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The closely connected CMC community of students, faculty, and alumni creates a range of opportunities for networking. In this issue of the magazine, you will read about some of these networks and their influence on students and alumni.

I see the power of our CMC network as it develops on campus and then moves well beyond Claremont. The intimate nature of CMC and The Claremont Colleges provides an environment that fosters networking. CMC’s research centers and institutes create intellectual ties between faculty and students who work together on important issues, and these centers become a gathering place for people with common interests and passions. The International Place, which serves The Claremont Colleges, is a center for cultural exchange and educational programming on key global issues as well as a resource for international students. The Athenaum serves as a magnet for students and faculty, a place where they have a chance to interact with prominent national and international thought leaders.

Since the College’s inception, there has been an unusually strong bond among alumni as they have entered the world and made their mark in the public and private sectors. CMC alumni are committed to staying in contact with their peers, and close relationships among alumni span generations. With 19 chapters in communities throughout the world, including nine in California, one in Europe, and another in Asia, CMC’s more than 10,000 alumni form a unique fabric of interactive relationships. Professional meetings, cultural, sporting and social events, faculty presentations, and community service projects provide ways for alumni to remain connected to one another and the College. Alumni provide invaluable counsel to undergraduates as mentors and often open doors to career paths for recent graduates.

This mentoring relationship is embodied in our Silicon Valley Networking Trip (SVNT). In January, 18 students traveled to the Bay Area to participate in the SVNT, which was sponsored by the Information Technology Advisory Board. The CMC delegation visited ten Silicon Valley firms: Applied Materials, Atlassian, Bloom Energy, eBay/PayPal, Electronic Arts, Google, Intuit, KKR, Microsoft, and Zynga. They also met with more than 100 CMC alumni and parents who gathered to hear Jonathan Rosenberg ’83 P’14 deliver his thoughts on strategy and management principles for the first Internet century. The annual trip provides students with invaluable opportunities to understand how Silicon Valley firms are creating innovative products and services, while meeting alumni and parents who are leaders in the technology industry.

At the SVNT, Dean Brock Blomberg P’13 of the Robert Day School of Economics and Finance announced the formation of the Silicon Valley Program, an off-campus study semester modeled after our superb Washington Program. Fourteen to 20 students from all five Claremont Colleges will be eligible to participate in the SVP each semester, starting in fall 2012. They will intern 40 hours or more per week at a Silicon Valley technology company, write a semester-long research paper based upon readings and their internship experience, and take two courses. Upon successful completion of this program, students will earn full-semester credit towards graduation.

The Silicon Valley represents but one region of the country where CMC students and alumni connect. Students travel to New York under the auspices of CMC’s Financial Economics Institute to gain invaluable experiences in the financial sector, interacting with alumni and potential employers. In January, our students visited firms ranging from Goldman Sachs to Deutsche Bank to Morgan Stanley.

Parents also play a vital role in CMC networking. Every year, we see more and more parents becoming involved in our activities and supporting the college. A good example is our Parent Network, a volunteer organization, whose goal is to help students and their families make the most of their CMC years. It keeps parents connected to their student’s education by providing information about campus life, important milestones, and newsworthy events, and also offers a variety of programs and services to CMC students and their families. It is one of the best ways that helps parents be connected to the College even after their students become alumni.

Our connections extend beyond the borders of Claremont and the United States. When I travel to Asia, the Middle East, and Europe, I interact with alumni and leaders in higher education to create new connections for global networks that can benefit CMC. The College is developing partnerships with institutions in the Middle East and Asia to provide powerful global experiences for students.

We continue our globalization efforts to set up programs and internships outside of the United States in strategic locations. India is among those locations. Presently, the College is successfully recruiting students from India, and we have built our reputation among outstanding Indian private high schools. We have numerous faculty with significant expertise on South Asia. With those key accomplishments in place, we are ready to widen our relationships within India. Therefore, in December, a small group visited India for eight days to develop further links between CMC and Indian businesses, universities, and non-governmental organizations. Our Trustee Akshata Murty ’02 worked with us to set up many important appointments and opportunities. We traveled to Bangalore, Mysore, Mumbai, and New Delhi, where we visited financial and technology businesses, non-governmental organizations, IMM-Bangalore, and the corporate university campus of Infosys in Mysore. As a result of what we learned on this trip, we are ready to proceed with additional internships and academic programs in India. Also, we held parent and alumni receptions in Bangalore, Mumbai, and New Delhi, where we heard many expressions of appreciation from CMC parents about the education of their sons and daughters.

It seems that wherever I go, I invariably meet people who are part of the far-reaching Claremont McKenna network: students, alumni, parents, and friends of the College. A sense of common purpose and understanding exists among us that an education in the liberal arts remains the best education for the enduring impact of our students and alumni around the world.
Henry R. Kravis Prize in Leadership Awarded to Soraya Salti and mothers2mothers

This year an unprecedented two winners were selected to receive the seventh annual Henry R. Kravis Prize in Leadership, which will award $250,000 to each of their respective organizations. The award recipients are Soraya Salti, CEO of the Arab educational mentoring program INJAZ Al-Arab and senior vice president of Middle East/North Africa for Junior Achievement Worldwide, and mothers2mothers (m2m), an organization that helps to prevent mother-to-child transmission of HIV/AIDS through the education and support of mothers with HIV/AIDS in Sub-Saharan Africa. Both Salti and m2m will be presented with the Prize at a ceremony on March 21 on Claremont McKenna College’s campus.

Salti is credited with implementing a mentorship program model within INJAZ Al-Arab that harnesses the mentorship of Arab business leaders to help inspire a culture of entrepreneurship and business innovation among Arab youth. Founded in 2004, INJAZ Al-Arab today operates in 15 countries across the Middle East and North Africa as a confederation of national operations. More than one million Arab youth have participated in the program to date.

