W.Va. At Cal U, James played rugby and was a member of the Veterans Club and Pi Gamma Mu.

Karen Burton Stoffel '88, who majored in art at Cal U, now lives in Maricopa, Ariz.

90s ·····

Kenneth Gillie Jr. '90 is the director of community development for Danville, Va. He oversees the housing, inspections, and planning and zoning divisions. Kenneth earned his bachelor's degree in geography from Cal U.

Jeff Mangus '94, of Davie, Fla., is an athletic trainer for the Cleveland Clinic Florida.

Scott Alwine '95 is a marketing manager with raised-floor manufacturer Tate Inc. He earned his master's degree in business administration from Cal U.

Parke Wentling '97, of Greenville, Pa., is a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. Prior to his election in 2014, he taught technology education in the Wilmington (Pa.) Area School District.

Tom Kravitz '97 is the town administrator in North Smithfield, R.I. He earned his degree in Earth science at Cal U.

Pennsylvania State Police Sgt. Steve Dowlin '97, of Greene County, Pa., has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant and will oversee police operations in Fayette County, Pa.

Denise Lesnock '98 is the borough manager for Canonsburg, Pa. She earned her bachelor's degree in business administration from Cal U.



CALU MILESTONES

Barry Luciani '98 is a senior vice president, branch executive for Howard Bank in Maryland. He is a former BB&T banking executive. Since 2013, Barry has been chairman of the board for Leadership Baltimore County, where he provides governance leadership and strategic fundraising support. He was recognized as one of *Smart CEO Magazine's* Top Bankers at Susquehanna Bank in 2011.

Jeff Grimes '95 and Kimberley Kachersky

Grimes '98, of Holbrook, Pa., have moved to a farm that has been in Jeff's family since 1869. The couple met at Cal U and have been married for 18 years. They have two children, Jackson, 8, and Joel, 6. Jeff and Kimberley both were business majors. She was a business banker with PNC for 17 years; she left her position recently to spend more time with her children. He attended law school at Ohio Northern University and has a practice in Waynesburg, Pa.

Joseph Hofmann '01 lives in Spring Brook Township, Pa. An elementary education major at Cal U, he was an orientation leader and member

certified Dale Carnegie trainer since 2001, John

studied political science and communications

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of Kappa Delta Pi, an honor society in the field of education.



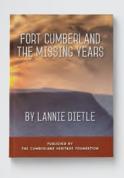
at Cal U.

has been named vice president, sales and marketing, for JR Rodgers & Associates (franchises of Dale Carnegie Training), in Pittsburgh, Pa., Cleveland, Ohio, and State College, Pa. A

John Glaneman '92, '01



Robert S. Mason '77 is the author of a book of poetry published by State University of New York Press. *Nearer to Never* invites readers' aesthetic engagement to explore what's waiting for us beneath everyday experiences. The book was a finalist for the Eugene Paul Nassar Poetry Prize.



IN PRINT

Lannie Dietle '74 is the author of *Fort Cumberland: The Missing Years*, which documents the settlement of the Cumberland, Md., area at the outset of the French and Indian War. It goes on to document the renewed activity in the area following the capture of Fort Duquesne. Lannie has dedicated the proceeds from sales of the book to the Cumberland Heritage Foundation, an organization dedicated to the discovery and interpretation of historic resources in the mountains of western Maryland. Lannie has worked for 43 years in the petroleum industry. For the past 34 years, he has been employed at an engineering firm in Texas. He has been awarded 35 U.S. patents related to oilfield technology.



Frank Cicci '95, '98, of Pittsburgh, Pa., has written *Shyra and the Blah Blah Bird*, available at www.freedom2read.com. The book is meant for teachers to use as an accelerated reader or an English lesson. Frank and Dr. Theresa Lee Froats were married April 23, 2016.

