



## Welcome!

The spring 2018 issues of *Class Notes* represents our largest spring issue. Inside you will find more than 130 alumni updates representing 42 different class years spanning 59 years! Updates were submitted from 18 states and five countries showcasing the wide reach of the USC Rossier network. Please visit [rossier.usc.edu/alumni/class-notes/](http://rossier.usc.edu/alumni/class-notes/) to submit your update for the fall 2018 issue.

### Fight On!

Matt DeGrushe ME '04  
Director of Alumni Engagement

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## 2017 USC Rossier Homecoming Picnic

Over 275 alumni, students, faculty, staff and friends attended USC Rossier's annual Homecoming Picnic on Saturday, Nov. 4, 2017, before heading over to the Coliseum to watch the Trojans defeat the Arizona Wildcats 49-35.



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR HOMECOMING 2018**

**SATURDAY, NOV. 10, 2018**

**California vs. USC**

## 1950s



**Janet Boldt Sáenz '59** received an award from the California Association for the Gifted for intensive dedication to training teachers and parents of gifted children and for being the founder of

Mexico's first program for gifted students in public schools. She is also the founder of the Mexican Association for the Gifted. Janet was honored for 59 years of continuous teaching in both Los Angeles and Mexico and received an award for 50 years of membership in the International Women's Educator's Association. She is an associate professor in special education at the Autonomous University of Tlaxcala, a consultant at the Mexican Ministry of Education and a guest lecturer at numerous institutions throughout the country.

## 1960s

**Dan Basalone '62** and wife, Carmen, will celebrate their 58th wedding anniversary in July.

**Suzanne Jaffe Stillman '64** is a healthy beverage inventor awarded with 42 domestic and international patents based on fiber and water. She is also designing a theme park called GenerationLand where each land inside the park represents a different decade.

**Margaret Nelson '65 MS '66** taught at USC Rossier from 1988 to 2008. She has four children, and her third grandchild was born in April.

**Charles Seims '67 MS '73** is retired after serving as an attorney for nonprofits for 20 years. He is also the author of four books on California and its industrial history.



**Fred Stroock '69 MS '70** celebrated his 70th birthday with family and fellow USC Rossier alumni in Rancho Mirage.

## 1970s

**Leon Levitt EdD '70** retired with emeritus status after 27 years as a professor at Madonna University in Livonia, Mich. He previously taught education and business and served as continuing education dean at Loyola Marymount University; served as a teacher-educator at USC; and held other teaching and administrative roles at Pierce College, Los Angeles Trade Tech College, and John H. Francis Polytechnic High School. Leon recently celebrated his 95th birthday, surrounded by friends and family, including six great-grandchildren. He published a variety of professional articles in education, English, and business journals during his career in higher education of some 50 years. Leon currently lives in retirement in Los Angeles with wife, USC alumna Kathryn Anderson, retired professor of anthropology at the University of Michigan and currently professor of education at UCLA.



**Dale E. Manolakas MS '72 PhD '85** is pursuing a writing career after a lifetime of writing poetry, books, nonfiction and legal documents.



**Stu Gothold EdD '74** will complete his 62-year career as an educator in May as his final group of EdD students graduate. During his career, Stu has directed the completion of 161 EdD dissertations and qualitative case studies of "outperforming" urban K-12 schools. His career included elementary teaching and junior high principal in Pico Rivera, superintendencies in South Whittier and Los Angeles County Schools, and the past 24 years as clinical professor. He is proud of the accomplishments of his graduates, and of the significant contributions of his fellow faculty at USC Rossier.

**Ji-Mei Chang MS '78 PhD '89** served as the president of the San Jose State University Professor Emeritus and Retired Faculty Association for 2017-18.

## 1980s

**Deborah Holt '80** is an educator in a blended environment at iHigh Virtual Academy. Instruction includes face-to-face courses in ASB and yearbook. Her online instruction includes AP US history, AP psychology, AP government and politics, English language arts and sociology.

### Mary McNeil MS '80 PhD '96 named California Superintendent of the Year



**Mary McNeil MS '80 PhD '96** was named 2018 California Superintendent of the Year by the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA). Mary is the superintendent of Needles Unified School District, which is located on the California, Arizona and Nevada border.

**Carole Silva MS '81** earned her PhD in 2017 and was chosen as the Albert Nelsen Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award winner. Carole taught for 22 years in elementary school, 12 years in universities and 10 years online in language arts. She is a member of the board of directors of the American Literacy Association. She served on the board of directors of the California Reading Association and presented workshops worldwide.

