MOMENTS OF STRENGTH
A current overview of PGIAA initiatives, programs, services, and community engagement

Alumni Relations and PGIAA continue 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

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 2021
PGIAA ‘Swag Packages’ included cap and tassel this year. 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 v-blog that highlights the work of various alums around the world.

“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.

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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/1ZpVR51gSbdicuYBNabgfLOH4a29t7kw

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 concerning with in 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 Melanim Gallery.

The Lummi Nation Red Road To DC, 24 foot Totem Pole Journey. The totem is a gift from the Lummis — 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 69th 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 (ABPs) 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 2021 - “Swag Packages”

Care Line

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.
2021 JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

Juneteenth SB 2021 SPONSOR HIGHLIGHT
PACIFICA GRADUATE INSTITUTE & PGI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
THANK YOU

$1,000

Thank you to our Juneteenth SB 2021 Community Partners!

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

We welcome you to Santa Barbara!

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Association of Black Psychologist (ABPsi) 52nd Annual Conference

WE CONGRATULATE

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

“For the sake of tending soul in and of the world”
Animae Mundi Colendae Gratia
PACIFICA.edu

BLACK FORWARD

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

“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.”

“Through Soul, Community Thrives”
Per Animam, Communitas Crescit
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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.
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 Maria Acosta Ahmad and Kristina Yarbrough
Bridging Education, Ambition and Meaningful Work (BEAM)

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

*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