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Dear Reunion Year Alumnus,

This past year, the USC Rossier School of Education reached out to alumni who earned their degree in 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, 2004 and 2009 to request updates. This is the first time in recent memory that we attempted to capture alumni updates during a milestone reunion year. I am pleased to report that we received over 175 updates which appear on the pages of this inaugural Reunion Year Newsletter. I hope you enjoy reading the updates.

Fight On!
Matt DeGrushe ME ’04
Director of Alumni Engagement

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STAY CONNECTED, STAY ENGAGED!

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Starting in October 2014, USC Rossier will publish Class Notes, a bi-annual e-newsletter featuring alumni updates. Complete the online update survey to share both professional and personal updates.

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**BACHELOR DEGREES**

**BS**

Yvonne Raphael BS ’84 MS ’94 has been a classroom teacher for the past 25 years with the Los Angeles Unified School District.

**MASTER’S DEGREES**

**MAT**

Eileen Washington MAT ’84 started her career as an educational therapist at Cedars Sinai Hospital. She became a teacher of learning handicapped students in Pasadena and Los Angeles Unified School Districts. Eileen also obtained a resource specialist credential and worked for many years implementing specialized individual programs to meet the needs of special education students. She achieved Spanish fluency by living in Spain and Mexico and obtained her bilingual fluency certificate (BCLAD), which allows her to provide primary language support to the Spanish-speaking students and their families. Eileen’s highest honor is the achievement of National Board Certification. In this capacity she mentors new teachers, facilitates teacher workshops and provides parent trainings. She has been instrumental in designing school and district plans.

**ME**

Benjamin Paull ME ’84 EdD ’94 is a principal in San Diego, Calif.

**MS**

Genaro Carapia MS ’84 taught for the LAUSD while working on his MS. He taught all the elementary grade levels, except kindergarten. Genaro also experienced teaching in diverse socio-economic communities, from the inner city to the San Fernando Valley. Genaro later became a categorical program coordinator, assistant principal and retired as a principal in 2011. Administratively, and through exemplary teamwork and leadership, his teams accomplished many “firsts.” They received a half-million dollar grant (Reading Excellence Award). The school became the first in East Los Angeles to receive a Wonder of Reading Library and was later awarded a $50,000 Model Library Award. This school became a California Distinguished School. It was a wonderful, memorable 34-year sojourn that will be treasured for a lifetime. He and his wife, Lai Tan, continue to enjoy traveling. They have traveled extensively throughout the Caribbean, Mexico, Central America and the United States. They recently toured Alaska, repacked and spent 12 days in New England. They expect to conquer Europe in 2015! They also enjoy spending time in Running Springs, their vacation home. They continue a tradition of attending at least two away USC football games. They are in the process of creating the “Genaro and Lai Tan Carapia Scholarship Foundation.” The foundation’s proposed goals are to award scholarships to high school students and assist organizations that provide assistance to the needy. The Carapias recently became members of USC Rossier’s Academy Leadership Giving Program.

**BS ’75 MS ’84 EdD ’92** is a recently retired elementary school principal. During her 38-year career in education, Linda served as a classroom teacher in a number of elementary grades, a middle school teacher, assistant principal, an advisor in the Orange County Department of Education’s Intern Program, and an elementary principal in the Garden Grove Unified School District and the Newport Mesa Unified School District (NMUSD). Her most recent position was as principal of Victoria Elementary School in NMUSD, where she also coordinated the district’s GATE Program. Linda continues to be a proud USC alum! She and her husband have two college-age sons: the oldest is a computer science major at USC, and the youngest is a political science major at UCSB.
Paul Kerr MS '84 held various positions in both for-profit and nonprofit endeavors since graduating from USC. He earned a teaching credential in the mid-90s and taught in the Bellflower Unified School District for four years. In 2001, Paul accepted a teaching assignment with the Department of Defense Education Activity in Taegu (now Daegu), South Korea, where he taught a departmentalized sixth grade class for three years. In 2004, he transferred to Heidelberg, Germany, where he taught fourth grade for four years and fifth grade for four years. Anticipating the military closure of that community, Paul transferred to Stuttgart, Germany, in 2012, where he currently teaches fourth grade. Paul married Bonnie Louise Kilcollins, a nursing graduate from Biola University, in May of 1985, in Denver. They purchased, and eventually sold, a home in La Habra and currently own a home in Colorado Springs. While in Korea, Paul was able to write several articles for an English-language newsletter. Living abroad, he has been able to take advantage of numerous travel opportunities, and his Trip Advisor “Cities I’ve Visited” shows 100 cities in 25 countries. Paul has lived in North America, Asia and Europe and has traveled extensively through each and recently visited Morocco, adding the African continent to the list of his travel destinations. When not teaching or traveling, Paul enjoys hiking when he can, playing drums (he played semi-professionally in Southern California) and honing his writing skills.

Margie Lafia (Orme) MS '84 received her teaching credential and has been working in East Los Angeles with second language learners for 30 years. Her daughter, Sara, was accepted into the PhD program at UCSB in Geospatial Sciences. Margie and her husband, who is also an educator, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary.

Phil Morse MS '84 formally retired in 2009, although he still consults in the areas of student testing, evaluation and research. Phil earned a PhD in Educational Policy Analysis and Evaluation from UCLA. He spent 12.5 years as an elementary school principal in Norwalk and (City of) Orange. He then worked as director of research and assessment for the Orange Unified School District for five years, followed by another five years in the Planning, Assessment and Research Division of the LAUSD. Phil was named last year to the Technical Advisory Panel of the NAEP High School Transcript Study. He served as president of the California Educational Research Association, Directors of Research and Evaluation and the National Association of Test Directors. In 2011, Phil was awarded the Annual Lifetime Achievement Award by the National Association of Test Directors.

Laurel Myers MS '84 has been involved in various areas of logistics throughout her many careers, first working for the Department of the Army Transportation Corps and School, then the Quartermaster supply branch of the Combined Arms Support Command Training Directorate. Laurel then analyzed complex systems for acquisition logistics engineering before returning to the public sector and becoming involved in the logistics of innovative professional and personal training development for the Department of the Navy with the Naval Medical Education and Training Command in Bethesda, Md. She next managed several projects developing curriculum for the Federal Aviation Administration, for the Health and Human Services University to update their online curriculum. She is currently the section chief of Workforce Development for Naval Sea Systems. Since she earned her degree, Laurel went on to earn a PhD That was one of her life goals. Her PhD is in Applied Management and Decision Sciences specializing in Logistics. She has a Master of Science in Early Childhood Education from USC, a Master of Arts in Educational Administration from TCU and an undergraduate degree from Florida Atlantic University in Education. Three of her four children have since earned bachelor’s degrees, and one has earned a master’s degree. A second child has also entered a master’s program.
Kimberley Peterson BA ’81 MS ’84 received her MFT license in 1987 and has specialized in the field of brain injury. Kimberley has worked as a full-time counselor/instructor for Coastline Community College’s Acquired Brain Injury Program since 1989.

Alan Preisser MS ’84 continued serving in the U.S. Air Force after earning his degree and retired in 1992. Following several short-term jobs (including part owner of a Century 21 Real Estate franchise and substitute teaching), Alan became a military analyst and editor of the Joint Center for Operational Analysis Journal, a Department of Defense journal focused on lessons learned. He subsequently retired in 2011.

DOCTORAL DEGREES

EdD

John Costello EdD ’84 is retired.

Edward Hogg EdD ’84 retired earlier this year after serving as an associate professor of human resource management. He earned an MS in Human Resource Management in 1986 and a PhD in Human and Organizational Systems in 1993.

Donald Remley EdD ’84 served as superintendent of Oroville City Elementary School District for 22 Years. He currently serves as a partner and chief financial officer of the Cosca Group, a professional educational search firm. Donald and his wife, Penny, are celebrating 46 years of married life and enjoying their three daughter’s families, which includes nine grandchildren.

PhD

Barry Halote PhD ’84 is a clinical director at California Psychological Associates.