**Judith Carl PhD '83** conducts training with the suicide prevention hotline. She teaches young adults about numerous psychological issues and ways to respond.

**Suzanne Reynaud-Roepke MS '89 PhD '95** is an educational psychologist in the Fremont Union High School District.

## 1990s



**Ann Kwinn PhD '90** is the director of instructional strategy at Azusa Pacific University. She directs faculty training and certification for online and blended learning and her team consults with faculty on instructional technology strategy, course design, digital pedagogy and media production.



**Dorothy Leveque EdD '93** is retired and pursuing a career as a safari tour organizer and guide, and as a humanitarian aide volunteer in southern and eastern Africa. She has worked with schools, hospitals and communities, primarily in South Africa, Tanzania and Zimbabwe, since 2003. After one especially inspiring and productive trip to Tanzania in 2011, Dorothy finally took the time to write about the work of Pathways/Africa, the nonprofit organization she and friends established in 2008. *Journey of Hope: Sixteen Days in Tanzania* was written in her home in Hout Bay, South Africa, which is located just south of Cape Town.

**Scott Peppard MS '93** is a physical education teacher and water polo and swim coach in the Torrance Unified School District.



**Lorraine Leavitt EdD '94** is traveling the world after 45 years in education and giving seminars on how to pack a carry-on suitcase that she puts above her seats and has everything to last for one month and three back to back cruises.

## Shane Martin PhD '95 Selected as Seattle University's New Provost



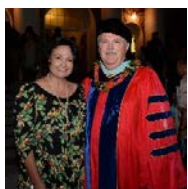
**Shane Martin PhD '95** has been selected as the next provost of Seattle University. Martin currently serves as dean of both the School of Education and Graduate Studies at LMU and will join Seattle University June 18, 2018.

"Shane brings extraordinary experience in higher education, a lifelong commitment to Jesuit values and a vision for moving our university forward to meet the opportunities and challenges before us," says President Stephen Sundborg, S.J. "He understands keenly both the challenges now confronting all institutions of higher education and how Jesuit colleges and universities, in particular, are uniquely positioned to navigate and thrive in this climate."

Martin is an educational anthropologist by training and an expert in the areas of intercultural education, cultural diversity and the spectrum of public, charter and Catholic schools. Martin, a product of a Jesuit education, spent 23 years at LMU in various positions and is a tested and proven leader in higher education. Additionally, he has served as chair and a member on many boards, including his current service as a state commissioner to the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing, and has led a number of Catholic and Jesuit organizations.

"I am honored and humbled to become the next provost at Seattle University, an institution that has a strong reputation as a premier university in the Northwest and is poised to rise to greater heights," Martin says. "I look forward to working in partnership with the Seattle University students, faculty, staff and alumni who are making a difference throughout the greater Seattle region, the United States and the world."

The provost serves as the university's chief academic officer and is a champion for academic excellence. The provost ensures that all graduate and undergraduate students experience a challenging and rewarding education consistent with the university's mission. Reporting to the president, this person is responsible for academic planning and budgeting; recruitment and development of deans; providing support to the teaching, research and service activities of the faculty; engaging faculty in shared governance; program development and promotion; and recruitment of a talented and diverse student body.



**Kent Keith Edd '96** is completing his third year as president of Pacific Rim Christian University, which is the only accredited, local, Christian university in Hawaii. In its mission and structure, the university resembles

the first colleges in America, focused on teaching and learning in the context of a small, nurturing Christian community. The university offers associate, bachelor's and master's degrees in religious majors. By not having intercollegiate athletics, research facilities or a big campus, the university is able to offer a quality education at a tuition that is less than one third the national average and even below the tuition for the local state university.



**Sheldon Smith Edd '98** earned the Association of California School Administrator's (ACSA) Business Official of the Year award for 2018. Sheldon currently oversees the fiscal health of 10 school districts at the San Luis Obispo County Office of Education.



**Joanne Olson PhD '99** recently published the work of Richard McKeon, a philosopher at the University of Chicago from 1934 to 1974 who was deeply involved with the founding of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the creation of the

Universal Declaration of Human Rights with her colleague, David Owen. The book, titled *On Knowing: The Social Sciences* introduces readers to the social sciences by demonstrating the act of philosophizing about how to do philosophy. Expansive in scope, his work provides a framework that promotes creativity, invention and practical action. The book is published by the University of Chicago Press.