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Joseph F. Sank '65, a retired industrial arts teacher and school administrator, and his brother Michael have co-authored *The History of Wehrum, Pennsylvania.* The book, published in memory of Joann Jones, describes the short life of a coal-mining town in eastern Indiana County, Pa. Sank has donated a copy of the book to the University's Manderino Library. Warare Gladman '02 is a teacher at Lafayette Elementary-Middle School in Uniontown, Pa. He also is an assistant basketball coach for Uniontown High School.

Jayvijay Raol '04 is a graduate student and a member of the faculty at Fairmont State University. He studied multimedia technology at Cal U. He lives in Shinnston, W.Va., with Marcie Raol.

Pablo Montana '04 is now the head coach of the men's tennis program at the University of Delaware.

Raymond Wormack '99, '04 is a Certified Master Forensic Social Worker, a designation of the American College of Forensic Examiners Institute. Raymond earned his degrees in business and social work at Cal U.

P.J. Mainville '05 is head athletic trainer for the 2016 World Series Champion Chicago Cubs. He earned his master's degree in exercise science and health promotion with a concentration in performance enhancement from Cal U.

John Furtado '05 received the 2017 Cramer Award for excellent leadership in serving the Eastern Athletic Trainers' Association. He earned his master's degree in exercise science and health promotion from Cal U. For the past 20 years, he has been employed at Princeton University, where he is the coordinator of physical therapy for University Health Services. He previously worked in Massachusetts as a physical therapist at Hawthorne Physical Therapy for three years, and for a year as an athletic training/physical therapist at Dartmouth High School.

TaMara Swank '06, of Greensburg, Pa., is an assistant professor of dance at Seton Hill University. She earned her master's degree in exercise science and health promotion from Cal U.

Mike Budinsky '06, a former business administration major, is celebrating his fifth year as a State Farm insurance agent in Finleyville, Pa.

Maroon David '06 recently gave a talk on various freedoms in the United States. He has worked as a curatorial intern at the Senator John Heinz History Center, in Pittsburgh, Pa., and Old Economy Village, in Ambridge, Pa. He also has been an archival intern with the Carnegie Library Special Collections, in Pittsburgh.

Debra Froehlich '06 accepted a newly created position as full-time director of community education at Colorado Mountain College Steamboat Springs. She earned her master's degree in exercise science and health promotion from Cal U.

Glenn Gehringer '07, who studied law and public policy at Cal U, is a permit manager for InTransit LLC. He and Marilou Gehringer live in Pittsburgh, Pa. Adam Smith '08 has been named project manager for JEM Group, based in Harrisburg, Pa. He earned his degree in business administration from Cal U and has eight years of construction experience.

Erik Johnson '09 is the athletic director and physical education teacher at Chesapeake Science Point Public Charter School in Hanover, Md.

Michael J. Smith '09 is an adjunct faculty member of health care informatics at Misericordia University, in Dallas, Pa. He is completing his doctoral studies at the University of New England, in Biddeford, Maine.

Stacia Pearce '09 is a physician coaching consultant for Saxton & Stump LLC, based in Manheim Township, Pa. Stacia was associate director of hospital and healthcare system leadership engagement with the Pennsylvania Medical Society. She studied communications at Cal U.

Lindsey Hnath '09 has joined CARE for Children in Bradford, Pa., as a speech-language pathologist.

Chad Vorderbrueggen '07, '09 is a fitness director for Healthplex Associates. He earned his bachelor's degree in sport management and his master's degree in exercise science and health promotion from Cal U. Chad and Melissa Medsger live in Belle Vernon, Pa.

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Stephen Greene '10 is a senior scientist with U.S. Customs and Border Protection. He earned his master's degree in legal studies, with a homeland security concentration, from Cal U. He and Jen Greene live in Tucson. Ariz.

Samuel Fletcher '10, of Saint Cloud, Fla., is a teacher in the Osceola County (Fla.) School District. He majored in secondary education at Cal U.