Headquartered in Cape Town with a network that spans seven African countries, m2m has developed a scalable grassroots model designed to partner with existing healthcare systems. Now in its eleventh year, the organization partners with mothers living with HIV to minimize the transmission of HIV/AIDS from mother to child and to educate women about the illness. As “Mentor Mothers,” these women work for a daily wage alongside doctors and nurses in clinics and maternity wards and educate and support new mothers living with HIV.

“Our decision to expand this year’s award to include both Soraya Salti and m2m is a testament to the major role they have played in improving the lives of the communities they serve by providing effective solutions to significant social issues,” said Marie-Josée Kravis, chair of the Prize Selection Committee. “m2m has enabled formerly disenfranchised women to become trusted counselors to their peers, and Ms. Salti has effectively used her business experience to transform INJAZ Al-Arab into a successful and widely-replicated program.”

About the Kravis Prize

Established in 2006, the Henry R. Kravis Prize in Leadership recognizes and celebrates extraordinary accomplishment and bold leadership in the nonprofit sector. The Kravis Prize is presented and administered by Claremont McKenna College and Marie-Josée Kravis and Trustee Henry Kravis ’67. Mrs. Kravis, an economist, is a senior fellow of the Hudson Institute; Mr. Kravis is founding partner, co-chairman, and co-CEO of Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. The Kravis Prize Selection Committee, chaired by Mrs. Kravis, includes: Chair of the Claremont McKenna College Board of Trustees Harry McMahon ’75 P’08 P’09, executive vice chairman, Bank of America/Merrill Lynch; Amartya Sen, Nobel Laureate in economics and the Thomas W. Lamont University Professor, Harvard University; Surin Pitsuwan ’72, Secretary General of ASEAN; Ratan Tata, chairman, Tata Group; and James D. Wolfensohn, chairman, Wolfensohn & Company, L.L.C., and former president, The World Bank.
Center for Writing and Public Discourse Receives Arthur Vining Davis Foundations Grant

CLAREMONT McKENNA COLLEGE’s Center for Writing and Public Discourse received a $250,000 endowment from The Arthur Vining Davis Foundations.

With the grant, the Center will take on a more significant role as a full-fledged academic resource committed to the craft of writing and critical thinking, in addition to its peer tutoring program. The Center aims to foster effective communication skills that will enable students to succeed throughout their time at the College, and beyond.

“The Arthur Vining Davis Foundations grant will contribute greatly to the growth and development of the Center for Writing and Public Discourse,” says Audrey Bilger, associate professor of literature and faculty director of the Center. “Thanks to this grant, we will be better able to serve the entire CMC community and to expand our writing-related programming.”

As part of this programming expansion, the Center has initiated a speaker series and hands-on writing workshops with prominent media figures such as Los Angeles Times sportswriter Gary Klein and television writer/journalist/novelist Robert Masello. The Center also has partnered with the literature department on the new Freshmen Writing Seminar program which offers writing-intensive courses as part of the first-year core curriculum.

Gates Addresses Res Publica Society

Robert Gates, former U.S. Secretary of Defense, spoke to the Res Publica Society in Orange County and at the Marian Miner Cook Athenaeum on April 4 as this year’s Claremont McKenna College Pacesetters Fellow.

The culmination of the hard work and dedication of alumni from the College’s first three graduating classes—1948, 1949, and 1950—the Pacesetters Fellowship Program attracts distinguished leaders in business, academia, and public affairs to Claremont McKenna College for one-on-one interaction with students and alumni.

Reception Introduces W.M. Keck Science Department

A reception celebrating the renaming of the Joint Science Department to the W.M. Keck Science Department was held Oct. 14, 2011 at the W.M. Keck Science Center Courtyard. The new designation honors the W.M. Keck Foundation for their long-term support, which began almost three decades ago with an initial gift of $750,000 to Claremont McKenna, Pitzer, and Scripps Colleges in 1983, to fund student summer research as well as faculty research. Five years later, the Foundation awarded an additional grant of $6.5 million to build the current science facility.

“Science education is an essential component of a liberal arts experience,” says President Pamela Gann.
George R. Roberts Faculty Leadership Initiative Raises $60 Million for Endowed Faculty Positions

The largest gift in the history of Claremont McKenna College for direct faculty support has literally met its match with the successful conclusion of the George R. Roberts Faculty Leadership Initiative, a fundraising measure to raise $60 million to build and strengthen the College’s academic environment.

Named for Trustee George Roberts ’66 P’93, the Roberts Challenge was inspired by a matching gift from Roberts and his family to encourage additional support for endowed faculty positions. Since the launch of the Roberts Challenge in fall 2006, the College has endowed 26 additional chairs, including nine new positions.

Faculty members who have received an endowed chair under the Roberts Faculty Leadership Initiative hold special designation as George R. Roberts Fellows; they are outstanding teacher-scholars with reputations for strong, attentive relationships with students.

Beyond broadening opportunities for faculty-student collaboration and curricular development, the Roberts Challenge has increased CMC’s capacity to recruit and retain the next generation of outstanding faculty members in a highly competitive and global marketplace.

“The Initiative’s legacy will be extensive,” says Dean of the Faculty and Vice President for Academic Affairs Gregory Hess, who also serves as the James G. Boswell Professor of Economics and George R. Roberts Fellow. “The generosity of the participants—such as parents, foundations, and alumni—in the Challenge has allowed the College to continue to elevate its prominence in preparing our students for thoughtful and productive lives and responsible leadership.”

Those participants include the Trustees of Claremont McKenna College, who generously funded 17 of the 26 Roberts Fellows. Also represented are a number of alumni, such as Marcy and Paul Nathan ’80, who pledged to establish a chair in economics and finance that honors Professor Emeritus Gordon Bjork. The Nathans’ commitment of $1.33 million was matched with $666,000 from Roberts.

