



## Welcome!

Over the past few months we collected **more than 140 updates from Rossier alumni** spanning 54 years for *Class Notes*. If you would like to submit an update for the spring 2019 issue, [click here](#).

In addition to *Class Notes*, we are encouraging alumni to submit their stories via our [Centennial website](#). The website already includes several stories highlighting the experiences and accomplishments of USC Rossier alumni.

### Fight On!

Matt DeGrushe ME '04  
Director of Alumni Engagement

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2018 Commencement



2018 Leadership Conference

## 2018 USC Rossier/DSAG Leadership Conference

On July 19, over 250 alumni, current students and guests attended the 2018 USC Rossier/DSAG Leadership Conference at the USC Radisson Hotel. The event kicked off with a keynote address by Trudy Arriaga titled “Opening Doors for Equity”. The keynote was followed by 11 breakout sessions focused on career pathways in educational leadership for aspiring leaders, a session on interviewing strategies for women, timely sessions dealing with issues around equity, organizational culture and school safety. In total, the conference featured 33 speakers. The event concluded with a networking reception. You can view pictures from the conference on our [Flickr page](#) and see tweets from the event by searching #USCEdConf on Twitter. Mark your calendars – the 2019 USC Rossier Leadership Conference will be held on Thursday, July 25, 2019.



## 1950s

**Carol Blanchard '54, MS'75** is celebrating the 20th anniversary of Zhengzhou SIAS University in China. Today, there are 130 foreign teachers and 26,000 Chinese and international students attending SIAS. She taught English courses at SIAS and also served as the director of advancement at SIAS. Carol received a Widney Alumni House volunteer award from the USC Alumni Association in 2016.

## 1960s

**Isabel Miller BS '63** has been a realtor in Malibu for the last 25 years and is well versed in all Malibu has to offer.

**Suzanne Jaffe-Stillman BS '64** is the designer and conceptualist of GenerationLand USA, a theme park with five lands dedicated to each decade from 1950s-1990s.



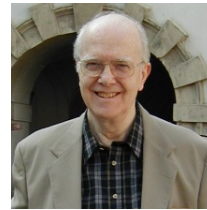
**Judy Haugh AB '68, MS '71** retired from the faculty at Riverside City College in 2009. After spending her entire career at Riverside City College, Judy recently decided to return part time as the articulation officer.



**Sonnee Weedn BS '68, MS '73** is a clinical and forensic psychologist. Her workbook, "8 Ways to Wellbeing for Recovering People," is to be used as a curriculum in treatment programs for addiction and alcoholism. The 15-minute film that accompanies it has been accepted at the Reel Recovery Film Festival and will be shown in Los Angeles and New York. Her first book, "Many Blessings: A Tapestry of Accomplished African American Women," is an anthology of interviews with 30 amazing women. In addition, Alpha Gamma Delta honored her as a Distinguished Citizen at their 2018 convention in San Antonio.

## 1970s

**Jim Hearn MS '73, EdD '90** is retired after 48 years of public service with over 15 years working in community college teaching and administration and 33 years with the Department of the Army, most notably with the Army Corps of Engineers. He is enjoying retirement in Portland, Ore.



**James Keefe EdD '73** is an educational writer and consultant, and the former director of research for the National Association of Secondary School Principals, in Reston, Va.

**Michael McCabe MS '74** is a modern world history teacher at Park View High School in Sterling, Va.

**Patricia Danylyshyn-Adams MS '76** currently works as an associate dean of student affairs/director of residence life at John Muir College, one of the undergraduate colleges at UC San Diego. In 2017, she earned her EdD in higher education, adult learning from Walden University.

**Audrey Holmes BS '76, MPA '95** is a senior program manager for the Los Angeles County Office of Diversion and Reentry.

**Karen Larsen BS '76, MS '77** is a deaf and hard of hearing (DHH) specialist at the West Orange County Consortium for Special Education in Huntington Beach, Calif. She is responsible for providing itinerant services for mainstream and special day class DHH students from five school districts. Karen is also certified as an autism, ESL authorization and American Sign Language (ASL) instructor, as well as an early start provider for DHH children ages birth to three years old and their parents.

**Craig McKee MS '78** is happily retired and divides his time between his 126-year old McKee farmstead in Iowa and home in Arlington, Va. To keep sharp, Craig does public speaking events around the country.



**Marcia Sidney-Reed** *BS '78, MS '81* is recently retired from teaching after dedicating 40 years to the Los Angeles Unified School District. She served in various capacities as a teacher, coordinator, assistant principal and principal throughout her career.