Tiffany Ritenour Clark '10, an elementary education major, is a preschool teacher for Head Start of Fayette County. She and John Clark live in Connellsville. Pa.

Rob Miele '10 is the new boys varsity soccer coach in the Belle Vernon (Pa.) Area School District. He majored in education at Cal U.

Lauren Thomas Hammond '10 lives in Garner, N.C.

Jay Jairdullo '10, a 17-year veteran of the South Brunswick, N.J., Police Department, has been promoted to the rank of sergeant. He previously served as a patrolman and a school resource officer, as well as an instructor in firearms and physical training.

Skye Sankey '11, of Tampa, Fla., earned a bachelor's degree in sport management and is a personal trainer and wellness coach. At Cal U, Skye was a pole vaulter and secretary for the Bodybuilding and Fitness Club. **Steve Santia** '11 is the head wrestling coach at Southmoreland High School in Alverton, Pa. Steve played football at Cal U.

Alexa Sobek '11, of Perryopolis, Pa., who majored in elementary education at Cal U, earned her master's degree in special education in 2016 from Gwynedd Mercy University, graduating with a 4.0 grade-point average. In October 2016, she was hired as a kindergarten teacher in the McGuffey School District in Washington County, Pa.

Shawn Barron '11 is a conservation officer for the Pennsylvania Game Commission, covering parts of Fayette and Somerset counties.

Bryan Kline '11 was seeking a third term as Westmoreland County (Pa.) Clerk of Courts. His master's degree from Cal U focuses on law and public policy.

Elisa Ashton '12, of Pittsburgh, Pa., a former history major at Cal U, now works for Giant Eagle Inc.

Justin Lovett '12 is the director of strength and conditioning for the Purdue Boilermakers college football team, in West Layfayette, Ind. Justin earned his master's degree in exercise science and health promotion from Cal U.

Patrice Resch '12 works for Ann Inc., the parent company of Ann Taylor, LOFT, Ann Taylor Factory, LOFT Outlet and Lou & Grey. She majored in graphics and multimedia technology at Cal U.

Eric Kush '12 has re-signed as an offensive lineman with the NFL's Chicago Bears. Eric played football for the Vulcans from 2008-2012.

Sergio Merino '13 was hired as head strength and conditioning coach at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, in Troy, N.Y. He earned his master's degree in exercise science and health promotion from Cal U.

Casey Flores '13 is an account executive at Key Communications Inc. and a former editor of Window Film and PPF magazines. He majored in communication studies at Cal U.

Jamie Athas '13 is the wellness director at Cone Health, based in North Carolina. She earned her master's degree in exercise science and health promotion from Cal U.

Devyn Agett '13 has been elected to a threeyear term on the board of directors for the Chautauqua Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Council. She earned her master's degree in exercise science and health promotion from Cal U and is a health teacher at Persell Middle School, in Jamestown, N.Y.

Andrew Schryver '14, who majored in athletic training at Cal U, is a licensed athletic trainer for CPRS Physical Therapy. He and Samantha Strine live in Mechanicsburg, Pa.



DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN

Gwendolyn Simmons, a former member of California University's Council of Trustees, received the Distinguished Citizen Award at the Friends of Scouting Breakfast for her lifetime of service to the Mon Valley area. Gwen served three, sixyear terms as a Cal U trustee and in 2011 received the University's Lillian M. Bassi Core Values Award, given to a person who exemplifies the core values of integrity, civility and responsibility. A lifetime member of the NAACP, she is a member of the Monongahela Historical Society, the Monongahela Area Chamber of Commerce, the Monongahela Area Revitalization Corp., the Monongahela Women's Club and Partners in Health Committee at Monongahela Valley Hospital. She is a past president of the Washington County Historical Society and a former member of the board of directors for the Multicultural Arts Initiative of the Pittsburgh Foundation and for Mon Valley Community Services. She also is a past chair of the Washington County Hospital Authority. Created by the Boy Scouts of America, the Distinguished Citizen Award "recognizes noteworthy and extraordinary leadership of citizens in communities across the United States."