Arie Korporaal PhD ’84 retired in September 2005 after serving in various roles including science consultant in the Los Angeles County Office of Education; director, K–12 Curriculum in the Paramount Unified School District; and executive director at the South East Education Technology Consortium.
MASTER’S DEGREES

ME

Suzanne Reynaud-Roepke ME ‘89 PhD’95 completed a post-doctorate at Alvarado Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Hospital, La Mesa, Calif.; worked in private practice in Carlsbad; served as an educational consultant in learning disabilities, San Diego County; was a post doctorate fellow at UCSD Psychiatric Clinical Research Center in the study of schizophrenia; worked as a school psychologist and was a program specialist for Inyo and Mono Counties. Suzanne received her ME one week before the birth of her first child, who is now earning his MBA in the USC Marshall School of Business. During his undergrad studies he was on the USC swim team and the football team under Pete Carroll and Lane Kiffin. Her daughter is completing her GE requirements and transferring to UCSB, where Suzanne earned her BA in Psychology. Apples don’t fall far from the tree!

MS

Michelle Wolfson MS ‘89 is the founder of Special Families Counseling and Advocacy in Carlsbad, Calif. Michelle also serves on the board of directors, NCCSE Community Advisory Committee, and is the immediate past chair. She also is a volunteer at the Autism Society San Diego. Michelle married Alan Wolfson in 1986, and they have three children: Steven (born 1987), Rachel (born 1992) and Danny (born 1996). Her younger two children have special needs and have been her primary focus for the past 20 years.

DOCTORAL DEGREES

EdD

Wendell Chun EdD ‘89 retired as superintendent of schools of Oakdale Joint Unified School District in 2008. Wendell is currently executive director and owner of Education Leadership Services, a superintendent search firm.

Deborah Cullen EdD ‘89 has worked in several administration and faculty positions at Indiana University since 1990.

Peggy Hayward EdD ‘89 has held various positions over the course of her career, including director, Orientation and Transition Services, CSU Fresno (1989–96); dean, Student Development & Matriculation, San Diego City College, San Diego Community College District, (1996–2002); and dean, Information and Learning Technology, San Diego City College, San Diego Community College District (2002–07). Peggy also attended the Fulbright Association Administrators Program in Germany (1998). Peggy moved to Medford, Ore., in 2012. She is enjoying life in Southern Oregon and her yearly travels to Europe.

John Spickelmier EdD & AdMeD ‘89 is retired from the U.S. Army. He taught as adjunct faculty at several universities and is now teaching university courses in Vietnam. John discovered motorcycles at age 58. He is now 73 and has ridden through Thailand, Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, New Zealand, Pikes Peak, Alaska, Smoky Mountains, Bay of Fundy, Canada, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, California, Nevada, Texas, Arkansas, Hawaii, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Oklahoma, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Georgia, Virginia, West Virginia and Washington, D.C. This summer to
Washington State, Idaho, Wyoming, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota and Nebraska. John lived aboard a sailboat from 1988 until 2002 in Mississippi, Washington, D.C., Maryland and Hawaii. He also spent five years in Hanoi, Vietnam. He is still enjoying the happy partnership (now 38 years) with his wife, Diep, who recently worked international health stints in South Sudan, Namibia, Uganda, and Guyana in South America. “Lack of adventure eludes us.”

**PhD**

**Linda McGee PhD ’89** is retiring from the Federal Bureau of Prisons in October 2014, after 22 years. As chief psychologist she oversaw programs for seriously mentally ill inmates, an APA-approved pre-doctoral internship and two comprehensive drug treatment programs, including one for those with dual diagnoses. As a psychologist Linda has seen tremendous growth in the profession, especially in the application of evidence-based practices in psychotherapy. Although Federal age restrictions dictate that she retire from her current law enforcement position, she is excited to apply this experience to her next career step. Linda will continue her part-time employment as an adjunct professor for the Los Angeles Community College District, which is something she has thoroughly enjoyed for many years. Since her graduation, Linda and her husband have had three beautiful daughters, who, while challenging them to expand their horizons, grace their lives with joy.

**Wanda Ross PhD ’89** managed the City Colleges of Chicago program on military bases across Europe and taught graduate school for Troy State University in Europe then in Virginia and North Carolina followed by Hawaii. After that, Wanda managed educational programs at Bastyr University, a leading school of naturopathic medicine located in the Seattle area. In 1999, she moved to Silicon Valley, where she has worked in executive search and done corporate recruiting for Google and Intuit. For the past three years, Wanda has worked at Polycom, where she is the senior manager, Americas and Executive Talent Acquisition. Wanda’s passion is international travel. She is a member of the Travelers’ Century Club, having traveled to over 100 countries. Her recreational passion is skiing. She has skied at over 150 places worldwide and is secretary of the Far West Ski Association. Wanda also enjoys golf, bicycling and sharing fun times with her friends. She shares her life with Mike Dhuey, an avid runner and bicyclist and former new design engineer at Apple and Cisco.
BACHELOR DEGREES

BS

Daniel Carrillo BS ’94 is principal of Independence Elementary School (LAUSD) in South Gate, Calif. Dan is married and the father of three wonderful children: Janine, 15, Jacob, 11, and Joshua, 9. He has been working for LAUSD for 20 years. Dan is also the cubmaster for his son’s pack in Whittier, Calif.

Erika Daniels BS ’94 MS ’96 earned an EdD in Literacy from the University of San Diego and San Diego State University (joint doctoral program). She teaches in the School of Education at Cal State San Marcos with an emphasis in middle level education and literacy development. Before arriving at Cal State San Marcos, Erika taught in East Los Angeles and Oceanside, Calif.

Lumina Lagos-Alex BS ’94 MS ’95 is still teaching in the same district where she began her career.

Jennifer Postil Gerber BS ’94 went on to the California School of Professional Psychology for a PsyD in Clinical Psychology. She has not yet finished; her thesis is pending. Jennifer is married and has three children.

Susan Rhee BS ’94 has been an elementary school teacher at Kentwood Elementary in the Westchester area of Los Angeles (LAUSD) for the past 16 years. She currently teach 4th grade. Susan has her Master’s Degree in Educational Leadership Studies from Cal State Northridge. She has been married for the past nine years to a loving and wonderful husband and has two fabulous little boys, ages 7 and 6. Susan has been residing in Los Angeles for the past 16 years.

MASTER’S DEGREES

MFCC

Andrea Rashtian MFCC ’94 PhD ’98 has her own private practice. She also serves as an assistant faculty member at Los Angeles City College, part-time faculty at Cal State Northridge and an instructor at UCLA. She is the mother of beautiful 10-year old twins. Andrea is an active member of the PTA, Hadassah, and the children’s activities (dance team, AYSO, Boy Scouts).

MS

Janine Saunders Jones MS ’94 moved back to Texas to continue her education after graduating from USC. She was a licensed LMFT and worked as a therapist for Austin Child Guidance Center while in graduate school. Janine graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a PhD in School Psychology in 1999. She moved to Seattle, Wash., to accept a faculty position at Seattle Pacific University. Janine also directed the School Psychology program at Seattle Pacific University and completed a postdoctoral residency at Sound Mental Health. In 2001, she started a private practice, which she continued while teaching part time at the University of Washington and Seattle University. In 2005, Janine accepted a tenure-track position and was awarded tenure at the University of Washington in 2011. She is currently the director of the APA-accredited School Psychology Program that offers both EdS and PhD degrees.
Hsing Chi von Bergmann MS ’94 PhD ’98 joined the University of British Columbia (UBC) Faculty of Dentistry in September 2010 mainly to mentor and conduct educational research activities for faculty; design modules and professional development activities to enhance teaching capacity; and educational experiences for students. Her current research focuses on cognitive task analysis, curricular renewal specifically pertaining to biomedical sciences integration in dentistry, differentiated instruction and learning and progress testing system as a part of competency-based professional programs. Prior to UBC, Hsing Chi held an appointment as an associate professor in science education at the University of Calgary, where she was the coordinator of curriculum, teaching and learning in the Faculty of Education, and an evaluation consultant for the University of Calgary’s Faculty of Science. She was a visiting professor at Michigan State University and a visiting scholar in the Department of Philosophy at the University of Notre Dame. Hsing Chi has been a member of the editorial board for the Contemporary Issues and Trends in Science Education series since 2009. In 2008, she was the co-founder of the Hong Kong Accord on Global Science Education. She got married in 2006 to a German and the couple has a four-year-old boy.