**Todd DeMitchell** *Edd '79* is the John & H. Irene Peters Professor of Education at the University of New Hampshire. He also serves as a professor and coordinator of the Graduate Studies, Justice Studies Program. He is currently a Faculty Fellow in the Senior Vice-Provost's Office of Engagement and Academic Outreach where he serves as the Co-Chair of Advancing Chairs as Leaders. Todd studies the legal mechanisms that impact schools and colleges. His primary focus is on education law and labor relations. He has written on free speech, tort liability, discrimination, search and seizure, school uniforms and school dress codes, as well as on reform and unionization. He has published over 200 law review articles, peer-reviewed articles, commentaries, book reviews, and book chapters, as well as numerous policy briefs. His 8th book, *Educators at the Bargaining Table*, was published in February 2018.

## 1980s



**Randall Miller** *Edd '86* is a senior consultant to the chancellor of Wayne County Community College District in Detroit. After retiring as a college president, Randall mentors mid-level administrators and teaches senior leadership courses.

**John Roach** *Edd '88* is the executive director for the National Association of School Superintendents in Washington, D.C. He leads nearly 15,000 superintendents focused on positive learning outcomes and effectively advocating for public education.

## 1990s

**James Franken** *Edd '97* is a registered nurse and serves as the interim director of education for St. Bernadine Medical Center in San Bernardino, Calif.



**Paul McGarry** *MS '94, MS '95* is a lecturer for the USC International Academy where he teaches advanced English skills to international students in the pre-master's/master's preparation programs.



**Richard Gilbert** *PhD '97* is a national advisor for the US Government, project director for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and a key resource advisor at the World Bank. Richard is one of seven national advisors on increasing science development in America. As the project director, he manages a grant from NOAA on arctic village and agricultural resilience with the lifetime total project funding at \$1.74 billion. Also, Richard is the key advisor for Higher Education Quality and Capacity Improvement Programs (HEQCIP) at the World Bank.



**Rebecca Wilke** *Edd '97* is the president of LEADon Inc, a leadership development company in San Diego. After recently launching an online division, LEADon University won the 2018 Telly Award in the category of branded content.

## Mary McCullough PhD '92 Named Interim Dean of Loyola Marymount University's School of Education

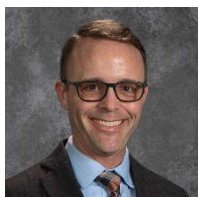


**Mary McCullough PhD '92** will serve as the interim dean of the Loyola Marymount University (LMU) School of Education while a nationwide search for the next dean is conducted.

McCullough has served as the associate dean for faculty in the LMU School of Education and is a professor in educational leadership. She has held several leadership positions including department chair, inaugural director of the doctoral program, director of the administration programs, and faculty senate president. McCullough had a distinguished career as a principal and assistant principal in public and Catholic schools prior to joining LMU.

McCullough's research areas include: the principalship, organizational change, generations in the workplace, and culture and climate in organizations. She facilitated a combined \$5,000,000 grant process for California Secondary Schools and served as chair for several secondary WASC accreditation site visits.

**Dailyn Yanagida EdD '97** is a vice president at Makai HR in Honolulu.



**Ross Perry BS '99** is the assistant superintendent of human resources for the San Gabriel Unified School District. His responsibilities include promoting the school district and maximizing educational

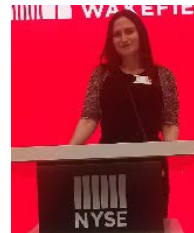
opportunities for students by effectively planning, coordinating and supervising the operation of the personnel services department.

## 2000s

**Francisco Ramos PhD '00** is the director of the International Colloquium on Languages, Cultures, Identity in School and Society, held annually in Soria, Spain. The 5th edition of the event will be held July 3-5, 2019. For more information please visit: [www.languagecultureidentity.com](http://www.languagecultureidentity.com)



**Susan Sorensen MS '00** has had a successful career in business as a learning and development professional. She recently wrote a book, "Cognitive Faith," which challenges and disputes some of the central premises of religious faith, including religious lore, religious morality and behavioral dictates.



**Brenna Albert BS '01** is the global director of SEC reporting, technical accounting policy and corporate accounts at Cushman & Wakefield in Chicago.

**Lena Atutoa BS '01, MS '05** is an instructional coach in the Inglewood Unified School District.

**Denzil Suite PhD '02** is vice president for student life at the University of Washington in Seattle. He has been selected as the 2019-20 board chair of NASPA, the world's leading association for student affairs professionals.