Mandie Gorsuch '13 is a graphic designer.

Jennifer Rodgers '14, of Jersey Shore, Pa., is a teacher in the Williamsport (Pa.) Area School District. Jennifer earned her master's degree in exercise science from Cal U.

Rachael Michaels '14, of Pittsburgh, Pa., is a drug education specialist at Cal U. She earned her master's degree in clinical mental health counseling.

Jason Rhine '14 has completed his first season as head women's basketball coach at Misericordia University, in Dallas, Pa.

CALU MILESTONES

Dustin DeLuca '12, of Jennerstown, Pa., was a candidate for both the Democratic and Republican nominations for Boswell (Pa.) district judge. He earned his master's degree in secondary education from Cal U.

Brendon Jonsson '13 is providing athletic training services for Red Springs High School (N.C.) and also is a preceptor for students in the athletic training program at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke. Brendon works for Southeastern Health Sports Medicine.

Michael Lash '10, '13 is a therapist for Gateway Rehabilitation. He earned his master's degree in mental health counseling from Cal U, where he was a memberof Phi Sigma Pi and the marching, jazz and concert bands. Michael also was president of the Lions Club and served as a community assistant.

Heidi Reese '15 is the health and wellbeing coach for the YMCAs in Bradford, Pa., and Olean, N.Y. She earned her master's degree in exercise science and health promotion from Cal U.

Brian Salak '15 is a mortgage loan originator for GSF Mortgage Corp., in Brookfield, Wis.

Melanie Schrover '15 is a caseworker for Adelphoi. She earned her master's degree in applied criminology from Cal U and lives in Acme, Pa.

Kaitlyn Williams '16 and Austin Booge live in Omaha, Neb. Kaitlyn earned her master's degree in exercise science and health promotion from Cal U.

Munzer Elliiby '16, a graduate of Cal U's Arabic Language and Culture program, is an instructor at Yale University. He lives in New Haven, Conn.

Marie Pellasce '16, who studied communication disorders at Cal U, lives in McKeesport, Pa.

Jade Freeman '16, of Mont Alto, Pa., is a teacher for Head Start. Jade majored in early childhood education services at Cal U

Rachel Randolph '16, a business administration major, lives in Washington, Pa. She was a member of the choir and Alpha Lambda Delta at Cal U

Emma Schatz '16, of St. Marys, Pa., is a Master of Social Work graduate. She was a member of the Graduate Social Work Association at Cal U.

Lesa Ulakovich Trunzo '16, a sociology major, is a case manager for Community Action Southwest. She and Sean Trunzo live in Monongahela, Pa.

Bonnie Petros '16, a liberal studies major, and Peter Ketting live in Washington, Pa.

Jeffrey Keener '16, an early childhood services major from Bethel Park, Pa., works in food service for Mm! Mm! Pizza.



RISING IN RANK

Capt. Andrew Collins '10 (third from left) recently was promoted to his current rank in the U.S. Army Reserve. Attending the promotion ceremony were (from left) Capt. Mateo Herrera '08; Andrew's wife, Richelle Collins '12; and Capt. Robert Prah '06, '10. All three captains participated in the Army ROTC program at Cal U.

Chevelle Stoken '16, a criminal justice major from Republic, Pa., works for Sonny's Sports Bar and Grill.

Calvin Isaac '16, a sport management major from Fort Myers, Fla., is an account executive for the Florida Everblades minor league hockey team.

Gino lorfida '16, who majored in computer information systems, is an information technology analyst for Eaton Corp. He and Nicole Iorfida live in Houston, Pa.

Vito Maffei '16 is the assistant athletic trainer for the Salem-Keizer Volcanoes, a Class A affiliate of the San Francisco Giants of Major League Baseball in Oregon. Vito earned his Cal U master's degree in exercise science and health promotion, with a concentration in rehabilitation sciences.