DOCTORAL DEGREES

EdD

Dennis Brown EdD ’94 became a senior high school principal (San Diego Unified School District), an assistant superintendent of secondary education (Lodi Unified School District and Fremont Unified School District) and an adjunct professor of education at National University, San Diego State University and Cal State Hayward. He is now retired and does volunteer activities with Jazz Radio 88.3 KSDS in San Diego and Retired Seniors Volunteer Patrol with the San Diego Police Department.

Christopher Hall EdD ’94 is currently an adjunct professor at McCoy College of Business Administration at Texas State University. Christopher served as a labor relations manager at California State University before retiring in 2009. He also served as an adjunct faculty member at Mihaylo College of Business & Economics at Cal State Fullerton from 1995 – 2009.

Patsy Maloney EdD ’94 is the director of the Center for Continued Nursing Learning and professor of nursing at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Wash. Patsy is the wife of Richard Maloney (EdD ’96); mother of Katherine, Nathaniel and Elizabeth; and grandmother of Jaxon and Carlton.

Benjamin Paull ME ’84 EdD ’94 is a principal in San Diego, Calif.

Jack Sutton MS ’77 EdD ’94 is retired after serving as the executive coordinator for UCLA Education Outreach.

James Teague EdD ’94 served as the science department chairman for Los Angeles Baptist Middle/Senior School before retiring in 2013 after 34 total years of teaching. In 2004, James completed the requirements for a clear professional single subject California credential in physics, which has been renewed in five-year increments along with the required hours of professional development. This last year, he completed a 20-session coding course using Python through NCLab.com. In August, James will begin teaching online courses in physics, honors physics and algebra through NorthStar Academy. Students in these courses are located all over the world. James has two sons and nine grandchildren. Last year the family went to Stuttgart, Germany, to visit his oldest son’s family with three of the grandchildren. They brought along a grandson from the other family to meet his cousins and to travel to Paris and Normandy. Standing at the top of Omaha Beach was truly a moment they’ll never forget.

PhD

Angela Albright PhD ’94 is an emeritus professor in the School of Nursing at Cal State Dominguez Hills.
Robert Bernatz *MS '01 PhD '94* is a principal consultant with the Table Group, where he works regularly with CEOs and executive teams to quickly and effectively apply the highly effective models and concepts captured in the books by bestselling business author Patrick Lencioni, founder of the Table Group. His clients are some of the most recognized names in the realms of technology, professional services, media and nonprofits. Bob is also the founder of Voxopolis.com, the world’s first interactive anonymous messaging and communications platform. Originally launched in 2006, VOXopolis is an online communications platform that facilitates interactive anonymous messaging, feedback, surveys and digital media. Since 1991, Bob specialized in the psychological and relational issues that uniquely challenge executives, professionals, entrepreneurs and their organizations. As a licensed psychologist, Bob provided confidential advisement to individuals dealing with personal or organizational problems. Through his consulting firms, Bernatz & Associates and InsightGlobal, Bob and his associates have assisted hundreds of individual clients and organizations successfully to assess, analyze and overcome seemingly intractable problems. His clients included the Baltimore Sun, British Petroleum, First American Trust, KPMG, Los Angeles Times, Newsday, Orlando Sentinel, Pacific Symphony Orchestra, Symantec, Times Mirror, Tribune Company and the University of Southern California. Bob is married to Kimberly (USC '82) and lives in Newport Beach, Calif.

Rebecca Constantino *PhD '94* created a nationally recognized nonprofit, Access Books, that refurbishes inner city school libraries. She is a lecturer at UCLA and UC Irvine.

John Malpass *PhD '94* teaches online for Capella University in its Education Psychology Department and has developed several classes. John currently resides in Pinehurst, N.C.

Maria Ott *PhD '94* served as superintendent of the Little Lake City School District in Los Angeles County for seven years, as senior deputy superintendent for LAUSD for five years with superintendent Roy Romer, and as superintendent of the Rowland Unified School District for seven years. She now serves as executive in residence for the USC Rossier School of Education. In addition to her career successes, Maria is the proud grandmother of seven grandchildren—five girls and two boys.

Karen Russikoff *MS '93 PhD '94* is a full professor at Cal Poly Pomona and co-director of Real English Teachers.com
BACHELOR DEGREES

BS

Mary Conner BS ’99 earned two master’s degrees from the University of Phoenix—MM Master of Business and an MBA. She’s the author of a new book titled Is the Crime Worth Your Time?!.

Elizabeth Delaney BS ’99 taught elementary school for 12 years. She eventually became an Orton-Gillingham-trained tutor working one-on-one with children with dyslexia. Elizabeth has continued the study of yoga since 1999 and now writes a related curriculum and runs two yoga schools. She has two children, Henry and Claire, and resides in Greenville, S.C.

Carmen Lopez BS ’99 EdD ’11 worked as a general education teacher with LAUSD from 1999 to 2012. She then served as a categorical programs coordinator from 2012 to 2014. Carmen currently works as a Title III access to core coach. She is also an adjunct professor at Cal State Dominguez Hills.

Christina Meyer (Rubin) BS ’99 spent four years teaching in a local school district. She taught third grade, fifth grade, and 2/3 GT. Christina left the district and found her true calling in early education. She spent six years at a local early education center teaching kindergarten, summer camp and junior kindergarten and also worked as an assistant director. Christina moved to a new center to become the director and then helped the owners open the only free standing Reggio Emilia Early Learning Center in her city. In the last two and a half years it has doubled its enrollment and created a wonderful working environment for its teachers. Christina was married in 2001 and had her daughter in 2006. She divorced in 2012 and now she and her daughter are loving their time together and the adventures of childhood.

Natalie Miller BS ’99 earned her JD from Wake Forest School of Law and practices elder law and estate planning in Mooresville, N.C.

Josie Morris BS ’99 has had the opportunity to work as a classroom teacher in three school districts located in two different states since graduation. Josie also worked as an instructional coach providing campus support, leading district-wide trainings, writing curriculum, analyzing student data, and writing district assessments. USC Rossier’s focus on urban education prepared her well for all of these roles.

Atineh Nazarian Haroutunian BS ’99 taught at Glendale Unified School District in a split first and second grade and went back to USC to obtain her Master’s in Communication Management with an emphasis in marketing from the Annenberg School of Communication. She currently works as a communications manager in local government. Atineh has two children.

Elva Palafox BS ’99 is entering her 16th year of teaching. She taught kindergarten for one year, first grade for 11 years and second grade for three years.

Lindsay Reilly BS ’99 earned a master’s degree with an emphasis on reading instruction from National University. She has taught first, second, fourth and fifth grades. Lindsay got married in 2006 and became a mother 2012.
MASTER’S DEGREES

MFCC

Chinue Brown MFCC ’99 has been a licensed psychologist since 2004. She is married and the mother of one son.

Alan King MFCC ’99 is an attorney at Goetz and Eckland P.A., in Minneapolis, Minn.

Tiffany Kuykendall MFCC ’99 went on to become an adjunct professor at Cal State Long Beach and Santiago Canyon College and a counselor at Saddleback College. In 2001, Tiffany became a director of counseling services for a private prep high school in Orange County and sat on several state accreditation committees for private schools. She moved on to consulting with LAUSD and other Southern California districts under the No Child Left Behind Act in 2004. In 2005, she left education and began a career in software sales and completed an MBA with an emphasis in dispute resolution at Pepperdine University in 2007. Tiffany has since worked as a global sales and marketing subject matter expert for IBM and other software firms and is currently building a sales organization for a software company in Irvine.

MS

Rich Alvidrez MS ’99 retired from Jet Propulsion Laboratory in 2013 after 22 years working in the education office. Rich is proud to have developed programs, scholarships, fellowships, and internships for community college students.