**Wendy Anson PhD '04** is the founder of patented health IT start-up, Synapstory Production Group, which assesses trauma exposure effect in preschoolers (to start) with patented tool. She was selected by Inova Health for a rigorous entrepreneur educational program. Wendy has also authored chapters in various medical textbooks on trauma assessment.



**Ernest Black EdD '04** is the statewide director of the Cal State TEACH Program in the CSU Department of Educator Preparation and Public Schools Programs. As the head of the unit, he leads and oversees the Cal State TEACH Teacher Preparation Program. He develops and maintains quality teacher preparation programs for underserved communities as well as disseminates other CSU educator preparation program tools and software developed by Cal State TEACH in order to increase the capacity of the department in providing leadership and support to campus education programs. In addition, he continues to work with the colleges of education to develop partnership opportunities in the areas of PK-12 reforms, alternative certification pathways, induction programs, professional development, technology, and recruitment strategies.



**Derenda King EdD '04** is a financial advisor at Urban Wealth Management. As a certified financial planner, her goal is to provide comprehensive financial planning services to professional

women and educators empowering them to make the right decisions in the future and protecting their assets for themselves and their families. Despite not working in a formal education setting, she is passionate about educating, empowering, and equipping individuals with the knowledge to make more informed decisions about their money.



**Tammy Robinson EdD '04** is vice president of instruction at Cañada College in Redwood City, Calif. In her role she is responsible for planning, developing, coordinating and evaluating the college's

instructional programs.

**Eunmi Shin MS '04** recently published a TOEFL vocabulary book and a TOEFL reading book, as well as opened an English Institute.

## Georgia Lorenz PhD '02 Named President of Seminole State College



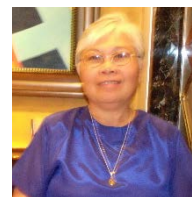
**Georgia Lorenz PhD '02** is the new president of Seminole State College of Florida in Sanford, Fla. She is the third president in the college's 53-year history.

Seminole State College of Florida enrolls more than 17,500 students, mostly in two-year programs. Women make up 55 percent of the student body.

"Together we can build on the College's already strong foundation and take Seminole State College further," said Dr. Lorenz on her arrival to Seminole State College. "I plan to take part in a wide range of activities in the coming weeks and to listen to a broad range of perspectives from students, faculty, staff, alumni, industry and community partners."

Dr. Lorenz has been serving as vice president of academic affairs at Santa Monica College in California. From 2008 to 2014, she was dean of instructional services at the college. Prior to joining the staff at Santa Monica College, Dr. Lorenz was the associate director of the University of Southern California Center for Urban Education.

**Therese Bagsit ME '05** is director of admission and enrollment management at Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy.



**Nita Carrington EdD '06** is the editor-in-chief of Global Science & Technology Forum, Journal of Nursing & Health Care. She also has been a keynote speaker at the International Conference in Nursing

Education & Research in Dubai and the Transforming Healthcare: Exploring the Current Challenges in Nursing conference in Hawaii. Nita is an emeritus professor of nursing within the College of Nursing & Health Sciences, Hawaii Pacific University.

**Courtneyrose Chung BA '07, MFT '17** is a clinical therapist at My Denver Therapy, Inc. where she provides mental health therapy to individuals, couples and families.

**Jeff Davis EdD '07** is the assistant superintendent of certified human resources for the Ventura Unified School District.



**Jennifer Hawn Tedford EdD '07** is the principal of El Segundo High School. She was recently quoted in the latest edition of Edsource about the lack of school funding in California schools featured in the

Getting Down to Facts II study, on which she served as a panel expert.



**Jerry Hsieh EdD '07** was appointed CEO of Yoder Bilingual Academy, a private school (grade 1-9) in Taoyuan City, Taiwan. His plan is to introduce a Chinese-English bilingual kindergarten and an

international high school division based on the US curriculum by the end of 2019.

**Tony Ambriz MS '08** is a high school college counselor for the Fulfillment Fund Las Vegas.



**David Baker EdD '08** is the CEO at Sacramento Children's Home (SCH) which provides prevention, early intervention, mental health, and educational services to 7,000

children and 4,500 families in the greater Sacramento region.



**Pat Pefley EdD '08** is the chief of enterprise learning center at US Department of Defense for the Defense Intelligence Agency. She oversees leadership development and professional training of intelligence officers for US, Africa Command, US European Command, and the NATO Intelligence Fusion Center.

