



# PACIFICA GRADUATE INSTITUTE OFFICE OF ALUMNI RELATIONS



## MOMENTS OF STRENGTH

*A current overview of PGIAA initiatives, programs, services, and community engagement*

Alumni Relations and PGIAA continued to adjust to the evolving epidemic challenges while taking advantage of the bold opportunities for service under this “new normal.” It is through these lenses that we see the possibilities for tomorrow and a community that thrives. Accordingly, as you read this report, please pause and appreciate that our definition of ‘community’ encapsulates not only our alumni, but the greater community at large. We gratefully acknowledge our Pacifica partners and the many external partnerships that empower and encourage our work and elevate the standing of not only alumni relations, but Pacifica as a whole.

Dianne Travis-Teague  
*Director of Alumni Relations*

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### PGIAA ALUMNI INITIATIVES, PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

#### *PGIAA Programs for Students/Alumni*

##### Buddy Program

Our flagship program continues to garner requests from prospective and current students, as well as alumni (particularly dissertation students). Our Web Oversight Team is working to create additional electronic support along with increased volunteer buddies for the overall program.

##### Project Pay-It-Forward

Developed in collaboration and support of our MA Counseling Program, this program continues to thrive.

##### Commencement 2020, 2021 & 2022

PGIAA ‘Swag Packages’ including caps and tassels. We had several volunteers come and help put together the packages over a two-day period. (See attachment on page 4.)

##### Race & Social Justice Commission

Focusing on Advocacy, Collaboration, Empowerment, Inclusiveness

##### Live! from Somewhere

A video blog that highlights the work of various alums around the world.

See announcement/events here: <https://pgiaa.org/alumni-in-action/live-from-somewhere/>

##### “BEAM” (Bridging Education, Ambition and Meaningful Work)

Enhanced Career Assistance for alums and students

Teaming with AMEX to provide Financial Planning Services

Career Brunch/Symposium – current restrictions on in-person gatherings temporarily placed event on hold. We are discussing a virtual Job Faire for late September.

First Responder Covid-19 Pandemic Program being developed with City of Santa Barbara, Cottage Hospital, Hospice of Santa Barbara and other community partners.

### *Grants/Fundraising/Scholarships/Fellowships*

#### ABAKANOWICZ Fellowship

Additional funding for dissertation support approved for 2022. See Award Announcement here: <https://pgiaa.org/abakanowicz-fellowship-2021/2021-abakanowicz-fellowship-awardees/>

#### PGIAA Annual Awards 2021

Wendy Davee Award for Service; Chancellor's Award for Excellence; Chancellor's Award for Service; Chancellor's Award for Community; President's Award and Walter Odajnyk Scholarship.

## ALUMNI RELATIONS - PGIAA ALUMNI NETWORKING

Mythologium – This year, PGIAA sponsored a panel – Race and Restorative Justice in Mythological Studies. See link below for the panel recording: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ZpVR5tJgSbdicuYBNabgfLOH4a29t7kw>

Admissions – Continued support for prospective students via Buddy Program.

Program Support – PGIAA Website and Community Network

Pacifica Experience Days – Alumni/ae panels when requested.

## ALUMNI RELATIONS - COMMUNITY INITIATIVES, PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

### *PGIAA Cares*

- Care Line – Provides 24-7 services (PGIAA trained LMFTs, homeless counseling, temporary shelter and more. Call volume has remained high (60-75 calls weekly). Recently, experienced high volume of student calls. The real needs, we believe, are just beginning to emerge and we are partnering with local community resource groups to include our Care Line. (See page 4.)
- Care Boxes – Care Drops at the mail stations throughout the community will continue as long as food shortage is a concern within our community.
- Grief Network – The number of deaths has again risen across the board and the need for this service increased significantly.

## ALUMNI RELATIONS - COMMUNITY NETWORKING

Juneteenth Celebration (19 June 2021 - Promotional material on page 5)

Kick-Off & Proclamation Signings with additional representation at the Melanin Gallery.