Kimberly Ellis MS ’99 remained in higher education for the past 15 years at diverse institutions and her education at USC Rossier created a great foundation for this rewarding professional career. She completed her EdD in Higher Education Administration in 2011 from George Washington University.

Afia Hemphill MS ’99 EdD ’08 became an elementary and middle school teacher shortly after graduation. In 2003, she became an elementary school assistant principal and in 2010 became an elementary school principal which is the position she still holds today. All of her positions have been with LAUSD.

Kari Hurley MS ’99 is currently co-principal of curriculum and instruction at The Odyssey Institute for Advanced and International Studies in Arizona. Previously, she worked as a high school history teacher for 12 years. Kari is married to a USC alum and has two boys, ages 6 and 10.

Jennifer Krogh (Arvidson) MS ’99 MS ’00 EdD ’10 taught in the Newport-Mesa Unified School District for seven years as a classroom teacher and a teacher on special assignment (TOSA) for the District’s GATE Program. Currently, she is an educational consultant to a number of school districts in Southern California and is also a lecturer for USC Rossier’s Master of Arts in Teaching Program. Jennifer teaches courses in pedagogy as well as courses for the university’s certificate in gifted education.

Trevor Leach MS ’99 has been teaching English for 15 years in California public schools, five years at Azusa High School and 10 years at Quartz Hill High School. He also coached football and wrestling during his tenure at both schools. As the wrestling coach at Quartz Hill, his teams earned five league titles, a CIF championship, and two CIF Academic Championships. Trevor’s teams have earned over 200 victories and finished in the top three academically nine times in 10 years in the CIF-SS. Trevor recently began a new adventure in the San Mateo County Office of Education. He married Crystal Leach on
Nov. 1, 2008, and their son began his collegiate career as a Sun Devil this fall. They recently moved up to Half Moon Bay, fulfilling a lifelong dream of living at the mountains at the beach! Fight On!

Sunny Nilchavee MS ’99 is a faculty member at Southern California University of Health Sciences and a doctor of chiropractic at Back 2 Balance Chiropractic & Thai Bodywork.

Jon Pearson MS ’99 has served as a middle school science/math teacher, high school basketball and baseball coach, middle school and high school athletic director, special education coordinator, assistant principal, principal, and the director of student services and family welcome enrollment center. Jon is married and has three children.

DOCTORAL DEGREES

EdD

Deborah Bowers EdD ’99 is currently the superintendent of the Atascadero Unified School District in San Luis Obispo County.

Terri Long EdD ’99 was hired as a full-time faculty member in the earth sciences department at Mt. San Antonio College in Walnut, Calif. For the past five years she has also served as the dean of instructional services at Mt. San Antonio College.


PhD

John “Tim” Denny PhD ’99 has been a UNICEF education specialist since 2012. Previously, Tim was a professor at various universities in Taiwan and Japan (1999–2005) and also served as a consultant for UNESCO, UNESCAP, Asian Development Bank (ADB), ADB funded projects and governments (2005–2012).

Diane Dusick PhD ’99 teaches full time at San Bernardino Valley College and also teaches in the online Doctor of Business Administration program at Walden University. Thanks to the overturning of Proposition 8, she was finally able to get legally married on Oct. 12, 2013, to her partner of 22½ years, Mary Strine. They recently celebrated their one-year anniversary.

Mary Eason PhD ’99 is a child psychologist with a government agency.

Kate Esposito PhD ’99 is a professor at Cal State Dominguez Hills.

Ruzbeh Malakuti PhD ’99 worked at Pasadena Psychiatric Medical Clinic for about a year after graduation. Ruzbeh was then offered an opportunity to work at Washington Mutual in a management capacity and took it for a change of pace. He ended up becoming a vice president there and then was hired at Apple. He was at Apple for 7 years and quit in April from his job as a senior manager leading customer service quality management globally. His team was tasked with defining measures of customer service (interactions between agents and customers) and defining the
training and development needs of agents on the phone and in chat. There was a lot of data analysis and experimental design work. Ruzbeh has been married for nine years. He has two girls, 7 and 9 years old. He loves living in Northern California and recently started riding motorcycles and joined a rock and roll band. Call it a midlife crisis if you want, but he prefers to think of it as doing cool stuff before he gets too old for it!

**Joanne Olson PhD ’99** is the current president of the Association for Science Teacher Education. She is an associate professor of science education at Iowa State University, where she co-directs their MAT program for secondary science teacher education. Joanne is the director of the ISU Center for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Education. Her research focuses on the development of science teachers’ decision-making, and the nature of science and technology and the implications of these areas for science teaching and teacher education. She has more than 40 publications in refereed journals and in 2013 published her first book, *The Nature of Technology: Implications for Learning and Teaching*, with co-editors Michael Clough and Dale Neiderhauser. Joanne completed a first degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do after switching to that art from Kung Fu. After receiving tenure at Iowa State, she purchased a mandolin and began taking lessons. Joanne is now in three bands, including the Barn Owl Band (www.barnowlband.com) that regularly plays throughout Central Iowa. She has enjoyed satiating her interest in archeoastronomy and sundials and has visited several international henge and sundial sites. She has still not adjusted to Iowa winters—brrr!

**Ernest Zarra PhD ’99** is a teacher, adjunct professor of education and professional development leader for the Kern High School District. He is the author of several books: *Common Core* (Spring 2015, Rowman & Littlefield); *Teacher-Student Relationships: Crossing Into the Emotional, Physical, and Sexual Realms* (2013, Rowman & Littlefield); *It Should Never Happen Here: A Guide to Minimizing the Risk of Child Abuse in Ministry* (1997, Baker Book House). He has also served as a principal writer and co-chair for school-based accreditation teams for WASC. Ernest has been married to wife Suzi, also an educator, for 38 years.
**BACHELOR DEGREES**

**BS**

Shannon (Edwards) Pitman BS '04 has been teaching fourth grade, fifth grade, and sixth grade (and one year of kindergarten) for LAUSD. She just began her 11th year with the district. Shannon completed her master's degree from Cal State Dominguez Hills in 2009 and earned a Preliminary Administrative Services Credential. She married Andrew Pitman in August 2004 and together they have two daughters, Samara (born 2011) and Avery (born 2013).

**Wendy Correa** BS '04 ME '07 EdD '12 spent eight years as a classroom teacher in LAUSD (second, fourth, fifth and sixth grades) and earned a Doctorate in Educational Leadership with an emphasis in educational psychology. She also spent one year as a categorical program coordinator and two years as an intervention coordinator, grades four–six.

**Monica Quiroz** BS '04 has been teaching for 10 years at Los Nietos School District in Whittier, Calif. Ranging from kindergarten to third grade. She married Juan Quiroz and has two daughters (3 and 6 years old).

**MASTER’S DEGREES**

**MAT**

Julie Hemphill BS '03 MAT '04 is a teacher of the deaf/hard of hearing with Denver Public Schools. She also served as blended learning instructional lead and special education team lead with Denver Public Schools. She has two children: Anna Pearl Hemphill, born June 10, 2008; and Caleb Jones Hemphill, born May 16, 2013.

**Kanako Yamato** MAT '04 taught ESL at a Japanese Private School and is currently working as a translator.

**ME**

Orley (Vanunu) Melamed ME '04 has worked as a consultant with several companies to establish new departments and develop new products in the food and beverage distribution industry. She has also been involved with charitable organizations and currently sits on the executive board of an elementary school and temple for the department of social action and community service. This year Orley will celebrate her 11th wedding anniversary with her wonderful husband. She is the mother of three beautiful girls, ages 10, 9 and 6. Her family is what inspires her and encourages her to make a difference in this world any way she can, and a big reason why she is involved in various charitable organizations. She recently lost her father to lung cancer and made a commitment to honor his life by giving back and raising awareness to the cause.

**Matt DeGrushe** ME '04 is director of alumni engagement at the USC Rossier School of Education. He has worked at USC for over 13 years mostly in career.
services at the Gould School of Law and the Marshall School of Business before making the transition into alumni relations last year.