**Brandon Martinez EdD '09** is the director, learning development at Noodle Partners. He leads university partners and instructional design bridge online program development through learning science and motivation. Brandon identifies and develops innovative educational technology and ways to improve learning outcomes across domains.

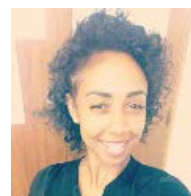
## 2010s



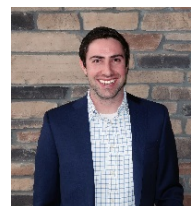
**Juliet Fine EdD '10** is in her second year as principal of Horace Mann School. Some unique aspects of the school include: complete remodel and construction, 1:1 technology program and 3D virtual lab space, makerspace, Title I programming,

and the PRIME program, a special education program serving all severe to moderate Asperger's and autistic students in the Beverly Hills community. Her school is moving towards an adoption of innovative technologies and curriculum that prepare students beyond high school and for careers including "passion projects" and service learning to teach empathy and finding ways to give back to our own community.

**Chuck Flores EdD '10** is a tenured- track assistant professor of educational administration at Cal State Los Angeles.



**Cheylinel Lewis MAT '10** is a math teacher and athletic director at University Pathways Medical Magnet Academy in Los Angeles.



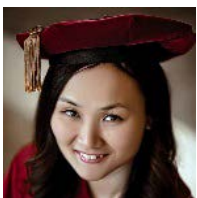
**Seth Reder ME '10** was named [executive director at the newly created, independent University of Colorado Boulder Hillel](#) sponsored by Hillel International and Hillel of Colorado designed to bring additional resources and on-campus support for the 2,500 Jewish students on campus.

**Daniel Larkin MAT '11** is the interim principal of Kalihi Waena Elementary in Honolulu, Hawaii. Kalihi Waena is a title 1 school serving primarily underprivileged youth and recent immigrants with nearly 1/3 of students receiving English language learner services and almost 80% receiving free or reduced price lunch. Nearly 3/4 of the students live in public housing or receive housing assistance.



**Jessie Morris Garlinghouse MAT '11** is the director of extended learning at Heathwood Hall Episcopal School in Columbia, S.C. She oversees all afternoon programs, summer camps, and other extracurricular programs. Prior to Heathwood Hall, Jessie spent a decade in Washington, D.C. working in both private and public schools. Jessie has dedicated her summers to training new teachers for The New Teacher Project in D.C. public and charter schools. During her tenure in D.C., Jessie presented at multiple national conferences on topics of anti-bias education and family engagement. She is eager to bring her passion for diversity, equity work and student-centered programming to Heathwood.

**Jorge Ramirez MAT '11** is an instructor of child development at Cal State Los Angeles.



**Han Nee Chong EdD '12** is an assistant professor of education in the College of Professional Studies – School of Education at Hawaii Pacific University.

**Elizabeth Cord MAT '12, EdD '17** is the principal and instructional leader of San Juan Elementary School, a dual immersion public school for K-8 in the San Francisco Bay Area. She also teaches graduate level students at Pacific Oaks College.

**Leonel Diaz, Jr ME '12** is serving as communications co-chair for the NASPA Latinx/a/o Knowledge Community. He previously served as the awards chair.

**Rick Garcia ME '12, EdD '15** is the director of admission and enrollment management at the University of La Verne College of Law. He is responsible for supervising and developing admission team mission and operations. He also implemented the first ever CRM for the College of Law and oversaw the largest increase in applications and enrollments in the last six years.

**Stephanie Hussey-Pack MAT '12** is an educator at Crossroads Arts and Science Early College in Statesville, N.C.



**Matthew Jellick MAT '12** is a senior lecturer at Southern University of Science and Technology in Shenzhen, China where he has taught English since 2016 and recently won the "Teaching Excellence" award.

**Wenli Jen EdD '12** celebrated her wedding with her closest family and friends who traveled internationally and domestically to Pasadena in September for a traditional tea ceremony, wedding ceremony and reception.

**Jeanne Loh EdD '12** is a fixed-term faculty member at Michigan State University in the Department of Teacher Education where she is a course instructor in the children's literature program.

**Eric Olson MAT '12** is a chemistry teacher at SJI International School in Singapore.

**Matt Rutledge MAT '12** was named the 2018-19 Regional Teacher of the Year for North Central Oregon by the Oregon Department of Education.