**Ernest Zarra** *PhD '99* has recently completed writing his seventh and eighth books, which will be released from Rowman & Littlefield Publishers in June 2018: *Assaulted: Violence in Schools and What Needs to be Done*, and *The Teacher Exodus: Reversing the Trend and Keeping Teachers in the Classroom*. Dr. Zarra's 2016 book, *The Wrong Direction for Today's Schools: The Impact of Common Core on American Education*, was awarded the CHOICE Academic Book of the Year Award for 2016.

## 2000s



**Kim McDaniel** *PhD '00* is the vice president of student services and enrollment management at Cosumnes River College in Sacramento. Kim serves as the chief student services officer of the

college, providing leadership for academic programs and services that support learning and student development. Under her leadership, the college established an office of student success and equity and instituted Focus4Women, with a focus on eliminating barriers to student completion, ameliorating equity gaps and women's empowerment.



**Cory Buckner** *EdD '07* is the assistant director of athletic academic support with USC Athletics. Cory's primary roles encompass training, empowering, supporting and equipping SAAS academic support staff (Tutors,

Learning Assistants, and Assistant Learning Specialists) with the tools necessary to support the academic needs of USC student-athletes. Specifically, within the SAAS Academic Support unit, Cory

supervises both the tutorial program and Assistant Learning Specialist Program. In addition to his supervisory roles, he manages a small caseload of student-athletes providing one-on-one individualized instruction. Cory incorporates motivational techniques such as utility/expectancy value awareness, goal setting/goal getting training and self-authorship development in an effort to achieve the goals of developing self-regulated learners and ultimately well-rounded individuals prepared for graduation and life after sport.

**Cheryl Marshall** *EdD '01* is the chancellor of the North Orange County Community College District in Anaheim. In this role, Cheryl provides leadership for the district, which serves over 85,000 students at Fullerton College, Cypress College and North Orange Continuing Education.

**Mehmet "Dali" Ozturk** *PhD '01* is the dean of research, planning and institutional effectiveness at College of the Sequoias in Visalia, Calif. In this role, as an educational leader who is committed to on-going assessment and evaluation, Dali provides leadership, guidance and representation for generating sustainable, data-driven solutions to improve student learning and achieve institutional excellence. Dali coauthored a book titled *An Asset-Based Approach to Latino Education in the United States: Understanding Gaps and Advances*.

**Younes Mourchid** *PhD '02* is curriculum researcher and content strategist at Docker, Inc. in San Francisco.



**Julie Wong** *PhD '02* is the founder and CEO of iEmpower Executive Coaching in Hayward, Calif.

**Brooke Neumeyer Bui** *PhD '03* is the interim dean of liberal arts at Irvine Valley College.



**Neera Puri Darvish** *PhD '03* works at Noble 8 Revolution in Houston. In this role, she works to create sustainable philanthropy with \$1 billion going toward global charity uniting 160 countries.

**Julie Huang EdD '04** is an associate professor at Chinese Culture University in Taipei, Taiwan.



**Lina Kumon MAT '05** is the owner and center director for the Kumon Math and Reading Center of Anaheim Hills-Weir Canyon.



**Erica Bowers EdD '06** is a professor in the department of literacy and reading education and is the director of the faculty development center at California State University, Fullerton.

**Wendy Gorton '06** recently published her first book *50 Hikes with Kids: Oregon and Washington*. Her book combines learning pedagogies from USC Rossier and inspires kids to love the outdoors while detailing 50 adventures, species and features in the Pacific Northwest.



**Greg Misiaszek MS '06** has written *Educating the Global Environmental Citizen: Understanding Ecopedagogy in Local and Global Contexts* that examines the (dis)connection between critical global citizenship

education models and ecopedagogy, which is grounded in Paulo Freire's pedagogy. *Educating the Global Environmental Citizen: Understanding Ecopedagogy in Local and Global Contexts* argues that environmental pedagogues must teach critical environmental literacies in order for students to understand global environmental issues through the world's diverse perspectives.

**Naddia Palacios ME '06** is the 2018 recipient of NASPA's Doris Michio Ching Award. The award honors a student affairs professional at the mid-level, senior-level, or AVP-level whose outstanding commitment to the profession includes development of programs that address the needs of students, creation of a campus environment that promotes student learning and development and support of and active engagement in NASPA.