Janine Luzano-Braun ME ’04 currently serves as the assistant dean of admissions and scholarship programs at the USC School of Social Work. She previously worked as the MBA director at the Peter F. Drucker & Masatoshi Ito Graduate School of Management at Claremont Graduate University, as well as the director of recruitment at Claremont Graduate University. Janine received an Executive MBA from the Peter F. Drucker & Masatoshi Ito Graduate School of Management. She got married in November 2010 after meeting her husband in Oxford, England, during a Drucker management course on global strategy. They welcomed their daughter, Kensington Emma Braun, on Nov. 30, 2013, and bought their first home in Huntington Beach in August 2013.

Edlyn Pena ME ’04 PhD ’07 is an assistant professor of higher education leadership at California Lutheran University. Her current research focuses on supporting the access and engagement of college students with autism and other disabilities. Edlyn’s work is historically grounded in social justice and equity matters for students in postsecondary education.

Jesse Watson ME ’04 is associate director, graduate programs at USC.

MFT

Wendy Lang MFT ’04 has been seeing clients through private practice during the past 10 years. Her offices are located in Monterey Park and Beverly Hills. Wendy worked for the Department of Children and Family Services as a children’s social worker for five years before her first child was born. Currently she is concentrating on private practice and working on the dissertation for her PsyD degree. Wendy is married with two children, a 4-year-old boy and a 20-month-old girl.

Michelle Otelsberg MMFT ’04 is a licensed marriage and family therapist and a clinical specialist in the UCLA Semel Resnick Neuropsychiatric Hospital OCD Intensive Treatment Program, working both one-on-one with the patients as well as leading group therapy since 2008. In her private practice, Michelle specializes in cognitive-behavioral therapy to treat mood disorders and anxiety disorders including panic, generalized anxiety (GAD), social anxiety, post-traumatic stress (PTSD), obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD) and specific phobias. From 2009 to 2012, Michelle also worked in the UCLA Childhood OCD, Anxiety and Tic Disorders Program, where she participated in the evaluation and treatment of anxiety and related disorders in children and adolescents and acted as an independent evaluator for Tourette’s Disorder and Obsessive Compulsive Disorder research studies. Michelle has been a presenter at the International OCD Foundation’s annual conference.

MS

Misun Choe MS ’07 is currently enrolled in a PhD program in East Asian Languages and Cultures Department at USC.
Miesha Clipper  
**MS ’04** is originally from Modesto, Calif., and is the first in her family to attend college. Miesha is now a counseling and education training professional committed to serving low-income and “at promise” students and families. She has spent the last 13 years in K–12 and university level community outreach, project management, coordination and counseling. Miesha has worked across the state of California in school districts such as Los Angeles Unified School District, Long Beach Unified School District and Oakland Unified School District; she has additional experience in college preparatory services at UC Berkeley and UCLA. Dedicated to mental health/academic counseling and advocacy in urban communities, Miesha continues to support up-and-coming education professionals and school counselors through developing multicultural and college preparatory professional development trainings for school districts, adjunct teaching and clinical supervision. In 2009, Miesha married a fellow mental health professional, marriage family therapist Lydell Willis. Together, they partner to provide social, emotional and academic support to diverse adolescents and teens. In 2013, Miesha co-founded Still Growing, Inc., an organization dedicated to supporting middle and high school girls attending public schools in Oakland, Calif. Fight On Fellow Trojans!

Jean Nosco  
**BS ’02 MS ’04** has been teaching fifth and sixth grade since 2002.

**DOCTORAL DEGREES**

**EdD**

Kevin Baxter  
**EdD ’04** became principal at American Martyrs School in Manhattan Beach right after graduation in 2004. After five years as principal he became the superintendent of elementary schools in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. There are 218 schools with an enrollment of 53,000. In addition to his role as superintendent, Kevin continued to teach part time in the School of Education at Loyola Marymount University in both the masters and the doctoral programs. He has published a number of articles in various journals and published a book (Changing the Ending, NCEA) in 2011.

Ernest Black  
**MS ’98 EdD ’04** is currently the Southern California regional director for the CalState TEACH program (www.calstateteach.net). CalState TEACH is a multiple subject teacher preparation program. It is the only CSU online multiple subject teacher preparation program.

Anthony Borquez  
**EdD ’04** founded Blue Label Games, Mobile Game Company in Los Angeles. Blue Label was acquired by Konami Digital Entertainment in 2006. Anthony is currently an adjunct professor in the USC Marshall School of Business and the USC Viterbi School of Engineering. In 2010, he started a new mobile app and analytics company called Grab. Anthony is married with two children/future Trojans: Brayden, 13, and Beckham, 6. Anthony also started Sacred Cellar (SC) Winery in 2009.

Janette Brown  
**ME ’01 EdD ’04** is the executive director of the Emeriti Center and Emeriti College at USC. She also serves as adjunct faculty in the USC Davis School of Gerontology. Janette currently is the executive director for the Association for Retirement Organizations in Higher Education (AROHE). She has secured and manages a $100,000 grant from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation as well as five endowments. Janette authored a faculty legacy chapter for Faculty Retirement: Best Practices for Navigating the Transition (2014, ACE/Sloan). She has also created, conducted and presented data for AROHE research surveys in 2008, 2010 and 2012. Janette presents survey data and consults with institutions across the U.S., Canada and Taiwan. She was a presenter at the 2013 National Academy of Sciences, Committee on Science, Engineering, and Public Policy (COSEPUP) Workshop on

Jeffrey Gervasi EdD ’04 recently concluded 19 years of full-time teaching for Porterville College in Porterville, Calif. He is starting over again at Cuesta College in San Luis Obispo as a professor of mathematics this fall.

Merrill Grant EdD ’04 is the superintendent of the Sierra County Office of Education in Loyalton, Calif.

Liwei Hsu MS ’99 EdD ’04 is an associate professor at the National Kaohsiung University of Hospitality and Tourism in Taiwan.

Linda Junge EdD ’04 is the principal at Crescenta Valley High School (CVHS) in the Glendale Unified School District. Having worked in public education for 17 years, with a broad-based experience at both the school site and the district levels, Linda has four degrees in the field of education (BA from BYU, 1997; two MAs from Cal State Northridge, 2000, 2001; and an EdD from USC, 2004), is fluent in Spanish, and has been a successful teacher and administrator at Glendale High School and Muir Elementary School in Glendale. In addition, she has worked at the university level as an instructor and adjunct professor in the USC Rossier School of Education teaching classes in Motivation & Learning Strategies (EDPT 110), Human Learning (EDPT 510), Human Lifespan Development (EDPT 570) and Instruction for Limited-English Proficient Students (EDUC 543A&B). She joined the staff of Glendale High School (GHS) in 1997, teaching first-through fourth-year AP Spanish, then became an assistant principal at GHS in 2004. Following her time as assistant principal, she headed two district-level departments as director of public information, assessment and evaluation for three years. Linda then decided to return to working directly with students, teachers and parents when she accepted the job of principal at John Muir Elementary School in 2009. Promoted to the job of principal at CVHS, she returned to her high school roots, and currently leads the school her husband, Jason Junge (USC PhD in Neuroscience, on staff in the Scott Frazer Imaging Lab at USC) claims as a CVHS alum.

Steven Lohr EdD ’04 is currently working at the California State University Chancellor’s Office as the chief of land use planning and environmental review.

Christopher Lund EdD ’04 is currently serving as director of research and director of elementary and K-8 schools for Long Beach Unified School District. He is also an adjunct professor in both the master’s and doctoral programs at Pepperdine University.

Tammy Robinson EdD ’04 is currently the interim vice president of academic services at Lassen Community College in Susanville, Calif.

Kevin Sampson EdD ’04 currently serves as the chair of the Emergency Management/Homeland Security Department at Coastline Community College. He is the former chair of the Administration of Justice Department at Fullerton College and now serves as a professor of legal studies at the college. In 1999, Kevin was nominated to the California Department of Justice’s P.O.S.T. Instructor Standards Council and still serves on the council today. In 2014, he was appointed to the California Community College Chancellor’s Office Public Safety Education Committee acting as an expert in homeland security education. He co-chaired the California State University’s Council on Emergency Management/Homeland Security’s Associate Degree Program Model from 2011 to 2013. Kevin currently acts as a peer review editor and educational consultant for Pearson Publishing Company and is the author of supplement text for California Criminal Law Concepts, the top selling criminal law textbook in California colleges.