Cyrill Parham '16 is the sports information director for the Wesley College athletic department, in Dover, Del. He earned his Cal U master's degree in sport management with a concentration in intercollegiate athletic administration.

Lindsey Vlasic '06, '16, of Monessen, Pa., who earned degrees in sport management and applied criminology, is a probation officer for Westmoreland County, Pa. At Cal U, she was secretary of the Sport Management Club and a community assistant.

Miranda Gumbert '16, a computer science and computer engineering technology major at Cal U, is a software designer for Creehan & Company. She and Nicholas Reich '14 live in Canonsburg, Pa.

ENGAGEMENTS ······

Eric Sampson '13 and Noelle Winkler are engaged. Eric, who earned his master's degree in exercise science and health promotion from Cal U, is a physical education teacher at Albert Gallatin High School and a co-owner of Mom Maruca's Pizza in Uniontown, Pa. Eric and Noelle are planning a 2018 wedding.

Brandon Charriere '12 and Taylor Beros are engaged. Brandon earned his Master of Arts Teaching from Cal U and is a social studies teacher at Canon-McMillan High School in Washington County, Pa. They are planning a July 2017 wedding.

Robert Brestensky '04 and Abigail Smith are engaged. Robert earned his bachelor's degree in business administration with a concentration in accounting from Cal U. He is a senior accountant at Lebanon Valley College in Annville, Pa. Robert and Abigail are planning a July 2017 wedding.

Stephanie Liddic '10 and Tyler Ott are engaged. Stephanie earned her master's degree in exercise science and health promotion from Cal U. She is a middle school physical education teacher in the Palmyra (Pa.) Area School District.

Desirae Moody '16 and Mitchell Clark, both of Somerset, Pa., are engaged. Desirae is a behavior specialist in Wexford, Pa. They are planning to marry in September 2017.

Michael Ulderich '10 and Alyssa Schardongn '11 are engaged. Michael majored in technology education and teaches in Vienna, Va. He was founder of the Racquetball Club and a member

of the Technology Education Association of California. Alyssa majored in biology. She was treasurer of the Biology Club and a member of Alpha Phi Omega for one year. They are planning a spring 2018 wedding.

Carly Eslep '12 and Daniel Chapman are planning a December 2017 wedding. Carly is a warranty administrator at South Hills Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram Fiat.

Gina Sypula and Matthew Hall are engaged. Gina is a Spanish teacher at Canon-McMillan High School, in Washington County, Pa., and is pursuing a master's degree in English as a second language from Cal U. She and Matthew are planning to marry in August 2017.

Kyle Foor '15 and Kelsey Barton are planning a wedding for July 2017. Kyle studied business administration at Cal U and is a pre-hire administrator for Sheetz's corporate office, in Altoona, Pa.

Morgan O'Rourke '13 and Ryan Whitmire are engaged. Morgan works for Select Specialty Hospital of Erie and graduated from Cal U with degrees in nursing and gerontology. They are planning a wedding for September 2017.

Whitney Shelton '12 and Chantz McClinic are planning a June 2017 wedding. Whitney is an exercise physiologist at Floyd Polk Medical Center, in Cedartown, Ga.

Dr. Cristina Yorke '11 and Glenn Testen are engaged. Cristina majored in communication disorders at Cal U and received her Doctor of Audiology degree from Kent State in 2015. She works at the Hearing Center at CVS Pharmacy in Mayfield Heights, Ohio.

Donald Kacin Jr. '13 and Angela Tiani are

engaged. Donald earned his degree in biology, with a concentration in nanotechnology. He and Angela are planning an October 2017 wedding at Hill Crest Country Club in Lower Burrell, Pa.

WEDDINGS ······

Carl Halye '11, '12 and Aimee Hazlett '12 were married June 17, 2016. They both work at Lady Luck Casino Nemacolin, in Farmington, Pa., and live in Uniontown, Pa.