**Karla Rhay EdD '06** is the chief executive officer of two public school joint powers authorities, California Schools Employee Benefits Association (CSEBA) and California Schools Risk Management (CSRM), serving public K-12 and community colleges in Southern California. Each is a non profit public school risk-sharing pool for the benefit of combining resources for insurance, programs and services. Service areas include San Diego, Riverside, Orange, Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties.



**Josh Watson MS '06** married Hernando Bansuelo, a fellow Trojan, on Oct 17, 2017 in New York City.



**Jaclyn Conner EdD '07** is the director of academic affairs and instructional design in the Goizueta Business School at Emory University. In this role, she manages and oversees the office of the registrar within the business school, accreditation and enrollment records and manages and drives the growth of digital education and online learning.



**Christopher Grillo ME '07** is pursuing a PhD in higher education at Boston College's Lynch School of Education. He plans to research access to higher education, economics and financing of higher education, student debt and debt default rates.

**Arezo Tehranirad MAT '07** is a certified Ayurvedic practitioner and full Mesa carrier in the lineage of the Q'ero Earthkeepers of the Andes.

**Kimberly Tresvant EdD '07** is the director of human resources at Oxnard Union High School District.



**Carol Parker EdD '08** is a realtor at Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in Orem, Utah.

**Alexis Rampaul** *ME '08* is the experiential learning engagement manager at the UCLA Career Center. In this role, she works to increase the awareness of UCLA campus partners, students and employers of the important role experiential learning plays in increasing students' abilities to be successfully hired or accepted into graduate programs.

**Patricia Gonzalez Sandoval** *EdD '09* is the director of special education at Downey Unified School District.

**David Haglund** *EdD '09* is the superintendent of schools in the Pleasanton Unified School District.



**Rebecca Hong** *EdD '09* is the assistant provost for education effectiveness and the accreditation liaison officer at Biola University in La Miranda, Calif. She leads the institution in addressing external environmental issues

affecting higher education and changes in accreditation, accountability and educational effectiveness. Rebecca oversees the meaning, quality and integrity of over 150 academic program offerings across seven schools with on-site and online bachelors, masters and doctoral degrees.

**Tracy-Tram Nguyen** *MAT '09* will complete her master's of physician assistant program in May 2018.

**Robert Owen** *ME '09* is the assistant principal at Earlimart Elementary School District in Earlimart, Calif.

**Veronica Popovic** *ME '09* and her former staff at California State University, Northridge (CSUN) were awarded the Scholarship Provider of the Year Award from the National Scholarship Providers Association for their work on the CSUN Dreamers Scholarship. She now serves as the Scholarship Coordinator at California State University, Los Angeles. Last year she participated on the selection panel for the Gilman International Scholarship sponsored by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs at the U.S. Department of State. She also participated in the scholarship review committee for the Hispanic Association for Colleges and Universities, as well as various internal scholarship selection committees at CSUN and CSULA. Veronica and her husband, Tony became parents to twins, Carrie and Leo.

**Dustine Rey** *EdD '09* is the founder and executive director of The Gratitude Garden Preschool in San Clemente, Calif. She and her husband have also developed a new private elementary school, TESLA Country Day. TESLA is named in honor of Nikola Tesla and also serves as an acronym for Technology, Engineering, Science, Leadership and Art.

**Norman Sauce** *EdD '09* is the executive director of elementary education at Griffin-Spalding County School System in Spalding County, Ga. In his role he supervises and supports the educational program for all of the district's elementary schools.

## 2010s



**Kelli Hammond Antonides** *MAT '10* is the director of the career and College Promise Program (CCP) at Rowan-Cabarrus Community College in Concord, N.C. In this role, she actively plans, implements and

assesses activities, initiatives and programs related to CCP, North Carolina's state dual enrollment program. Her role is to work in active partnership with Kannapolis, Cabarrus and Rowan-Salisbury County Schools administrations, school counselors, career development coordinators and career and technical education administrators involved with all innovative high school programs.

**Cheylinel Lewis** *MAT '10* serves as the ninth grade algebra 1 teacher, introduction to psychology teacher and varsity boys and girls volleyball coach at Hawkins High School in Los Angeles.

**Miriam Martinez** *MS '10* is the middle school counselor at Mountain View School District in El Monte, Calif. She is the counselor for seventh and eighth grade, general education, DIS, foster youth and academic counseling.

**Steve Martinez** *EdD '10* worked collaboratively with all stakeholders of John Burroughs Middle school to achieve the 2018 Magnet School of Excellence award from the Magnet Schools of America (MSA).