The Lummi Nation Red Road To DC, 24 foot Totem Pole Journey. The **totem** is a gift from the Lummi — Lhoq'temish (people of the sea) — to Deb Haaland, Secretary of Interior (a member of New Mexico's Laguna Pueblo) and President Joe Biden. Carved from a 400-year-old red cedar tree, the totem will be displayed at the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian.

The 69<sup>th</sup> stop on their journey brought the Lummi and Barbareño Band Chumash to Pacifica's Ladera Lane Campus for a Ceremony hosted by Adam Brown, Marvin Richards, John Ziegler and Dianne Travis-Teague. See news article here: <https://newspress.com/totem-pole-stops-in-montecito>

California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists (CAMFT Educational Foundation Board of Directors Appointment). Dianne was appointed as a member of this Board. The Educational Foundation Board of Directors shall be authorized to adopt and publish such policies, procedures and rules as may be necessary and appropriate, and to exercise authority over all Foundation business and funds.

Purpose/Function: The CAMFT Education Foundation is formed to provide education, research, publications and scholarships to support and enhance the profession of marriage and family therapy.

PGI/PGIAA Unveil Santa Barbara Airport Project (preview attached on page 6)

Association of Black Psychologist (ABPsi) 52nd Annual Conference

Silver Level Sponsorship with Pacifica for this historic group. With Dianne attending various events throughout the conference. (See program ad on page 7).

Barbareño Band Chumash Indians (BBCI) Literacy Now Project – PGIAA continues our support for this community endeavor with addition for summer school classes for K-12 students. Despite the pandemic, our volunteers have remained committed to this project.

Direct Relief – In addition to continued support for our local community needs, PGIAA is participating in the Afghanistan Women (2X Match) project. In these moments of grim uncertainty with violence rising, women are caught in the crossfire. As world citizens, we must not be silent.

Food Bank of Santa Barbara – PGI/PGIAA has donated an additional 125 pallets of canned goods and non-perishable items, secured from local grocers, as Santa Barbara County continues to fight the Covid-19/Delta Variant. Unfortunately, many people remain unvaccinated.


Healing Justice Santa Barbara – See PGI/PGIAA participation via Juneteenth Flyer (page 5).

New Beginnings – PGIAA\_Cares continues its sponsorship of the Naomi Schwartz Safe Parking Program which offers safe parking and access to restrooms, showers and meals.

## Commencement 2020, 2021 &amp; 2022 - "Swag Packages"



## Care Line

 **Pacifica Graduate Institute Alumni Association is in Carpinteria, California.** 16h · 🌐

During these immense times of crisis, we need one another. PGIAA has established a CARELINE just in case you need to talk.

**YOU DO NOT NEED TO STRUGGLE ALONE ... (805) 679.6163**

Our world is complex and challenged these days – whether it be the pandemic, violence, weather, fires or something else, Pacifica's Alumni Association is here for you!



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**PGIAA CARELINE**

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## Juneteenth

# 2021 JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

## Juneteenth SB 2021 SPONSOR HIGHLIGHT

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# Black Artist Gallery & Artisan Market

833 State Street | 12-4 pm on June 19

Hosted by Pacifica Graduate Institute &

Pacifica Graduate Institute Alumni Association (PGIAA)

## Chocolate Baby Story Time

Nurturing our next generation with reading inclusive children's books

Featuring Amara K. Teague (Link: <https://youtu.be/SX7TuGjeK5k?t=834>)

## PGI/PGIAA Santa Barbara Airport Project



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## Association of Black Psychologist (ABPsi) 52nd Annual Conference

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## The Association of Black Psychologists and the 52nd Annual Convention 2021

### BLACK FORWARD

calls upon  
**Determination, Focus,  
Strength, and Power,**  
so as we strive to tend the soul  
with the same virtues

*"For the sake of tending soul in and of the world"*

Animae Mundi Colendae Gratia

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At Pacifica Graduate Institute and our Alumni Association (PGIAA), diversity, equity, and inclusion are core to who we are. Our commitment to these values is unwavering – across all of our work around the world. They are central to our missions and to our engagement with our stakeholders and our communities. Our sponsorship salutes the work of ABPsi and honors the ongoing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion efforts of the Pacifica community.