**Lauren Schneider MAT '12** is a teacher for the New York City Department of Education.

**Irvin Shannon MAT '12** is an intervention prevention coordinator for the Los Angeles Unified School District.



## Five USC Rossier Alumni and a Current Student Named School District Superintendents



**Christopher Downing**, a current *Edd* student, was named superintendent of the Anaheim Elementary School District.



**Carmen Garcia** *Edd '07* was named superintendent of the San Marcos Unified School District.



**Colleen Hawkins** *Edd '17* was named superintendent of the Saugus Union School District.



**Maria Martinez-Poulin** *Edd '17* was named superintendent of the Whittier City School District.



**Ramon Miramontes** *Edd '15* was named superintendent of the Buena Park School District.



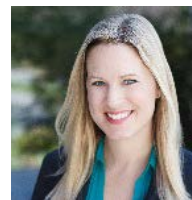
**Carolyn Stirling** *Edd '12* is director of admissions at Sequoyah School, an independent K-12 progressive day school in Pasadena, Calif.

**Rene Valdes** *Edd '12* is director of student services at Covina-Valley Unified School District. He oversees student enrollment, discipline, school safety, mental health services and homeless/foster youth rights.



**Vivian Choi** *Edd '13* is a house principal at Santa Monica High School in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District.

**Rebecca Knighton** *MAT '13* has been a multi-tiered system of supports implementation consultant for the Colorado Department of Education for the past two years. She teaches school districts about prevention-based supports for all students and how to utilize science practices to effectively implement system-wide initiatives.



**Lisa Mataczynski** *Edd '13* is the program director for USC Bovard Scholars which helps high-achieving students with financial need gain admission to and succeed at the nation's top universities.

**Catherine Stokes** *MAT '13* is a high school English teacher at Beaumont High School. She also is an instructor at Mount San Jacinto College as part of the dual enrollment program.

**Matthew Wong** *MAT '13* is a high school English and social science teacher at Arcadia High School. He was also elected chair of the school site council.



and field team.

**Katrina Council** *MAT '14* is a history teacher at Miss Porter's School in Farmington, Conn. In her role she teaches US history, modern China, Japan and the Pacific Rim. She also is the assistant coach for the track

**Thomas Crowther** *Edd '14* is entering his fourth year as principal at Eleanor Joy Toll Middle School in the Glendale Unified School District.



**Missy Dominguez ME '14** is the director of student life at New York Film Academy - Los Angeles. They are responsible for strategic planning co-curricular engagement, overseeing student organizations, managing activities and creating student government.

**Laura Garcia ME '14** is a tenure track counselor at Long Beach City College.



**Jerriel Hall ME '14** is a middle school science teacher at KIPP West Philadelphia Prep Charter School. He is the recipient of the Fulbright Distinguished Award and will travel to Ghana to participate in the Teaching Short-Term Program in 2018-2019.



**Ronan Hallowell EdD '14** is an assistant professor of clinical medical education at the Keck School of Medicine of USC. He is working on a multi-year redesign process for the MD curriculum and continues to research a range of issues in medical education.

**Jing Huang MAT '14** is a recruiter for Agoda in Bangkok, Thailand.



**Mark Jones EdD '14** is the congressional liaison to the San Diego Regional Office of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

**Ricardo Martinez MAT '14** is a high school economics teacher at St. George's School in Germany. He also guides students throughout the university selection and application process.

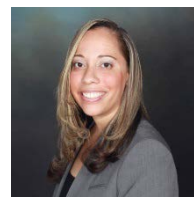


**Shaheed Sabrin MAT '14** is a senior teacher at Beijing Aidi International School. He is responsible for teaching 90 middle school students ESL and coordinating the curriculum for 350 students.

**Jennifer Sieh MAT '14** is a TEFL education volunteer with the United States Peace Corps in Rwanda. She also is an EFL instructor and focuses on building rapport with students and families from diverse backgrounds.



**Elizabeth Trayner EdD '14** is the Title IX coordinator at the University of Pacific. She coordinates the University's Title IX compliance, education, training and investigative efforts to help strengthen a culture that supports a safe and respectful learning, working, and living environment.



**Acacia Warren EdD '14** is a single subject program coordinator at UC Irvine. Her responsibilities include supporting and evaluating 80 single subject teacher candidates within the UCI MAT + Credential Program. She teaches the fieldwork seminar course and the action research course. Additional responsibilities include placing candidates in student teaching assignments throughout Orange County, providing feedback based on Teacher Performance Expectations (TPEs), building partnerships and communicating with administrators, mentor teachers, and district personnel, supervising and evaluating 18 single subject supervisors, participating in other UC research events, and coordinating professional development events for school partners.