Theresa Saunders EdD ’04 served for several years as general superintendent of schools (PreK–14) in Highland
Park, Mich. In 2004, she became superintendent of schools in East St. Louis, Ill., and served one term as school board member for Juvenile Justice System in Illinois. Currently, Theresa is an assistant professor in education leadership at Eastern Michigan University; and this year is facilitating the John W. Porter Series in Urban Education. Additionally, she is a consultant in school improvement with the Michigan Department of Education, where she facilitates the African American Young Men of Promise Initiative. This is an innovative research-based program designed to eliminate the achievement gap in Michigan. Theresa has had the opportunity to do a significant amount of travel and has studied the public education systems in Great Britain, The Netherlands, Kenya, Namibia, Sao Tomé, China, Vietnam, Korea and Mexico.

Timothy Scully EdD ’04 left his position as principal at North High in Torrance, due to illness. After leaving North, Timothy was offered various positions as an adjunct professor and visiting professor in the Loyola Marymount University Graduate School of Education as one of two boots on the ground practitioners. He also served in the Teacher Education Division working with Teach for America fellows and Los Angeles Teaching Fellows. Providing focused motivation with these groups brought about significant results and having fellows continue their commitment beyond their two-year pledge. He also worked at the Center for Learning Unlimited in Palos Verdes in the shifting of a benign tutoring service for high functioning asperger’s and autistic youngsters ages 11–18 into a fully functioning school. He continued to work at this school until it was WASC certified with a six-year accreditation. This was a wonderful experience and a wonderful process for all involved. Timothy was elected four times by the Palos Verdes Unified School District Board of Education to serve on the Citizen’s Oversight Committee for Parcel Taxes P, V and M. He resigned after 11 years. He has a 9-year-old granddaughter, Rose. She is cute and smart at Mantua Elementary. His grandson is a seventh grader at Luther Jackson Middle School. Both schools are located in the Fairfax County Public School District in Fall Church, Va. After nearly 35 years of living with creeping Hepatitis C, his wife was put on two medications at UCLA Pflieger Liver Center, Solvadi and Olysio, for two twelve-week series. At week 12 every liver function measures was perfect with no evidence of HEP C. The same was true at week 24. This is nothing short of a miracle. Miracles do happen, a wonderful gift. He and his wife putter around living on our medically drained fixed income. He remembers being told by Dr. Gothold and by Dr. Dick Vladovic to enjoy the doctoral process. Their advice was echoed for him throughout a long and difficult process. Timothy feels so fortunate to have met so many wonderful faculty members and engaged colleagues. Even at 67 he would do it again. Fight On!
Paula Selvester EdD ’04 is currently the president of the faculty at Cal State Chico (CSUC) and chair of the Academic Senate. Paula is a full professor in the School of Education. Her courses at CSUC include literacy methods, access and equity in education, research methods and curriculum development, including fieldwork supervision courses in Northstate public schools. Her teaching practice and research interests include emergent and adolescent literacy development, technology in higher education, and second language teaching and learning. Paula’s education policy interests include curriculum development, technology use in higher education and faculty rights. Paula has authored numerous articles on teaching and learning in Issues in Teacher Education, The International Higher Education Teaching and Learning Review, College and University Media Review, Educational Studies, The Reading Professor and The California Reader, among others. She has recently co-authored a book that provides a framework for a socially responsible pedagogy of literacy development for young adults, Adolescent Voices: The Power of a Socially Responsible Literacy Pedagogy (2012), published by Teachers College Press, Columbia University. For her work in teaching issues of access and equity in education, Paula received the Taking It To The Classroom Award from the CSUC, Office of Diversity in 2012.

Kimberly White-Smith EdD ’04 is associate dean of educator development and associate professor of education at Chapman University. As a member of the American Educational Research Association, Kimberly is the current program chair for Division K, Teaching and Teacher Education. She oversees a number of scholarly activities that serve to identify educational environments, policies and teaching strategies that promote academic achievement for traditionally underserved students. Additionally, she has authored articles and book chapters on urban education and leadership, such as “The Struggle for Identity in a Teacher Community,” in Etta R. Hollins’ latest book, Learning to Teach in Urban Schools.
**PhD**

**Shadidi Sia-Maat PhD ’04** is an education programs consultant at the California Department of Education. Subsequent to his current position in the Adult Education Office, he worked in the High Priority Schools Office and the P-16 Division.

**Jo Smith PhD ’04** is a professor in the Department of Educational Methodology, Policy and Leadership at the University of Oregon’s College of Education.

**Yuying Tsong ME ’02 PhD ’04** is an assistant professor, human services at Cal State Fullerton. Yuying was awarded the APA Division 45 Emerging Professional
BACHELOR DEGREES

BS

The Bui B.S. '09 is a middle school teacher in Ontario, Calif. He is a district trainer for teacher gifted certification and a demonstration teacher for the California Association of the Gifted (CAG). He regularly conducts professional development for schools and school districts. He is engaged to Amber Wallen. They met in junior high. It was love at first sight for him but it took Amber a few years to come around. They got engaged on New Year's Eve 2013 surrounded by friends and family.

Natasha Nanda B.S '09 taught kindergarten in Santa Clara, Calif. immediately after graduation. After one year, she decided to pursue a Master's Degree in Special Education at Santa Clara University. Since 2012, Natasha has been teaching a third-fifth grade special day class at a public elementary school in Millbrae, Calif.

MASTER'S DEGREES

MAT

Monica Bennett MAT '09 completed a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship in Madrid, Spain (2009–10). Since 2010, Monica has worked at Glendale Unified School District's Franklin Magnet International as a first grade (2010–11), third grade (2011–14), and soon to be fifth grade Spanish dual-immersion teacher. She has also served as the school’s technology leader since 2010. Monica was voted Masonic Recognition Employee by colleagues in 2014. She recently presented “10 Free iPad Apps for the Dual-Language Classroom” at the Association of Two-Way and Dual Language Education (ATDLE) Conference in Sacramento in June 2014.

Eman Elturki MAT '09 joined a doctoral program in language, literacy and technology at Washington State University after graduating from USC. Eman is in her fourth year and will defend in spring 2015. She is also a part-time ESL instructor at the same university. Eman had her daughter when she was in her first semester at USC. Her daughter is a big girl now! She is 5 and a half!

Bonnie Glick Michalek MAT '09 worked for four years at Santa Clara High School right after graduating. She had a wonderful time teaching and coaching some amazing students at that school. Bonnie moved to the Mountain View Los Altos District last year. She has learned and continued to grow in her new position, and looks forward to growing even more this year. Bonnie married an amazing man in July 2013. They live in San Jose and enjoy spending time with friends and family whenever they can.

Tanaz Golshan MAT '09 taught at New Designs Charter School in Watts as the English literature teacher then worked at a nonprofit called Heart of Los Angeles as the English teacher/tutor and currently works at an
Kristina Jovin MAT ’09 worked as a substitute teacher after graduation before moving to central California for a full-time teaching position. There she taught fourth and eighth grade at a performance-based school, which allowed students to move ahead or spend extra time on a standard depending on their needs. In 2012, Kristina moved back to Eastvale to be closer to family and has since taught for Alvord Unified School District in third grade. She also serves as an advisor for Student Council, president of School Site Council, and advisor for Student Council, president of School Site Council, and is her grade level lead. Kristina and her sister spent the summers of 2012 and 2013 traveling Europe. This summer she is blessed to be buying her first house.

Lindsey Kuka MAT ’09 was hired in the Anaheim Union High School District in fall 2009 and is still at the same site teaching biology. She also serves as one of the girls’ soccer coaches, and helps support a number of extracurricular activities.

Andrea McKinley MAT ’09 is currently teaching biology at Math and Science College Preparatory High School. Previously she taught physical science at Richard Merkin Middle School for 5 years.

Wendy Michels Dooley MAT ’09 is in her fourth year teaching fifth grade for the El Segundo Unified School District. She is on the committee to develop a language arts curriculum as it transitions to the common core. Wendy also got her certification to teach GATE. She got married in 2012 and this year they bought a house!