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*"Through Soul, Community Thrives"*

Per Animam, Communitas Crescit

**PGIAA.org**

**We are actively recruiting** and encourage applications for faculty and staff positions that value perspectives embracing African/African American, Asian, Indigenous, ethnic, Latinx/Latino(a)/Latin@, Southwest Asian and North African [SWANA] Studies, African traditional religions, LGBTQ studies/theory, gender studies, queer methodology, anti-racism, social justice, decolonial theory and praxis, critical race theory, feminist theory, and other under-represented groups. We know that having diverse perspectives helps generate better ideas to solve the complex problems of a changing—and increasingly interconnected—world.

## 2021 Coming Home Awards: 'An Evening of Hope' - Live Broadcast

with alumni and community watch groups in Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco, New York, Washington DC, Seattle, and Portland, Oregon. ([Watch highlights and the full broadcast here.](#))



### AWARDS PRESENTED:

The President's Award – Heesun Kim

The Chancellor Emeritus Award for Excellence – Alisa Orduna

The Chancellor Emeritus Award for Community – External – Food Bank of Santa Barbara

The Chancellor Emeritus Award for Community – Internal – Roland Palencia

The Wendy Davee Award for Service – Dahkotahv Beckham and Mary Miles Carroll

The Chancellor Emeritus Pathfinder Award – Howard Spector

The Abakanowicz Fellowship – Sarah María Acosta Ahmad and Kristina Yarbrough

## Bridging Education, Ambition and Meaningful Work (BEAM)

*Providing enhanced career assistance for our alumni/ae (in collaboration with AMEX)*

# BEAM

## Bridging Education, Ambition & Meaningful Work

### COMMUNITY CAFÉ

- Career Fairs & Workshops**  
 Engage diverse audiences through compelling events customized to align with alumni/ae needs.  
 Create a unified and relevant experience for all attendees propelled by creativity, strategy and technology.
- Live & Virtual Employer Events**  
 Community building through shared values with events that inspire and connect.  
 Instill empowerment and motivation with sense of belonging and teach strategies for lasting impact.
- Career Coaching**  
 Mentor support to develop skills and goal setting by overcoming roadblocks and enriching key relationships.
- Info Sessions & Mixers**  
 Expand global reach and both graduate and community audiences.  
 Share interests with imagination and innovative technologies to create empowered life cohorts.  
 Hybrid, in-person and virtual experiences tailored to all audiences.
- Financial Planning**  
 Develop strategies for wherever life takes you.  
 Create individualized financial forecasting plans and milestone checklists.  
 Work directly with support partners, including:
  - AMEX
  - AVALAN Wealth Management
  - Montecito Bank & Trust

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**"Our vision is to empower Pacifica graduates to transform their education and ambitions into meaningful work."**

### ALUMNI EMPOWERMENT:

- Community Cafés
- PGIAA Career Fairs & Workshops
- Virtual Employer Events
- Career Coaching
- Info Sessions & Mixers
- Financial Planning

## UPCOMING PROJECTS & EVENTS



- **A TOAST HEARD 'ROUND THE WORLD**  
*PGIAA's annual New Year's Celebration bringing our communities and the world together.*
- **34TH ANNUAL UNITY TELETHON**  
*'Honoring Our Volunteers' – 11 December 2021*
- **TOYS FOR TOTS & FOOD COLLECTION**
- **COMMUNITY PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS WITH KEYT**  
*Recorded and produced with PGIAA's Dianne Travis-Teague*