**David Adams, Jr. MAT '15** is the senior vice president of investments at Benjamin & Jerold Brokerage LLC in San Diego.



## USC Rossier on the Road – Fall 2018

It's been a busy fall season! Dean Karen Symms Gallagher hosted events in San Francisco, Oakland, Austin and Portland.

We connected with alumni and current students in all four cities and kicked off our yearlong Centennial celebration!

Our regional receptions will continue in the winter and spring so check our [Centennial website](#) for more information.



**Damon Hines EdD '15** is a senior lecturer and professor of communication studies at Loyola Marymount University.

**Amber Kirby MAT '15** is entering her second year as a tenured educator as the theater director/CTE theater instructor in the Merced Union High School District in Merced, Calif. Over the summer she finished her career and technical education (CTE) credential and is looking for USC filmmakers to collaborate with. As a CTE educator, she is always in need of professionals in the field to come speak with her students. Currently, she is teaching them about stage rigging, acting, film making and SFX makeup. This May, Amber is directing the high school version of Les Miserables.

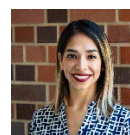
**Vigor Lam ME '15** is a project engineer II/assistant project manager for Kitchell CEM, a construction/project management firm. He is currently working on a several year facilities master plan with the City College of San Francisco (CCSF). He was also recently elected to the American College Personnel Association (ACPA) governing board as member at large - entry level for the 2019-2021 term.

**Anabel Luna EdD '15** is the new assistant principal of student management and accountability at Patriot High School in Jurupa Valley, Calif. She is responsible for student discipline, English learner academic support, WASC oversight, professional development and AAA academy.

**Bill MacDonald EdD '15** is director of elementary programs and school leadership for Rocklin Unified School District in Placer County, Calif.

**Briana Munoz-Flores ME '15** is an assistant director of outreach at UC Santa Barbara. She travels to graduate school fairs across the country educating students on the graduate school application process and encouraging students to consider UCSB for graduate school.

**Carlos Perez EdD '15** is the principal at James Guinn Elementary School in Anaheim, Calif.



**Andrea Valenzuela ME '15** is a residential college coordinator for South Residential College at USC.

**Rebeca Andrade EdD '16** wrote an article, After the Press Release on Mathematics Achievement: The Alignment of Formative Assessments and Summative Standardized Tests for Students from Minoritized Language Backgrounds, which was published in the September 2018 issue of "Communication Methods, Society and Education."



**Cristian Biviano ME '16** is a program director for social justice and leadership education at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He develops and coordinates social justice and leadership programs and

opportunities for professional staff and students. He also supervises multicultural advocates, comprehensive student paraprofessionals that address education, advocacy and activism.

**Daniel Chatham EdD '16** is a visiting professor at Middlebury Institute of International Studies in Monterey, Calif. Within the international education management program, he teaches graduate courses on educational program design and assessment as well as budgeting for educational organizations.

**Connor Mullen MAT '16** is a civil engineering doctoral student at the University of Notre Dame. He plans to graduate in 2022.

**Vance Nichols EdD '16** wrote an article, Now or Never: The Research Basis for Innovation in Christian Schools, that was dually published the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) blog and the Center for the Advancement of Christian Education (CACE) blog.



**Carlos Osuna ME '16** is currently pursuing a PhD in adult learning and leadership at Teachers College, Columbia University. He will graduate in 2022.



**Bonnie Thatcher MAT '16** is a business manager for Apple. She is responsible for the Apple Support Twitter, YouTube, and Support App teams. In this role she manages and clears third party content and

provides legal review for productions. The Apple Support team provides consumers the knowledge needed to understand Apple products and services.

**Sharla Berry PhD '17** is an assistant professor in the Graduate School of Education at California Lutheran University.

**Jasleen Bhamra MAT '17** is a STEM teacher for the Duarte Unified School District.

**Marla Bolton MAT '17** is a high school English teacher in Lancaster, Calif.



**Manny Burciaga EdD '17** is the principal at Northview High School in the Covina Valley Unified School District.

**Bill Harris MAT '17** is the science program curriculum coordinator for San Bernardino County Superintendents of Schools. He is responsible for the development, coordination and management of county science services and programs designed to accelerate and sustain student science achievement in grades K-12.

**Amanda Holdsworth EdD '17** is an assistant professor of sports promotion and management at Cleary University in Howell, Mich. She serves as the NAIA faculty athletic representative and develops student programs and extracurricular activities.