“The Roberts Challenge made our dream possible,” says Nathan. “We endowed a chair because it meant more to us to honor and recognize a professor this way than if we had simply made a donation in our name.”

Other pledges to the Roberts Challenge were the result of broad-based community efforts. In addition to Mr. Roberts’ commitment, 168 donors, for example, collectively established the College’s Morcos Massoud Chair in Accounting, honoring longtime teaching legend Marc Massoud P’89.

“What this all demonstrates,” says Ernie Iseminger, vice president for development and external relations, “is that we have an exceptional and extremely devoted Board, and a very supportive and determined body of alumni and parents, who have stepped up to meet this transformative challenge, investing in our continued academic excellence.”

George R. Roberts Fellows

Asuman Aksoy P’07
Crown Professor of Mathematics

Hilary Appel
Podlich Family Professor of Government, Associate Dean of the Faculty

Brock Blomberg P’13
Robin and Peter Barker Professor of Economics, Dean of the Robert Day School of Economics and Finance

Andrew Busch
Crown Professor of Government, Director of the Rose Institute

Henrik Cronqvist
McMahon Family Associate Professor of Corporate Finance

Mary Evans
Jerrine and Thomas Mitchell ’66 Associate Professor of Environmental Economics

Ananda Ganguly
Morcos Massoud Associate Professor of Accounting

Diane Halpern
Trustee Professor of Psychology

David Hansen
Weinberg Family Dean of Science

Eric Helland
Robert J. Lowe Professor of Economics

Gregory Hess
James G. Boswell Professor of Economics, Dean of the Faculty

Shana Levin
Crown Professor of Psychology

Minxin Pei P’13
Tom and Margot Pritzker ’72 Professor of Government, Director of the Keck Center

Alex Rajczi
Novack Associate Professor of Ethics and Leadership

Joshua Rosett
Curb Family Associate Professor of Business and Law

Aseema Sinha
Wagener Family Associate Professor of Comparative Politics

Marc Weidenmier
William F. Podlich Professor of Economics, Director of the Lowe Institute
CMC Launches Silicon Valley Program

Beginning this fall, Claremont McKenna College’s new Silicon Valley Program will offer students considering careers in technology a full-time internship at a prestigious organization such as Microsoft, Google, or Intuit, coupled with two seminar courses and a research paper.

The Program, administered by The Robert Day School of Economics and Finance, is open to all undergraduate students at The Claremont Colleges.

“The Silicon Valley Program is a wonderful extension of the good work we’re already doing with off-campus study opportunities such as the Washington Program,” says Steve Siegel ’87, the program’s newly appointed director. “It’s all about broadening the student experience.”

Siegel, previously associate vice president for development, earned his MBA from the Drucker School at Claremont Graduate University in 1998 and joined the College’s administrative staff in 2000. He brings a wealth of experience in external relations and philanthropy in both the education and business sectors.

“I am enormously pleased that Steve will be leading the College’s efforts for our new Silicon Valley initiative,” says S. Brock Blomberg P’13, dean of the Day School, the Robin and Peter Barker Professor of Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, and a George Roberts Fellow.

A Student’s-Eye View of Networking in Silicon Valley

I walked with 18 fellow Claremont McKenna College students through a tube of lasers, lights flashing geometric patterns of red, yellow, and blue. The location of the tube? Not a club or a circus, but a place of business. Welcome to day one of the Information Technology Advisory Board’s seventh annual Silicon Valley Networking Trip, Jan. 9-12.

From Atlassian to Zynga (whose campus boasts that flashing tube), we spoke with executives from more than a dozen top technology companies chosen to give students a true view of Silicon Valley. While the companies ranged from those with less than 100 employees (LUXr) to those with almost 15,000 employees (Infosys), from those that create hardware (Applied Materials) to those sustained through internet traffic (Google), every executive repeated the same words: Data. Analyze. Iterate.

In those words, the executives referenced a common belief: The Silicon Valley culture extends beyond light tubes and free food for employees (although good grub was plentiful) to the deep belief that power flows to those who can make sense of the data that technology allows us to collect, and that success flows to those companies who constantly use data to improve their products.

“This is an exciting time,” said one employee at Electronic Arts. “We’re not just doing what we think works. We answer questions about our business and our customers that we couldn’t have before. We’re making history.”

As students traveled from company to company, another trend emerged: CMCers are working at technology companies, driving 21st-century commerce and innovation. This world could be available to us students, if we took the initiative. With contacts from the Silicon Valley Networking Trip, we will take our first steps. Silicon Valley is hiring. — Anne Rynearson ’13
Sinha Installed as Wagener Professor

Aseeema Sinha was installed as the inaugural Wagener Family Associate Professor of Comparative Politics and a George R. Roberts Fellow on Feb. 27 at the Marian Miner Cook Athenaeum. She presented on “India: A Revolution of Rising Expectations,” focusing on emerging dilemmas in India such as the pursuit of a unique model of transition that combines a second democratic revolution and inclusive growth with a market economy, and the challenges of India’s newfound status at the global level for some of India’s domestic contradictions.

Prior to joining the faculty at Claremont McKenna College, Sinha served on the faculty at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and was a fellow at the Woodrow Wilson Center in Washington, D.C. Her research interests relate to the political economy of India and India-China comparisons. She is the author of The Regional Roots of Developmental Politics in India: A Divided Leviathan (Indiana University Press, 2005).

The Wagener Chair was established by Trustee Shaw Wagener ’81 and his wife, Debbie Heitz. The Roberts Challenge, supported by Trustee George Roberts ’66 P’93, provides matching funds to create new endowed chairs and to endow existing faculty positions.

Obdrzalek Honored by Journal of the History of Philosophy

An article, “Moral Transformation and the Love of Beauty in Plato’s Symposium,” by Suzanne Obdrzalek, assistant professor of philosophy, was cited by the Journal of the History of Philosophy as the year's best contribution to the Articles section of the publication. The award carries a $1,500 prize.