**Shaine Melnick** *ME '10* is the director of career education and employer relations at American University School of International Studies (SIS). In this role, Shaine leads general management, strategic and operational planning and assessment/benchmarking for a five-person team in the SIS office of career development to ensure comprehensive career support for 3,000 upperclassmen and graduate students pursuing global careers in government, non profits and business. She also delivers career advising on self-reflection, career planning and employability skills to students, with a focus on graduate and online populations.

**Joshua Wyner** *MFT '10* is the program director for the marriage and family therapy department at the Chicago School of Professional Psychology in Los Angeles, Irvine and San Diego.



**Deniz Ahmadinia** *MFT '11* is a clinical psychologist at the West Los Angeles VA Medical Center.

**Heidi Fisher** *ME '11* is the leadership giving director for the greater midwest region at JDRF International.



**Ygnacio Flores** *EdD '11* and two colleagues, Tracy Rickman and Don Mason contributed a chapter titled, "Homeland Security as an Emerging Academic Discipline" in the recently published *Empowerment at the*

*Tower: Leadership and Identity in Higher Education*, edited by David Silverberg.



**Wenli Jen** *EdD '11* has been serving on the National Advisory Council for U.S. Health and Human Services Center for Mental Health Services. She was nominated in 2015 and began her service on the council

during President Obama's administration. After being a two-time TEDx speaker and working to serve the community in the past 20 years, she was recognized at the decade-long celebration, Women of Achievement, on March 27, 2018, as a past honoree as Woman of the Year for the California Senate District, 24th District in 2012.

**William Jones** *MAT '11* is an AP world history teacher at Stillwater Public Schools in Stillwater, Okla. William also teaches American history and coaches high school baseball and football.

**Kathleen Ledic (Hugill)** *MAT '11* is the director of education at Sylvan Learning in Castro Valley, Calif., overseeing teacher training and the academic progress of over 130 students ranging from kindergarten to 12th grade. Sylvan offers many different individualized academic programs, and it is Kathleen's job to help make the experience unique to each student's learning style. She meets with parents often to discuss progress and keep in touch with students' classroom teachers to provide as much educational support as possible. Her goal is for students to not only master academic skills but to improve their confidence and thirst for learning!

**Joseph Mento** *MAT '11* is an assistant principal for culture and climate at the New York City Department of Education.

**Antonio Raddi** *MAT '11* is the social studies department head and teacher at Chaminade-Madonna College Preparatory School in Hollywood, Fla.

**Emily Reyes** *MAT '11* is an elementary teacher in the Los Angeles Unified School District.

**Elizabeth Cord** *MAT '12 EdD '17* is the principal of San Juan Dual Immersion School in San Juan Bautista, Calif. She serves as the instructional leader for the K-8 dual immersion elementary school.

**Richard Diefenbach** *MAT '12* is a social studies teacher at Bronxville High School in Bronxville, N.Y.

**Kyuhee Han** *MAT '12* will complete her JD from Chapman University in May 2018. Kyuhee plans to pursue a career in helping underserved children using her degrees in English literature, education and law.

**Jeffrey Horne** *MAT '12* is a learning specialist at Noodle Partners in New York City.

**Kathy Jones** *MAT '12* received her Clear credential from the California Department of Education.

**Eppie Lopez** *MAT '12* developed R.I.S.E, a non cognitive curriculum, which stands for Resilience, Inspire, Self - Empower. This curriculum is being taught in the sixth to eighth grades in an Albuquerque Charter School, and will be presented at the Association for Middle Level Education Conference (AMLE) in Orlando. The resilience curriculum embeds noncognitive strategies into ELA lessons which are interconnected and linked to Common Core Standards.



**Julio Ortiz** *MFT '12* has become the only reporter to offer a biweekly mental health segment in Spanish in the country. He works closely with the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health to

provide the most relevant information about clinical or behavioral issues that affect the Hispanic and immigrant communities. His mental health segment on Noticias Univision 34 KMEX has been recognized nationally and locally by mental health authorities as key and vital for the mental well-being of Spanish-speaking audiences. Recognized by the National Association of Counties of America for Mental Health Coverage, the Department of Mental Health and the Center for Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles for excellent service for the empowerment and betterment of communities.