ME

Antonio Bartolome ME ’09 is as senior advisor for the USC Thornton School of Music. He formerly served as an academic advisor for the USC Roski School of Fine Arts (now called the Roski School of Art and Design). He got married in 2008 (Heather) and they welcomed their son in 2011 (Alipio).
currently in her first year of the EdD program at USC Rossier.

Helen Ha (Lee) ME ’09 currently serves as an assistant director for the Center for Student Formation at Boston College. She married Andy Ha in July 2013 and moved to Brookline, Mass.

Zachary Helsper ME ’09 is currently the assistant director of student engagement at UCLA where he is responsible for student engagement programming through alumni affairs. He previously served as a residence hall director at Cornell University for three years and a resident director at Loyola Marymount University for one year. He married Lauren Elan Helsper, a fellow USC Rossier PASA graduate, on June 17, 2012, and they recently celebrated their second anniversary.

Yueyi Huang ME ’09 is currently a research analyst in the Institutional Research Office at Citrus College.

Syndia Limon ME ’09 was promoted to associate director of the Student Services Contact Center for the Offices of Admissions & Financial Aid at USC. She also got married since graduating from USC!

Angela Patriarca ME ’09 is an assistant director in the MBA Program Office at Georgetown University.

Greggory Millward ME ’09 is an assistant athletic director in the USC Athletic Department. He married Evita Ruiz on July 27, 2014.

Brandi Nichols ME ’09 currently works as an academic advisor and adjunct faculty member for Tarrant County College District, the sixth largest college or university in Texas. She teaches the Introduction to College course and coordinates several programs with local school districts. Brandi is currently completing the 3,000 hours required to become a licensed professional counselor, which will allow her to practice independently in personal, marriage, family and career counseling.

Jonathan Rivas ME ’09 is awaiting orders from the State Military to attend Officer Candidate School (OCS) for the National Guard’s “Sunburst” Youth Challenge program. “If it wasn’t for some of the things I learned from the amazing staff and faculty at Rossier, I wouldn’t be the person I am today. I am extremely grateful for everyone who helped me become a more efficient and effective leader, employee and person. Everyday as a school counselor for the state of California and the National Guard, I am fortunate to touch the lives of many youth and the future leaders of tomorrow. I frequently remind these students/cadets that getting an education in school is a lot like shining our Army boots. The more of a foundation you build up, the better you can shine. Thank You 'SC, Fight On!”

Terrence Yu ME ’09 is working at Glendale Community College as a research analyst.

Francisco Zamudio ME ’09 was fortunate enough to work as an assistant dean of residential life for Sixth College at the UC San Diego right after graduation. While there he supervised a student staff of 25. Francisco was also able teach a course for first-year first-generation college students and oversee large- and small-scale programming. In July 2012, he made a big change personally and professionally when he accepted the position of assistant director of new student orientation and family programs at Rutgers.
University. In addition to coordinating the program and supervising a staff of over 50 students, he has been charged with assessment of the program. He has represented the program at both national and Big 10 conferences. Shortly after accepting the position at Rutgers, Francisco packed up his 2010 Ford Fusion and spent the next five days driving from San Diego, Calif., to Edison, N.J. While he has enjoyed shoveling snow and buying a winter coat, he still misses California, especially Dodger games. He has taken up running and ran his first half marathon in June 2012.

MFT

Jody Adewale, MFT ‘09 is currently working in television doing psychotherapy on reality shows.

Szuling Liao, MFT ‘09 worked as a Therapist at Asian Pacific Counseling and Treatment Centers.

Melissa Lox, MFT ‘09 became licensed as an LMFT after graduation. Currently, she owns and develops an international Healthy Active Lifestyle Coaching business. Melissa currently lives in Los Angeles.

Rachel Shasha MFT ‘09 moved to New York and now works in the finance industry.

Nicole Webb MFT ‘09 is a program director at The Help Group. She runs the afterschool programs, teen club and camp programs for children with autism spectrum disorder. She is getting married in October 2014.

Stephanie Stenta-James MFT ‘09 completed her MFT internship hours working at Harbor View Adolescent Center in Long Beach and Five Acres Residential Treatment Center in Altadena. She currently sees clients in a private practice. Stephanie married Randy James in April 2012 and opened her own psychotherapy practice in February 2014!

Hayden Victor MFT ‘09 attended Pepperdine University for her PsyD and completed her internship at The Help Group. She is currently working on finishing her dissertation. Hayden got married in 2012 and in July 2014 she gave birth to a baby girl!

MS

Angela Mackenzie MS ‘09 is currently a technology specialist at Village School in Pacific Palisades, Calif. She is involved in incorporating the STEAM movement (science, technology, engineering, art, making) into our PreK–6 curriculum as well. Angela had two more children since receiving her degree, so she now has 9- and 4-year-old sons and a 10-month-old daughter.

DOCTORAL DEGREES

EdD

Elizabeth Blanco ME ‘03 EdD ‘09 is an assistant superintendent in the San Francisco Unified School District. Elizabeth also serves as ACSA Region 5 special education state council representative.

Denise Campbell EdD ‘09 is the campus dean for DeVry University in Los Angeles, Calif.

Chris Coulter EdD ‘09 is currently principal of Woodrow Wilson Middle School in Glendale Unified where he has served since 2011. Chris previously served as principal of Allan F. Daily High School (Continuation), associate principal at Hoover High School and associate principal at Crescenta Valley High School. All schools were part of Glendale Unified. His daughter, Siena, was born shortly after graduation. She just turned 5 and started transitional kindergarten this year. They also recently finished a major home remodel.
Matt Dalton BS ’01 EdD ’09 was recently promoted to principal at Toll Middle School in the Glendale Unified School District. Matt has spent the past seven years at Toll Middle School as a teacher, teacher specialist and then assistant principal. He has worked for nearly 15 years in Glendale Unified, starting first as a fifth-grade teacher at Valley View Elementary School.

Hasmik Jasmine Danielian EdD ’09 served as associate superintendent of secondary schools at Hacienda La Puente Unified School District from 2005 to 2011. In December 2011, she became superintendent of Brawley Union High School District in Brawley, Calif. She is in her third year of superintendency in Brawley. Hasmik is a proud grandma of two adorable boys: Darron, 4, and Nicholas, 3.

Patricia Dickenson EdD ’09 is an assistant professor of teacher education at National University. She has three children: Braeden, 6, Cullen, 4, and Catherine, 1.

Miriam Ezzani BS ’03 MAT ’05 EdD ’09 has been a faculty member at the University of North Texas since 2010. Prior to that, Miriam was a K-12 administrator in Chino Valley Unified School District. 2009 was a milestone year - she received her doctorate and got married. In 2010, she moved to Texas.

Keith Fulthorp EdD ’09 is currently an assistant professor at Cal State Long Beach in the Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies. Keith’s research interests are in the area of municipal recreation and parks in urban areas, leadership, teambuilding and school counseling. Keith has presented both educational and research-focused sessions at many local, state, and national conferences including: local school districts in California and Nebraska; state school counseling associations in Arizona, California, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Utah and Washington; the American School Counselor Association, California School Counselor Association, California Park and Recreation Society, the National Recreation and Park Association, and the Academy of Leisure Sciences Teaching Institute. Since graduation in 2009, Keith and his wife, Carol have two beautiful daughters: Aleena, 4, and Brielle, 2.

Eimi Tomimatsu Garcia EdD ’09 is currently working in Garden Grove Unified School District as the assistant director of K–12 educational services.

Brett Geithman EdD ’09 is currently the executive director of educational services in Manhattan Beach Unified School District. Previously, he was the principal of Alvarado Elementary in Long Beach Unified School District from 2008 to 2013 and the executive director of human resources in Manhattan Beach Unified School District from 2013 to 2014. Additionally, Brett has taught in the MAT Program as the USC Rossier School of Education, was a Cal State Long Beach EdD Faculty Fellow from 2011-2013, and presented at NAESP, TASH and UCEA national conferences.