“I am deeply grateful for this recognition of my work,” says Obdrzalek. “One thing I tried to do in the article was to combine a close and literary reading of Plato’s Symposium with a critical assessment of its arguments that draws upon work in contemporary moral psychology.”

Obdrzalek is an expert in ancient philosophy who also has published on Plato’s Phaedrus and Philebus. She earned her B.A. from Stanford University and her Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley. She joined the Claremont McKenna College faculty in 2006, after completing a Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship at Yale University.

Here Come the Brides!: Reflections on Lesbian Love and Marriage (Seal Press, 2012) was edited by Audrey Bilger, associate professor of literature, and Michele Kort. The collection of essays, stories, and images addresses how the legalization of same-sex marriage has changed the way lesbians think about their unions and their lives, from the perspective of the women participating in and furthering this historical shift. Currently the faculty director of CMC’s Center for Writing and Public Discourse, Bilger specializes in gender studies, humor, fiction, queer studies, Jane Austen, and women writers. In addition to publishing two books and articles in academic journals, she has written for The Los Angeles Times, The Paris Review, and The Los Angeles Review of Books.

Obdrzalek Honored by Journal of the History of Philosophy

Mexico: What Everyone Needs to Know (Oxford University Press, 2011), by Roderic Ai Camp, the Philip M. McKenna Professor of the Pacific Rim, is written for the educated public who is interested in Mexico. The book is formatted as a series of questions with specific, objective, and up-to-date answers about history, culture, immigration, drugs, and poverty. “Based on my public presentations, which produced many of the questions I used,” says Camp, “I think Americans are deeply interested in Mexico and want to be better informed. I’m hopeful that I can help.” Camp, author of more than 30 books about Mexico and Mexicans, serves on the Advisory Board of the Mexican Institute at the Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars in the Smithsonian Institution. He also has edited The Oxford Handbook of Mexican Politics (Oxford University Press, 2012), a collection of 31 essays in which some of the world’s leading scholars of Mexico provide a comprehensive view of the remarkable transformation of the nation’s political system to a democratic model.

Bassam Frangieh, professor of modern languages, has written Arabic for Life (Yale University Press, 2011), a beginning- to intermediate-level Arabic textbook that integrates language, culture, and intellectual thought. Offering a balanced methodology that combines reading, writing, speaking, and listening, the book includes more than 80 videos, all filmed at Claremont McKenna College. “This book is promising to be the definitive authority for learning Arabic at the university level,” says Frangieh. “It provides meaningful, relevant, and important insights into Arab culture and demonstrates the true connection between language and life.” Frangieh, a recipient of CMC’s Glen R. Huntoon Award for Superior Teaching, is the author and translator of 10 books, including Anthology of Arabic Literature, Culture, and Thought from Pre-Islamic Times to the Present (Yale University Press, 2004).

John J. Pitney Jr., the Roy P. Crocker Professor of American Politics, has written a chapter, “Asymmetric Warfare: Supporters and Opponents of President Obama,” in Transforming America: Barack Obama in the White House (Rowman & Littlefield, 2011). Edited by Steven E. Schier, the Dorothy H. and Edward C. Congdon Professor of Political Science at Carleton College, the collection of essays examines risk and ambition in Obama’s presidency concerning popular and Washington politics, and economic and foreign policy. The book also places Obama’s presidency in historical perspective, assessing the circumstances of his election and the similarities and differences between historical and modern presidential politics.
Murthy to be 2012 Commencement Speaker

INDIAN INDUSTRIALIST AND GLOBAL SOFTWARE leader N.R. Narayana Murthy ’02 will deliver the keynote address at Claremont McKenna College’s 65th Annual Commencement ceremonies on May 12.

Murthy is the founder and chairman emeritus of Infosys Limited, a global software consulting company headquartered in Bangalore, India. In 1999, under his leadership, Infosys became the first India-registered company to be listed on the American Stock Exchange.

As one of the world’s most admired business leaders, Murthy works to promote the continuing development of information technology, entrepreneurism, and key corporate governance initiatives in India.

“Claremont McKenna College is honored to welcome Mr. Murthy as the keynote speaker for our Commencement ceremonies this year,” says President Pamela Gann. “Mr. Murthy is an innovative entrepreneur who exemplifies visionary leadership in India and around the world.” During the ceremonies, Murthy will be awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws Degree from the College.

In 2003, Murthy became the first Indian winner of Ernst and Young’s World Entrepreneur of the Year Award. The Economist ranked him among the 10 most-admired global business leaders in 2005, and he topped the Economic Times list of India’s most powerful CEO’s from 2004 to 2006. In 2007, the British Government conferred on him the title of Commander of the Order of the British Empire. The following year, Murthy’s exceptional and distinguished service in the field of information technology was recognized with the Padma Vibhusan, India’s second highest civilian award. Also in 2008, the Government of France named him an Officer of the National Order of the Legion of Honor. He is a Fellow of the Indian National Academy of Engineering and a foreign member of the U.S. National Academy of Engineering.

CMC Model UN Wins Big

CLAREMONT McKENNA COLLEGE students triumphed at the second annual Santa Barbara Intercollegiate Model United Nations conference, Nov. 5-6, 2011, at the University of California, Santa Barbara. The 24 delegates competed for the first time in the “Large Delegation” category, against universities such as UC Berkeley, UCLA, and USC.


Then, in March, CMC won the Best Small Delegation Award at Harvard World Model United Nations in Vancouver, a conference attended by more than 2,000 delegates from 65 countries. That award represents the group’s inaugural international-level recognition.

Model UN focuses on developing leadership skills while students gain awareness of international issues. CMC’s program, led by Ajay Sridhar ’12, in his second year as president, focuses on international relations, debate, and leadership.