**Celia Bonilla** *MAT '13* is teaching a class of 30 English language learners, who eagerly share their cultural traditions with Celia and fellow classmates on a daily basis. This year, her focus has been to

help each student develop their English language skills, within the English Language Development Program. Although learning English is an important part of the day, Celia takes pride in encouraging her students to explore and celebrate the diversity within the classroom community. She fosters a welcoming and caring environment for each of her students. Celia also tutors middle schoolers in mathematics.

## Three USC Rossier Alumni Named School District Superintendents



**Sherryl Carter** *EdD '17* was named superintendent of the East San Gabriel Valley Regional Occupational Program and Technical Center.



**Gunn Marie Hanson** *MS '96 PhD '00* was hired as superintendent of the Orange Unified School District. She previously worked in the district as a deputy and assistant superintendent.



**Blake Silvers** *EdD '15* was appointed superintendent of Wiseburn Unified School District beginning in June 2018. He currently serves as principal of Dana Middle School in the district.



**Jannette Flores** *EdD '13* is the dean, curriculum and assessment at Cedar Valley College in Lancaster, Texas.

**Sunja Fraser** *MAT '13* is a ninth grade English teacher at YES Prep in Houston.



**Issaic Gates** *EdD '13* is the principal of San Marino High School.

**Patrick Gittisriboongul** *EdD '13* is the assistant superintendent and chief innovation officer at the San Diego County Office of Education. In this role, he is responsible for planning, developing, coordinating, implementing, directing and supporting countywide systems of innovation and engaging with partners to address a variety of organizational and pedagogical needs aimed at improving student equity and achievement.



**Rakin Hall** *ME '13* is the executive director of admission at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. He leads the areas of recruitment and assessment, data and enrollment research, processing and file management, and campus experience. Rakin strategically builds and manages Utah's annual undergraduate admitted student cohort. A higher education professional with over 20 years of experience, he is now working at his fourth university.

**Rocio Hernandez Fajardo** *Edd '13* is a tenure-track counseling faculty and coordinator of the CalWORKS program at Ventura College. She oversees the day-to-day operations, including budget, staffing and compliance and management of funds ensuring that coordinated services are provided to eligible students. Rocio also ensures that all required reports, forms and program plans are submitted to the chancellor's office on a timely basis.

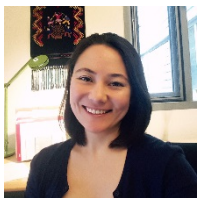
**Mike Norling** *MAT '13* is a middle school science teacher at South Peninsula Hebrew Day School in Sunnyvale, Calif.



**Mary Lou Roels** *MAT '13* is a high school psychology, sociology, Washington state history and English 9 and 10 recovery credit teacher with the online educator K12Insight. An online platform, K12Insight educates

more than 2,800 students in the state of Washington by providing rigorous accredited courses, a homeroom/advisory and support for success.

**Geoffrey Zamarripa** *Edd '13* is the principal of the Santa Fe Computer Magnet School in the Monrovia Unified School District.



**Taylor Ainslie** *ME '14* is the department manager for feminist studies at University of California, Santa Cruz. Taylor oversees the undergraduate major and PhD programs, advises graduate

students, manages academic human resources, curriculum, finances and programming of the department.



**Angela Alcerro** *MAT-TESOL '14* is a member of the toy design faculty at Otis College of Art and Design. She was recently awarded a research grant to study and implement methodologies to infuse diversity

into the arts curriculum. Otis is a diverse community of learners and cultural influencers of the local creative economy.

**Leena Bakshi** *Edd '14* is the program director for science in the Alameda County Office of Education (ACOE). She coordinates the programmatic activities of the implementation of the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS); delivers standards-based professional learning; consults with instructional leaders and coaches; and collaborates with other ACOE divisions for cohesive agency work. In addition, she supports districts and schools to implement NGSS action plans and instructional strategies that center around student academic discourse and sense-making around science literacy.



**Janna Bernstein** *ME '14* has been recognized as one of the inaugural 2018 professionals of the NASPA NOW Professional Recognition for Impact. NASPA is the professional organization for Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education. The NASPA NOW

Professional Recognition, launched in 2017 in partnership between the New Professionals and Graduate Students Knowledge Community and the NASPA central office, recognizes the impact that new professionals and graduate students have on the student affairs profession. Janna is actively involved in the organization, serving as the Region 5 representative for the NASPA Student Leadership Programs Knowledge Community, where she serves on both the regional and national boards and as a member of the NASPA Undergraduate Fellows Advisory Board. She also serves on the Engagement Subcommittee for the 100th NASPA Annual Conference. She served as the conference chair for the inaugural NASPA Southern Nevada Drive-In, bringing together the higher education professionals in the Las Vegas Valley for a day of professional development and growth. She also facilitated the

creation of the NASPA Undergraduate Fellows Program at UNLV and has served as a mentor to three fellows in addition to supporting the other programs and encouraging students interested in pursuing a career in higher education.