David Haglund EdD ’09 was promoted to assistant superintendent of instructional support in the Riverside Unified School District during the 2013 school year and transitioned to become the deputy superintendent and chief academic officer in the Santa Ana Unified School District in January 2014. In Santa Ana, David is responsible for the 60 preK–12 school programs and oversees district programs including special education, technology, curriculum and instruction, assessments, research and program evaluation. David married off his youngest son (Tobias) to a beautiful second grade teacher (Kristen Henry) in San Diego. His oldest son (Tyler) is now teaching physics and chemistry in Victorville. Things are great!
Spencer Holtom EdD '09 was named 2014 Riverside County Principal of the Year. Spencer was recently promoted to director of student, community and personnel support for the San Jacinto Unified School District.

Rebecca Hong EdD '09 is the director of university assessment, Office of University Effectiveness at Biola University and also serves as an assistant professor in Biola’s School of Education. Recent publication: Co-authored with A. Jun in 2012, “Women’s Self-Efficacy Perceptions in Mathematics and Science: Investigating USC-MESA Students,” Metropolitan Universities: An International Forum 22 (3).

Brooke Howland EdD '09 currently teaches part-time at UC Irvine focusing on elementary, secondary, and multimedia literacy courses and is looking forward to expanding her teacher education career to include administrative instructional support. Previously, she worked as a full-time professor teaching online for the MAT Program at the USC Rossier School of Education. Brooke is loving her hectic life raising three busy boys!

Mary Javier Funaoka EdD '09 is the language arts coordinator for the Orange County Department of Education. She married Lance in 2009 and together they have two children: Elias, 35 months, and Mila, 11 months.

Michael Keller EdD '09 is so grateful and proud to be a member of the USC family. After he graduated in 2009, Michael felt well positioned to seek out and obtain progressively advancing K–12 leadership opportunities. Over the past five years, he has held four K–12 leadership positions, including: school psychology department chairperson, an administrative program specialist position in special education, a coordinator of special education position and, most recently (and currently), a director of special education position. Michael has also had multiple opportunities to train adult learners as an adjunct faculty member in graduate programs at USC and Cal State Long Beach in the fields of teacher education and educational psychology. He attributes so much of the opportunities that he has had professionally to his USC doctoral training experience that has afforded him an exceptional training and supervision experience and established invaluable connections to alumni and affiliates of the program. Fight On!

Stephanie Kim EdD '09 serves as adjunct faculty in the MAT Program at the USC Rossier School of Education, teaching courses in content area literacy and ELA methods.

Joyce Perez ME '03 EdD '09 manages both academic affairs and student services for all PhD programs at the Keck School of Medicine of USC.

Audrey Reille EdD '09 coaches smart professionals on time management, strategic planning, achieving goals in record time, work/life balance and living a fulfilling life! Awaken to your true potential and take your life to the next level! Visit her at www.AudreyReille.com.
Dustine Rey EdD ’09 joined the adjunct faculty in the Graduate School of Education and Psychology at Pepperdine University in 2011. Being a mother and an educator has also inspired Dustine to design the philosophy and curriculum for schools that address the gap between what parents and students are looking for and what is available locally. To that end, she founded The Gratitude Garden Preschool and TESLA Tech Academy. Both schools address the gap of high quality educational environments aimed at nurturing curiosity and strengthening resiliency through balancing innovative STEM curriculum, artistic expression and emotional strengths. They are currently developing the lovely building that will become the first Gratitude Garden Preschool in San Clemente opening in February 2015. Their program invites curiosity, develops gratitude, instills a love of learning and introduces STEM concepts, all of which are necessary for success in meaningful learning and in 21st-century life. TESLA Tech Academy is a nonprofit independent kindergarten through sixth grade school currently under development. The founding families and advisory board are collaborating to bring North County San Diego an advanced school for inquisitive learners. TESLA stands for: technology, engineering, science, leadership and art. The academy will have a balanced focus on STEM, personal and global well-being, physical movement and expression, artistic expression, foreign language, service learning and creativity. Becoming a mother has been Dustine’s greatest blessing. Her daughter is 4 years old and enjoys nature and creating art as much as we do.

Christine Sanders EdD ’09 is currently an elementary school principal in LAUSD.

Norman Sauce EdD ’09 recently began his third year as principal of an elementary school in Johns Creek, Ga., just north of Atlanta. He previously served as a principal of an elementary school in metro Atlanta. Also since earning his degree he served as assistant principal at two different high schools in Southern California, and a third high school in metro Atlanta.

Aura Sburlan EdD ’09 has been involved in several projects and activities with a global perspective. Aura was selected as a global leader for the North America Region by the World Forum on Early Care and Education with sponsorship from the California Early Childhood Mentor Program. As a global leader, Aura developed, worked and presented a Global Leader Advocacy Project titled “Quality Teaching through Mentoring.” At the state level, she provided professional development for mentor teachers participating at the Mentor Institute under the initiative to “act locally and think globally.” Recently, Aura was selected as a global leader mentor and paired with a mentee from Zambia. She is looking forward to this experience with much interest. She presented a workshop at the Diversity Conference Strategies for Change in September 28, 2012, at El Camino College, Calif. with the topic “Can Intercultural Competence Be Learned?”. The Diversity Conference provided professional development to college faculty, administrators and staff. At her local college, Aura developed training workshops for college students and teachers on a variety of early childhood education topics such as teaching math to preschool children, group time practical strategies for success, working with children with special needs and outdoor activities. Since earning her EdD from USC Rossier, her daughter, Suzana Elena Sburlan, earned a PhD in Physics from the USC Viterbi School of Engineering in 2013. They are very proud to have two USC doctors in the family!

Kimberly Shotwell EdD ’09 is teaching as a part-time instructor with the MAT Program at the USC Rossier School of Education.

Katherine Thorossian EdD ’09 is the superintendent of the Monrovia Unified School District.
Matt Torres EdD ’09 completed the School Business Management Certification Program at USC Rossier in 2010 and is currently the assistant superintendent/chief business officer for the Fruitvale School District. He also serves as an adjunct professor for Point Loma Nazarene University and Cal State Bakersfield.

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Sheryl Tschetter EdD ’09 has been actively participating in classroom instruction for transfer students, both general and honors, since graduating from USC. Additionally, she has participated in shared governance through membership on several committees, including Accreditation; Student Success Committee; and Institutional Strategic Planning Committee. Sheryl has served as a member on a visiting team for her local accrediting agency. Also, she serves on her discipline, department, and the college as writing lab coordinator of a TBA lab that serves approximately 2,300 students each semester. Most recently, she has been named interim dean of instruction for Norco College beginning this June.

Mary Westendorf EdD ’09 was named superintendent of the Fruitvale School District in 2012.

Patricia Wu EdD ’09 is serving as the director of math and science programs at Green Dot Public Schools. She works with a team of coaches to provide support to teachers to help them develop their craft.

PhD

Alina Hernandez PhD ’09 continues to work as a counselor and professor at Mt. San Antonio College (Mt. SAC), where she was working when she started her program at USC. Her professional activities have not changed much since obtaining her PhD. Alina was recently appointed by the College Academic Senate to represent the faculty as Co-Chair to the Student Equity Committee. In this capacity, she will finally be able to use much of the research knowledge and writing experience from the doctoral program in writing (in collaboration with the other committee members) the Student Equity Plan for Mt. SAC. Alina is very excited to be a part of this effort to help correct the negative impact some educational practices have on some of the students in our institution. Alina traveled through Italy with a group of friends. She loved every city. It was a wonderful experience! She lost her mother after a long battle with Alzheimer’s and dementia (which she suffered even when Alina was going through the program). Although it was difficult being responsible for her care for many years, it has been life altering not having her mother in her life anymore. Losing one’s mother is significant for anyone. Life takes on a different dimension. Now she is beginning to look at becoming more involved in new professional and personal projects.

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Diane Shammas PhD ’09 presented the following paper, “Delivering the pedagogy of power and global solidarity to university students under siege: an American Ethnic Studies course” in August 2014, at the International Peace Research Association in Istanbul, Turkey. Diane is also working on the manuscript for publication.