“With this decisive victory,” says Sridhar, an economics and mathematics major, “CMC Model UN has established itself as the premier Model UN program on the West Coast.”

The program has been ranked eighth in North America by Best Delegate, an education company that promotes Model UN.

“Model UN has a very bright future at CMC—all but five members of our travel team are either first- or second-year students,” Sridhar says. “The majority of teams ranked within the top 30 are comprised of primarily senior members. This speaks volumes of the talent level of CMC students.”

Top 10 Model UN schools

1. Georgetown University
2. University of Chicago
3. University of Pennsylvania
4. Yale University
5. Harvard University
6. United States Military Academy at West Point
7. Florida International University
8. Claremont McKenna College
9. Rutgers University
10. George Washington University
North Mall Renovation
Set for Summer

The North Mall project will address three areas of need identified by the College’s recently approved Master Plan: to complete the transition from the Kravis Center to the North Mall, particularly Adams and Seaman Halls; to initiate improvements in Flamson Plaza; and to provide accessibility to the Marian Miner Cook Athenaeum, McKenna Auditorium, and the Hub.

Updated treatments will include natural, native materials such as stone and river rock, a more sustainable plant palette, improved lighting, and outdoor seating. The existing fountain will be deconstructed, retaining the character of the original design while adjusting for the new east-west orientation of the corridor.

Work is expected to begin shortly after Commencement.
Settles Wins Outreach Award

Paul Settles, CMS head men’s tennis coach, has won the United States Tennis Association (USTA)/Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) 2011 Campus and Community Outreach Award for Southern California. He is one of 14 nationwide winners to have increased tennis participation throughout their on- and off-campus communities.

Under Settles’ leadership, CMS has created a variety of community-based tennis programs, including activities benefiting Pomona Hope and Special Olympics. CMS also hosted two “Campus Kids’ Days”—one at the NCAA Championships in May 2011 for more than 125 local elementary school children, and one during October’s USTA/ITA Regional Championships for 10-and-under novice players—and a “10 and Under Play Day” in June, where community children were invited to learn how to play tennis with age-appropriate equipment.

CMS student-athletes also coach two community-based Junior Team Tennis teams playing in the 10-and-under and 14-and-under divisions in the San Gabriel Valley. The first college team to host a “Campus Showdown” event in 2008, open to high-school, college, and open players from surrounding communities, CMS since has hosted Campus Showdowns each year; and their thriving club and recreational team hosted the 2011 Southern California Tennis On-Campus Championships.

“All of our community activities began because we thought that tennis should be much more than just a varsity sport here,” says Settles. “By building ties to the community, we’ve expanded our fan base and exposed others to the good things that CMC is doing locally.”

Athenas/Stags Win Tenth/Fifth Consecutive SCIAC Swimming and Diving Titles

The Athenas finished first at the 2012 SCIAC Swimming & Diving Championships, winning their 10th consecutive and 14th overall SCIAC Championship; the Stags also finished first, winning their fifth consecutive and 32nd overall SCIAC Championship.

The CMS women scored 1075.5 points and earned NCAA “B” qualifying marks in nine events. Michele Kee ’14, winner of three individual events and anchor on four of five winning Athena relays, was named SCIAC Swimmer of the Year for the second year.

The Stags scored 879 points, earning four individual and two relay wins and NCAA “B” qualifying marks in 14 events. Diver James Stevick ’15 achieved NCAA qualifying marks on both the one-meter and three-meter boards.

Both the Athenas and the Stags finished the season 7-0 in conference competition.

Stags Basketball Wins Fourth Consecutive SCIAC Tournament Title

Claremont-Mudd-Scripps beat Pomona-Pitzer 60-54 at home to win the SCIAC Tournament Championship and earn the SCIAC’s automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Tournament.

After falling behind by five points early in the game, the Stags charged into an offensive run and took a lead they would not lose. They hit five of six free throws to close out the game. Tyler Gaffaney ’14 led the Stags with 16 points on a perfect shooting night (5-5 overall and 3-3 on threes and from the line).

The Stags finished the regular season 12-2 in conference competition. Chris Bleez ’11 earned SCIAC Player of the Year honors; also tapped for the award in 2008-09 and 2009-10, Bleez is the first player in SCIAC history to earn such recognition three times.

CMS advanced to the NCAA Division III Tournament for the 11th time overall and the third time in the last four years. In Whitewater, Wisc., with nine seconds left in overtime, the Stags were defeated by defending NCAA III champion Saint Thomas, 76-74. Bleez was the game’s leading scorer with 23 points, hitting 10-13 from the foul line. He also led the Stags with eight rebounds and six assists.
CMS Head Women’s Basketball Coach Wins 500th Game

After more than three decades of coaching Claremont-Mudd-Scripps women’s basketball, Coach Jodie Burton won her 500th game for the Athenas on Jan. 7 versus the Caltech Beavers, 51-36.

Burton is the 15th coach in Division III history to achieve the 500-win milestone. In her 32 years with CMS, Burton has won six SCIAC championships and 13 second-place SCIAC finishes. Her staying power is unique; only nine coaches among all divisions of the NCAA have coached for more years with one team.

“CMS has provided the tools necessary to be successful,” Burton says. “I have been honored to coach tremendous young women who also are skilled athletes.”

The Athenas finished the regular season 9-5 in conference competition. Two Athenas, Frannie Hemmelgarn ’13 and Kalika Tullock ’12, earned All-SCIAC honors for the second consecutive year. Hemmelgarn (First Team) led the team in scoring (14.4/g), rebounding (9.9/g), and assists (2.0/g), and finished third, second, and 14th in the SCIAC in those categories. She also finished eighth in the conference in field goal percentage (44.8), ninth in free throw percentage (69.4), and 12th in steals (1.6/g). Tullock (Second Team) was seventh in the SCIAC in scoring (10.4/g), tenth in free throw percentage (66.7), 15th in field goal percentage, and 18th in rebounding (4.9/g).