**Michelle "Missy" Dominguez ME '14** was recognized as a member of the inaugural 2018 NASPA NOW Cohort. NASPA NOW Professional Recognition recognizes the impact that new professionals and graduate students have on the student affairs profession. Each year, 25 participants will be selected as winners in categories aligned with the NASPA Pillars, Integrity, Inclusion, Innovation and Inquiry, as well as a fifth category of Impact. Missy was recognized for the pillar of inquiry for their assessment work done at the University of Washington Bothell, which they wrote about for a NASPA blog titled "I'm a New Professional Leading Departmental Assessment."

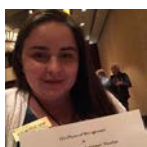
**Charles Eugene MAT-TESOL '14** works as a caterer and offers private lessons to students.



**Margaret Jacquard MAT '14** was awarded the 2018 Florida District Teacher of the Year award.



**Daisy Jauregui MAT '14** is a math teacher, new teacher induction coach and class of 2018 advisor at Alliance College Ready Public Schools.



**Dieuwertje Kast MAT '14** won the National Association of Geoscience Teachers – Far Western Section (NAGT-FWS) Outstanding Earth Science Teacher award for 2017. This award is given to precollege teachers and educators who have made exceptional contributions to the stimulation of interest in the earth sciences and who are outstanding teachers. NAGT was impressed by Kast's commitment to under represented minority students, by her crafting of challenging and eye-opening hands-on experiences for K-12 students and by her enthusiasm with sharing her love of the earth sciences.

**Christian Lise MFT '14** is a clinician at Hathaway Sycamores CFS.

**Rogelio M. Loredo MAT '14** has been working on a new curriculum titled "Social Justice History and Mathematics." The curriculum helps high school students use mathematical concepts to explain and examine historical events. The curriculum was submitted to the Reinvent Education competition at Sacramento State University and was selected to the semifinal round. The curriculum is now being implemented in the social science department at the Latino College Preparatory Academy in San Jose, Calif.



**Melissa Moore EdD '14** received the ACSA Region 14 Superintendent of the Year recognition and was selected as an honorary commander for the Los Angeles Air Force Base for 2018.

**Yadira Patapoff MAT '14** was married on March 26, 2017, and recently welcomed a new addition to their family, baby Oliver!

**Arturo Perez MAT '14** is an AP world history teacher at the Soong Ching Ling School in Shanghai.



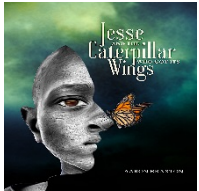
**Shaheed Sabrin MAT '14** is a senior teacher at Aidi International School in Beijing, China. Shaheed develops curriculum and is the assessment coordinator for the middle school.

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**Aaron Braxton MAT '15** wrote the novel, *Jesse and the Caterpillar Who Got its Wings*, which focuses on the common core standards and infused with academic language.

The young adult novel is about an awkward fifth grader with a vivid imagination who uses the metamorphosis of a caterpillar from humble earthbound creatures, to graceful winged beauties, as a metaphor for life, love, transformation and finding his own greatness.



**Trisha Callella EdD '15** is the director of innovation and instruction at Rowland Unified School District. In this role, she works directly with the superintendent designing and leading districtwide professional learning for

all stakeholders. The role merges educational technology, instruction and design to create unique learning experiences for students, classified and certificated staff, families and administrators. The emphasis is on designing, creating and implementing meaningful integrated learning experiences that have not been done previously.

**Priscilla De Lara ME '15** is an undergraduate counselor at University of California, Irvine.

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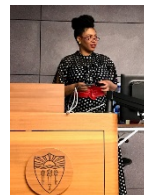


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**Gardy Borromeo Cruz MAT '16** is an adjunct professor of English as a second language at Ventura College. He has taught intermediate and high-intermediate ESL courses and is currently teaching a high-beginning ESL course to 47 college students. He utilizes the knowledge

he gained from his education at USC Rossier to benefit student learning.



