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— PRESIDENT PAMELA GANN

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In no particular order, he's a European philanthropist who translated a childhood accident into making hospital stays less dreary for kids. She's a dancer who brought jazz to the Far East. Also represented are a literary translator known by historians as the Thursday Next of forgotten manuscripts, a U.S. ambassador to a South Pacific archipelago, and a foreign service officer who heads a reconstruction team in an isolated Middle Eastern valley. Then there's a married couple who fell in love in Claremont: Now he develops life-saving medical software while she helps finance micro-loans that keep food on the table for families in Sub-Saharan Africa. Not to mention one of Southeast Asia's top political and economic leaders, a former international student who spent two summers painting residence halls to earn enough money to backpack across Europe.

Now at different corners of the world, what unites these characters—all of them real people with impressive tales of far-reaching successes—is a small liberal arts college with big impact. On a global scale, they are but a handful of the Claremont McKenna College alumni who've marched from Badgley Garden into the greater world—ranks to become leaders of a complex planet. (We are, after all, limited by page count.) This group, representing myriad continents, ages, and disciplines, is linked by thoughtful and productive lives, responsible leadership, and the wish to make a difference. On a map, they'd be push pins on Switzerland, Fiji, Thailand, China, Afghanistan, Southeast Africa, and Canada—even Claremont, where the institutional bridge to their global navigation resides.

"[O]ne of CMC's priorities [is] creating transforming opportunities that allow our students to become more aware of the world," writes Pamela Gann in this issue's President's Message. "Through a broad range of efforts, we prepare our students and engage our faculty to address the complexities of an interconnected world."

One way to measure CMC's success in this area is in the alumni stories we've just foreshadowed. We can also look at the evolving picture on campus: in this case, the steady uptick in students declaring international relations as their major and in global engagement programs facilitated by the Keck Center for International and Strategic Studies.

But enough talking. Time to travel...