RDS Announces Case Competition Winners

Andrew Bergman ’14, Monica Cason ’14, Orlan Davis ’13, and Shree Pandya ’14 have won the fourth annual Robert Day School (RDS) Case Competition with their analysis of “Hitting the Wall: Nike and International Labor Practices.” The February competition carries a $5,000 prize.

“Through hard work and a demonstrated knowledge of issues in business ethics and leadership, this team rose to the top,” says Brian Dennis, director of administration and programs.

Following the first round of the competition, in which 14 teams participated, three teams of finalists presented their assessments of the case to a panel of six judges: Audrey Bilger, associate professor of literature and faculty director of the Center for Writing & Public Discourse; Oana Hirakawa, assistant professor of economics; Alex Rajczi, the Deborah and Kenneth Novack Associate Professor of Leadership and Ethics and a Roberts Fellow; and alumni Ilona Brunner ’07, Richard Chino ’90, and John Lister ’97.

The judges then conferred and selected the winning team, announced during a reception at the California Club.

Kravis Center Named Best Overall and Best Higher Education/Research Project

ENR (Engineering News-Record), a print and online magazine published by McGraw-Hill Construction, has recognized the Kravis Center as not only Best Overall and Best Higher Education/Research Project in California, but also as Best Higher Education/Research Project nationally. The Center, submitted by general contractor Bernards, was selected as one of 34 winning projects from 116 entries.

“Everyone is extremely proud of these honors,” says Frank Perri, director of construction.
The Reserve Officer Training Corps ranks at Claremont McKenna College are growing—as are precious social and professional connections that will impact cadets’ futures.

By Nicholas Owchar ’90

Above: Cadets at the ROTC commissioning ceremony during Commencement 2011.
Wesley Williamson ’10 wants to fly helicopters.

No, not the ones you see hovering over freeways or ferrying passengers between the Hawaiian Islands. He wants to pilot the Sikorsky UH-60L, a four-bladed, dual-engine, extremely versatile machine better known by its nickname: the Blackhawk.

And Lt. Williamson—now in flight school in Alabama and headed to Honduras in a few months as a pilot for the joint task force there—has Claremont McKenna College’s Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) to thank for providing him with a pipeline to his dream.

But when you ask him about his ROTC experience, the conversation isn’t about the physical path to taking the controls of a Blackhawk helicopter. This upbeat, focused young Army lieutenant prefers to emphasize other assets he gained as a cadet at CMC: A sense of purpose. Contact with a larger world. A community.

“I’ve met so many people because of the program. It provided me with building blocks to developing all kinds of relationships at the professional level,” Williamson explains. “It’s definitely been the best networking experience of my life.”

Similar opportunities have existed for a long time at CMC, dating, in fact, to the College’s earliest years. Longstanding relationships between the College and the U.S. military have led to a thriving ROTC program and a steady stream of alumni—among them retired Four Star General William W. Crouch, former Commander in Chief, U.S. Army Europe and Seventh Army; Commander, Allied Land Forces Central Europe; and Vice Chief of Staff, U.S. Army—who have either gone into active service or become civilian employees of the U.S. Department of Defense.

CMC’s ROTC program serves as the hub that unites cadets from colleges and universities around the Southland to form the Golden Lions Battalion. Today, the program’s ranks are growing—and so are the opportunities for forging precious social and professional connections that will make a big difference in these cadets’ futures.

Wall Street and Capitol Hill, it turns out, aren’t the only places where you can find CMC grads. Look overhead: You just might find one flying a Blackhawk.
THE HEADHUNTER’S CHOICE

WHEN CORPORATE RECRUITERS want good job applicants, there’s an especially attractive pool of candidates: officers finishing their military commitments (as part of their ROTC obligation) who aren’t planning to stay in the Army.

“It’s not unusual to get contacted by headhunters,” says Williamson, whose service was extended by his decision to become a pilot. “I’m sure that’s surprising to hear, but it happens to people in the Army all the time.”

That doesn’t surprise Lt. Colonel Anneliese Steele, the commander of CMC’s ROTC battalion. In fact, she expects it.

“Our cadets receive the best leadership training in the country, arguably in the world,” explains Steele, a professor of military science. “Few college graduates are immediately put in charge of something in corporate America, but our cadets are out leading platoons within a year of graduation. That’s a tremendous amount of responsibility. It’s no wonder that their discipline and leadership attracts headhunters.”

By the end of their undergraduate years, ROTC cadets not only have studied leadership and critical thinking in the classroom on a weekly basis, they also have participated in missions in the field. Cadets spend time at Ft. Irwin and Camp Pendleton, leading patrols, studying maps and grid coordinates, and executing missions—all to refine their strengths in the field.

“When you couple situational exercises with leadership training, you end up with a mentally agile leader,” says Steele. “The commission our cadets receive is exactly what they’d receive from West Point.”

Junior and senior cadets also travel to Ft. Lewis in Washington for an intensive six weeks of training and assessment.

Today there are 250 cadets in CMC’s battalion—up from 60 about five years ago—eager to take on such challenges, and they come from CMC and other colleges and universities within the battalion’s 900-square-mile footprint, Steele says. The battalion is currently the largest source of commissioned Army officers on the West Coast.

Such dynamism hasn’t gone unnoticed: Earlier this year, CMC’s ROTC Battalion received the highest level of recognition, Steele notes, “for our superior achievements in recruiting, retention, and training excellence.”

A CALL TO DUTY

IF HER UNIT DEPLOYS, 2nd Lt. Chelsea Baker ’11 will be headed to Kuwait.

That small country in the northeast of the Arabian Peninsula is the gateway to U.S. operations in Afghanistan and points elsewhere.
Baker leads a platoon of 21 soldiers handling human resources for deploying troops. For now, Baker is taking care of that business while her unit is stationed in Virginia.