**Airies Davis EdD '16** is a partner and the chief consulting officer at WorkforceEQI in Chicago. WorkforceEQI is a boutique human capital firm specializing in programs merging 21<sup>st</sup> century workforce readiness with emotional

intelligence, which was created based on researched findings from her doctoral dissertation.

**Hannah Lee EdD '16** is a researcher at Sahmyook University Institute of Innovative Education in Seoul, South Korea.

**John Moran EdD '16** is the superintendent of Brethren Christian School in Huntington Beach, Calif. In his first year as superintendent, he has worked to create and implement strategies to achieve excellence in all areas of the educational enterprise.



**Vance Nichols EdD '16** co-presented a joint, collaborative, and interactive three-session track of research findings and applied implications for practice in November 2017, at the annual ACSI Professional Development Forum in

Anaheim. The day-long presentation—"From Surviving to Thriving: Developing Strategic School Actions to Grow and Thrive in the Midst of Cultural Change"—was based on data from his USC Rossier research study into the ongoing crisis of private school closures across the US since 2006, titled

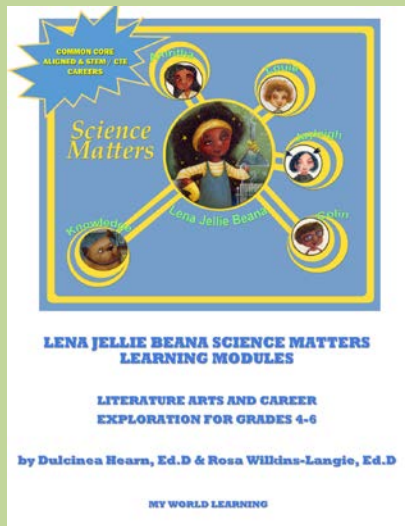
*Schools At Risk: An Analysis of Factors Endangering the Evangelical Christian School Movement in America.* Vance, head of school at Alta Loma Christian School in Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. and a 2015 USC Rossier Innovation Scholar, was recently recognized along with his school, faculty and middle and elementary students for partnering with the Quest for Space Project to place STEM experiments aboard the International Space Station, via SpaceX missions CRS-11 and CRS-14.



**Lena Aloumari MAT '17** is currently serving with the Peace Corps in Samoa as an English literacy and numeracy resource teacher. Her primary project is focused on building English literacy in a rural village, and she is hoping to build on the concept of global citizenship within this community.

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## Dulcinea Hearn EdD '16 and Rosa Wilkins-Langie EdD '16 developed new STEM, CTE and Career Exploration Modules



**Dulcinea Hearn EdD '16** and **Rosa Wilkins-Langie EdD '16** are inspiring elementary school students further into Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) fields by linking education and careers into one model. These alumnae have developed two STEAM-based modules in English Language Arts (ELA) and Career Explorations based on the STEM-based novel *Lena Jellie Beana Science Matters*. This accompaniment, *Lena Jellie Beana Science Matters Learning Modules™* allows younger learners to journey through text-based ELA and careers in STEM and Career Technical Education (CTE) in a fun and innovative way.

Youth ages eight to eleven will enjoy STEAM learning through different reading modalities, games, puzzles, vocabulary and technology checks. The curriculum modules are Common Core aligned.

The novel is currently being used in classrooms in Southern California, with the new module workbook to follow. Although the modules are rigorous to meet

Common Core standards, the design makes STEM education for ELA and Career Exploration delivery simple for educators and homeschooling caregivers. The curriculum also has other applications outside of traditional education and is currently being considered for companies with STEM education and career exploration for students such as Boeing, community organizations (Play Like a Girl, Girl Scouts troops), non profits, workforce agencies and many others.

**Lillian Farzan MFT '17** is a residential counselor at Evolve Treatment in Tarzana, Calif.



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**Shaquita Humphrey-Pressley ME '17** is the interim director of the center for equity and inclusion at the University of Washington, Tacoma.

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**Kevin O'Bryan MFT '17** is an associate marriage and family therapist at Larchmont Associates in Los Angeles. In this role, Kevin provides psychotherapy for families, couples and individuals which is collaborative and strength-based.



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**Michele Wilkens EdD '17** is vice president of education and training for Right At School, an international student enrichment provider serving 30,000+ children across North America in partnership with school districts. In her role, she oversees program and curriculum development, staff training, program licensing, and student impact measurement. Michele also serves on the Board of Directors of the National AfterSchool Association and the National Advisory Board for Digital Learning in Afterschool.

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