Christine Costello '13 and David Mori were married June 4, 2016. Christine works for Enterprise.

Kenneth Roudybush Jr. '08 and Lauren Sequete, of Pittsburgh, Pa., were married Sept. 24, 2016. Kenneth works for ZOLL LifeVest in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Tyler Phillips '08 and Rosanna Haught were married March 4, 2017. Tyler majored in technology education at Cal U and is a technology education teacher at Washington (Pa.) junior and senior high schools.

BIRTHS ·····



principal at Commonwealth Charter Academy. She earned her master's degree in education from Cal U.



Crystal works for Wendy's Corporate - 90 Degree Lab. The family lives near Columbus, Ohio.

IN MEMORIAM

Charles M. Anderson '58 James D. Anderson '70 James O. Anderson '67 Martha A. Cain Anderson '67 Raymond Patsy Amatangelo Jr. '72 Kathleen Ann Ballein '80 Edward R. Barch '62 Carol Shinshasky Beighle '68 Paul J. Beyer '88 Chanel Lee Johns Bikowicz '00 James Charles Caputo '59 Rosadele Mary Carroll '43 Linda Kay Denney Cordaro '62 Eugene "Gene" N. Costel* Kenneth S. Culbertson '74 James Howard Dillow '68 Donald G. Emery '55 Jason Paul Foreman '02, a 2010 inductee into the Cal U Athletic Hall of Fame (baseball)

Ronald N. Fronzaglio '74, former director of workforce development training and grant services at Cal U

Pauline Frances McKnight Gechoff '49 Louise Hartley,* a former staff member at Cal U

Bonnie Peperak Sypolt '08 and Matthew

Sypolt, of Harrisburg, Pa., announce the birth of their son, Bryce Isaac Sypolt, on Oct. 9, 2016. Bonnie is an elementary school assistant

Crystal Mann Lape '09, '11 and Koury Lape '09 celebrated the birth of their daughter, Rylee Marie Lape, on Nov. 28, 2016. Kourv is a senior web developer at Denison University, and





REMEMBRANCE

Lillian M. Bassi '49 died Ian 16, 2017. She was 90 years old. She majored in education at California, which honored her by naming her the first recipient of the Lillian M. Bassi Core Values Award for integrity, civility and responsibility. In 1996, she received the John R. Gregg Award for loyalty and service to Cal U, as well as the Dixonians Award for unselfish service to her alma mater. She was secretary of the Alumni Association of California and was a member of its executive committee. She also served on the board of directors of the Foundation for California University, Lillian and her late husband, Melvin, established the Lillian Majoros Bassi '49 Education Scholarship Fund at California University.

Joseph C. Hayes '69 James H. Holleran '55 William Morgan Kay '75 Charles "Chuck" Edward Kolsosky '66 Anita Orsatti LaMendola '88 Raymond Lopez,* emeritus professor, retired associate professor from the Department of Academic Development Services Barbara DiLuzio Marella '61 Betsy Coldsmith McFarland* Bonnie E. Newman '66 Edward Melvin Oakley '74 Valerie L. Paul* Prudence L. Petrucci,* food service worker at Cal U Allen Pollus '65 Richard D. Popovich '71 Terence "Terry" E. Riddle '93 Richard Louis Scaglione '73 William N. Simanovich Sr. '68 George "Ned" William Slavik* Philip Sleber '77 Franklin Scott Swaney '04 Thomas N. Tully '64 Carole Lee Zoretic Vignali '73 loseph Wohar' Patricia Wojciechowski '76 Beatrice "Bea" Young '40 *No graduation year on file

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Grace under water

Sophomore swimmer Danielle de Perrot, of Lititz, Pa., displays perfect form as she propels herself across the pool at Hamer Hall. De Perrot won the 400 individual medley during this home meet at the start of the spring semester.