If this duty seems less important than what soldiers are doing on the frontlines, it isn’t. Baker’s unit, in fact, has the hardest job of all: taking care of soldiers’ lives...and of their loved ones back home.

“We process every soldier deployed,” says Baker, who studied psychology at CMC. “We make sure they receive their combat pay, we process their emergency contacts, and we keep them in touch with their families. It’s our job to take care of them.”

As a highschooler, Baker’s ambition had been simpler: All she had wanted was to play softball once she arrived at CMC. So what drew her to a military career?

A multitude of reasons, she says.

Baker says she felt a patriotic call to serve her country, inspired by her father and both grandfathers, whose military service included the Army and Air Force. Then, of course, the financial support ROTC provides was appealing. As she filled out financial aid applications, she read about ROTC and was impressed.

“The benefits are outstanding,” she says, “and I realized this would give me a jumpstart into learning leadership.”

When a student signs on the ROTC dotted line, the U.S. Army doesn’t pay all the bills—although there are still plenty of financial incentives: cadets who receive merit-based scholarships do have their full tuition paid by the Army (as an added bonus, CMC picks up room and board for these scholarship cadets), all cadets receive a monthly stipend ranging from $300-500, and cadets also have the option, Steele points out, to collect pay by serving as Army Reservists.

Best of all, each cadet is promised a career after graduation. In these troubled economic times that means a great deal.

“When the economy went bad, I pretty much had my job lined up,” says Williamson. “I looked at my future after graduation and didn’t feel the stress I know some of my classmates were feeling.”

Baker agrees, describing the challenges facing grads today.

“When I signed up for ROTC,” she says, “I suddenly realized that I didn’t have to worry about what I was going to do anymore.”

**BILLS AND BARRACKS: THE EARLY DAYS**

Look back more than a half-century into our country and the College’s past, and you’ll find another challenging time for young people: the years immediately after World War II. When CMC, founded as the Claremont Undergraduate School for Men, opened its doors in 1946, the majority of its student body consisted of war veterans. What eased the tough times and made their educations possible was the Servicemen’s Readjustment Act of 1944, more commonly known as the G.I. Bill of Rights.

Nationally, the impact of the G.I. Bill was dramatic—some 7.8 million World War II veterans were able to participate in an education or training program—and its effect on CMC was equally so. Without it, in fact, CMC probably

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**LETS FROM A MILITARY CAREER**

In a 2011 op-ed, published on the occasion of Veteran’s Day by the Boston Herald, Alex Truesdell ’94 writes of the sacrifices not only of soldiers, but of their families:

*Families take a great leap of faith when they accompany soldiers on their difficult journey. Children forfeit security and stability and face changes of community, school, and friends with courage. Spouses live alone with no partner to share the work, joys, or sorrows of everyday life. They sustain their soldiers morally, spiritually, physically, and emotionally from afar, often with little support of their own. These invisible heroes demonstrate resolve and courage much like their loved ones patrolling the crowded streets of Iraq or the desolate mountains of Afghanistan.*

This year when I take my children to the Veterans Day Parade I will think not just of courageous friends alive and dead, home and deployed, but also their families. I will hold my wife and children close and contemplate their silent service and sacrifice. I will look beyond the floats, the marching bands, and the motorcades and peer into the crowds lining the parade route. I will search for quivering lips and tears behind dark sunglasses. I will look for families wheeling a wounded warrior. I will scan for children clutching the hand of one parent and carrying the memory of another. I will honor all of these hidden heroes in my midst whose bravery and sacrifice deserve my recognition. I will thank them for their selfless service. I will applaud their courage. I will salute them. I will pray for them. Will you?

Alex Truesdell ’94 with local Afghan children
wouldn’t have existed.

“It did a great deal for us,” says Jack Stark ’57 GP’11, president emeritus, “but you can also make a very strong case that the G.I. Bill is one of the country’s great pieces of social legislation.”

In those early days, the U.S. military also was visible on campus in other, more conspicuous ways, such as prefabricated barracks and an Army-style mess hall. Such buildings, Kevin Starr writes in Commerce and Civilization—Claremont McKenna College: The First Fifty Years, 1946-1996, his 1998 history of the College, were an embodiment of “the dislocations and transformations of the wartime era.”

As the College’s architectural profile changed, however, better accommodations developed for faculty, students...and the ROTC program. The program, which served all of The Claremont Colleges, found an ideal home at CMC during the Cold War and Vietnam War not only thanks to a new building (Bauer Center) but because the campus culture embraced what the program represented, Stark explains.

“The school’s early culture inclined to the military and it stayed that way, even through difficult years,” says Stark, a former Marine who joined the administration as assistant to Founding President George C.S. Benson. “We always believed that ROTC was the right thing to do. It was a bulwark of freedom and we weren’t going to step back from our belief.”

**ACTION AND ADVENTURE**

Some Hollywood movies give us a slick picture of elite military forces and why they’re so special—calm, cool, razor-precise, with stealth and finesse to spare. But is that fantasy or reality?

Alex Truesdell ’94 knows it’s true. His career as an Army surgeon has taken him, as part of several intelligence, infantry, and special operations task forces, to the Balkans, Germany, Italy, the Pentagon, Iraq, and Afghanistan. In addition to treating patients, he planned missions, coordinated and facilitated emergency evacuation, trained medics, and oversaw supply and logistics.

Professionalism marked his experiences at every step of the way.

“As a doctor I felt very fortunate to be a part of various infantry units, intelligence organizations, and special operations task forces,” says Truesdell, today in a fellowship in cardiovascular disease at Brown University in Rhode Island. “It was a rich opportunity. Imagine seeing the Wizard of Oz and being allowed to peek behind the curtain.”