**Sara-Jean Lipmen EdD '17** is a magnet coordinator in the Los Angeles Unified School District.

**Edna Martinez ME '17** is a student services advisor for USC Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences.

**Kristine Poblete EdD '17** is an active duty major in the US Air Force where she currently serves as executive officer for the Directorate of Operations and Communications, Headquarters Air Force Global Strike Command (AFGSC). She was selected as the 2018 event lead for the AFGSC Women's Leadership Symposium, to which her published dissertation on female representation and retention in military leadership was key in the development and execution of this event.

**Samara Rasmussen EdD '17** is a project manager for the State of Colorado Department of Revenue. Samara provides change and project management to the citizens of Colorado.

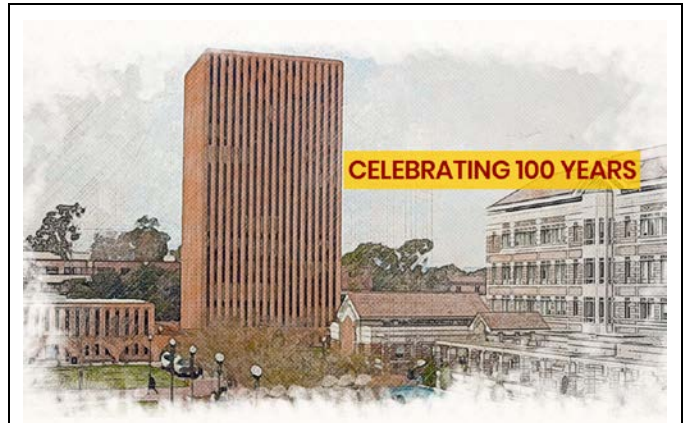
**Sarai Seekamp MAT '17** is a high school teacher and track and field coach in Portland Public Schools.

**Tyriq Simmons MAT '17** is a special education coordinator for Apple Tree Early Learning Institute in Washington, D.C.



**Michele Wilkens EdD '17** is the chief academic officer at Right At School, LLC. As chief academic officer, Michele is responsible for academic strategy, education innovation, and program development. In 2016,

Michele was selected by the National After School Association to partner with the US Department of Labor to use the proprietary blended training model she developed as a framework for an industry-wide apprenticeship model. Michele was elected in 2017 to the Board of Directors of the National After School Association, and in 2018 was appointed to the National Advisory on Digital Learning in After School in partnership with Google. Michele was recently asked to serve as one of two afterschool industry professionals to partner with the US Department of Health and Human Services to craft a professional youth worker credential.



## USC ROSSIER – CELEBRATING A CENTURY OF EDUCATION INNOVATION

This fall marks USC Rossier's centennial as a school of education. It is an occasion to celebrate the efforts that have fueled our expansion, and to recommit ourselves to the principle that all students deserve a quality education.

We encourage you to visit our Centennial website where you will find the story of how we got here, perspectives on where we're going, and ways that you can join us as USC Rossier embarks on its second century of advancing educational equity.

<https://rossier100.usc.edu/>

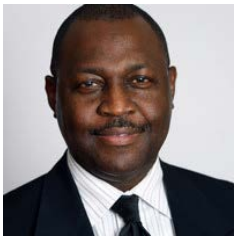


## 2018 Rossier Commencement welcomes more than 600 graduates to the Rossier Alumni Network



This past May, USC Rossier conferred 648 degrees to students representing 11 programs – four that hooded doctors and seven that awarded master’s degrees.

## CLASS OF 2018



**Olugbenga Agbelemose EdD '18** is the regional director for respiratory therapy services at Providence Health and Services in Portland, Ore. He manages eight facilities in the Oregon region.

**Scott Bradley ME '18** is the program coordinator for student life and engagement at New York University’s College of Dentistry. Scott is responsible for advising over 40 student clubs and organizations, serves as an academic advisor to two cohorts of DDS students, coordinates college-wide events and planning and executing programs such as the white coat ceremony and commencement activities.

**Amelia Carballo BS'14, MAT '18** is a resource specialist for the Los Angeles Unified School District. In her role she develops individualized education plans and monitors student progress. Advising teachers on differentiation strategies, Amelia evaluates how formal assessments are utilized.

**Jordan Carmona ME '18** is a judicial officer in the Office of Student Judicial Affairs and Community Standards at USC.

**Amie Carter EdD'18** is an assistant superintendent of education services for Novato Unified School District in Novato, Calif.



**Lauren Casella EdD '18** is an assistant clinical professor and director of the Catholic School Leadership Academy at Loyola Marymount University. She is the academic program director for the

university's on campus and online certificate in Catholic school leadership. She also serves as the lead author of the department of educational leadership's new online MA in Catholic School Administration which launches in fall 2020.

**Jasmine Castro MAT '18** is a seventh grade English teacher at Alvarado Intermediate School in the Rowland Unified School District

**Melinda Clark EdD '18** is the associate vice president of student financial services at Saint Leo University in Tampa, Fla.

**Michael Deer EdD '18** is a program manager for the Federal Aviation Administration in Seattle.

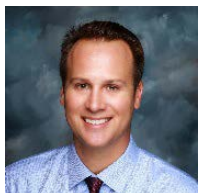
**Kristin Dempsey EdD '18** is a counselor and faculty member at Wright Institute in Berkeley, Calif. She teaches and conducts training for students to be marriage and family therapists as well as professional clinical counselors.



**Christine (Crissy) Gayagas EdD '18** is a senior lecturer and Asia-Pacific regional program lead for the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif. She works with partner nations in building defense

institutions while conducting workshops, assessing and scoping requirements in that country.

**Josh Lamar EdD '18** is an assistant principal in the Huntington Beach Union High School District where he serves as the curriculum and instruction administrator for Fountain Valley High School.



**Jeremy Meadows EdD '18** is an assistant principal at La Costa Canyon High School in San Diego. He recently co-published an article with Trista Ramirez EdD '18 in the latest Leadership magazine

published by ACSA titled Student Mental Health and Wellness: Best Practices for Educational Leaders.

**Ryan Moore MAT '18** is a history teacher and coach at Jarrell High School in Jarrell, Texas.



**Daniela Nusbaum MAT '18** is a teacher at Putnam City High School in Oklahoma. She recently received one of Oklahoma's NextGen Under 30 awards for K-12 education.

## Lucy Salazar EdD '18 Named 2018 National Distinguished Principal



**Lucy Salazar EdD '18** was honored in October as a 2018 National Distinguished Principal by the National Association of Elementary School Principals. The association recognizes one outstanding principal in each of the 50 states each year.

Currently principal of K-5 Alvarado Elementary School in Signal Hill, Calif., Salazar has served in two Title I schools in her career. Both have earned recognition for making sustained academic gains and closing the achievement gap under her leadership, successes which she credits to the power of goal-oriented, collaborative teaching grounded in a fierce commitment to equity.

**Isis Orozco EdD '18** is an EBP coordinator at Five Acres in Altadena, Calif. where she coordinates training opportunities for mental health providers.

**Argelis Ortiz EdD '18** is an assistant vice president at Highland Park Family Resource Center and Strategic Partnerships. He also provides consulting support and technical assistance to First 5 Los Angeles - Engaging Fathers Investment. Last fall, he moderated the Fatherhood Against the Odds: A Re-entry Fatherhood Summit.

**Patrick Patterson EdD '18** is a petition services manager at USC.



**Stephen Puckett EdD '18** is a senior analyst for the Scientific Research Corporation in San Antonio, Texas.

**Aaron Robles MAT '18** teaches social studies to 7th and 8th graders in the South San Francisco Unified School District.

**Maria Ruelas EdD '18** was selected as the 2017-2018 School Social Worker of the Year by the California Association of School Social Workers.

**Jennessa Runia-Bade MAT '18** is a high school science teacher for the Albert Lea School District. She teaches biology and earth science in Albert Lea, Minn.

**Thomas Skahill MAT '18** is a high school English teacher at Aspire Public School in Los Angeles.

**Francisco Suarez EdD '18** arrived in the US from Mexico without speaking English and was the first member of his family to attend college. Earning his doctorate from USC Rossier is one his greatest achievements and would not have been possible without the support of his family.

**Marina Theodoto EdD '18** was hired by the Defense Acquisition University (DAU) six months before earning her EdD as a learning faculty member centering on organizational strategy and communications. Marina has led DAU's first pilot of an AI-powered learning technology that helps the acquisition workforce learn faster and remember longer. In October 2018 she was voted Culture Change Champion for her Directorate, one of 15 in a 900 member organization.

**Selin Zarmanoglu MFT '18** is a mental health clinician for the Older Adults FSP and FCCS programs at the San Fernando Valley Community Mental Health Center in Van Nuys, Calif. She provides both case management and therapy to a high risk population in the San Fernando Valley.



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