In some cases, like his last 16-month stint in Afghanistan, there was a more pronounced humanitarian aspect as Truesdell worked on improving the medical infrastructure in the war-ravaged country by partnering with local health facilities and the country’s Ministry of Health.
“It was truly an amazing experience,” he says. “It’s hard to imagine ever being in another position like that, with so much authority and autonomy.”

For much of his life since graduating from CMC with a biology degree, Truesdell has found the ideal home in the Army for his drive, energy, and curiosity. Today he sounds just as enthusiastic, as excited, about an Army career as the young teen who first dreamed of serving in the military more than 20 years ago.

“I already knew in high school that I wanted to join,” he explains. “It was partly wanderlust, getting a chance to see new places. But I also shared the same notions that most people have about doing one’s duty and committing to something greater.”

Even though that’s where Truesdell wanted to be, his parents were hoping for something else: that he would go to college and pursue a medical career. The Army made it possible for everyone to be happy.

“I had the utmost luck of having the best of both worlds,” he says. “I think it was just a matter of negotiating what my parents wanted with what I wanted, and realizing that it would all work out.”

Negotiation, in fact, marks another important moment in Truesdell’s military career: He found himself weighing the pros and cons of his heady, on-the-go life in 2005 when, while jointly assigned to the Pentagon and Joint Special Operations Command, he met and fell in love with Assistant U.S. Attorney Youli Lee. They married in 2006.

Over the next several years, Truesdell was deployed several additional times to the world’s hotspots: Iraq and Afghanistan. He says he relished the 24-7 partnership among the taskforce personnel—“it was this amazing experience of teamwork, camaraderie, and sacrifice in its purest form with none of the mundane distractions of daily life”—but he thought about his loved ones at home.

The reality of what his family sacrificed for his military career hit him especially hard on his last return home. He met his one-year-old daughter for the first time (today he and Youli have three children: their daughter, now four, a two-year-old son, and a brand-new baby boy) and realized it would be unfair to leave again.

“I never fully had the chance to be a father the first time around, and I didn’t realize all the things I missed or the hardships my wife endured,” he says. “It was hard to leave the Army, but I felt fortunate to have been able to contribute for as long as I did, for 15 years. The feeling of loss melted away when I thought about what everybody sacrificed for me.”

Truesdell left the Army in 2009 just prior to being promoted to Lieutenant Colonel. His next important professional date is 2013, the year he’ll complete his training as an interventional cardiologist.

The Army’s still on his mind: He’s written articles and op-eds based on his experiences for several publications, including the Boston Herald and the Annals of Internal Medicine. And he doesn’t hesitate to recommend the military to anyone considering a career in public service.

“There are a variety of programs, like the Peace Corps or Teach For America, among others, that call people to public service,” he says, “but for me the Army was the right way to fulfill that call and I’m grateful for having had the opportunity to serve and contribute in war and peace.”

The decision of Jack Stark ’57 GP’11, CMC’s third president, to replace glass windows with Plexiglas was hardly about ordinary practicality or usefulness. It arose at a dark time for the nation, during the years of the war in Vietnam and social protests at home. ROTC programs at many universities were the target of violent demonstrations against U.S. military actions in Southeast Asia.

CMC’s program became a focus of protest, says Stark, because of the Founding President George C.S. Benson, who resigned in 1969 and went on to government service as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Education), overseeing programs including ROTC.

“We were attacked probably more than most in part because of that connection,” Stark recalls. “We certainly had our problems in those years.”

That’s where the Plexiglas came in.

Campus protests involved sit-ins, picketing, and, in some cases, rocks and firebombs thrown at classroom windows and the ROTC offices. The administration was determined to remain steadfast in its commitment to ROTC, and that’s why Stark says he had the windows replaced.

“The program was important to us,” he says, “and I wanted our position to be clear. I made sure that when those rocks and Molotov cocktails were thrown, they would bounce back.”
From Contacts
On campus and in the real world, students and alumni demonstrate the College’s unique formula for networking: informal ties and formal partnerships, databases and internships, and meetings both on Facebook and face-to-face, emulsified with the desire to pay one’s success forward by helping the next generation.

By Suzette Riley
Illustrations by Kevin Bostwick
When Rev. Adam McHugh ’98 was a student, he cringed at the idea of networking.

“I would hear the word networking,” he says, “and feel like I was going to break out in hives.”

Now an ordained Presbyterian minister and published author, McHugh says he has made peace with the concept. Thanks to Claremont McKenna College connections, McHugh had the honor of serving as guest chaplain for the U.S. House of Representatives, offering the prayer for the start of business on Feb. 28.

McHugh’s journey to the House floor began when he interviewed U.S. House of Representatives Chaplain Father Patrick Conroy ’72 for a story in this magazine. The two hit it off, and Conroy extended an invitation. To participate in the program, a clergy member must first be confirmed by their congressional representative. McHugh lives in Claremont, within the district of Trustee and Rep. David Dreier ’75, chair of the House Rules Committee. Dreier, as it turned out, had been helping Conroy learn the ropes on Capitol Hill. McHugh says these links made the process easy.

“It never would have happened if I wasn’t a CMCer,” says McHugh.

That’s a sentiment repeated often by CMC students and alumni, thanks to a tight-knit community with an ingrained culture of networking and a commitment to paying it forward.

“CMC instills in you the ability to step outside your boundaries and reach out to people you don’t know,” says Maren Hotvedt ’12, who will join Deloitte after graduation. “You graduate after four years, and realize you’ve developed quite a large skill set.”

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ANATOMY OF AN OPPORTUNITY

Rev. Adam McHugh '98

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David Dreier '75 (R)

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U.S. House of Representatives

confirmation by representative
A Culture of Giving Back

“I was not the best at networking when I was a student,” says Lauren Hodill ’07, a member of Google’s human resources learning and development team. “I’ve since come to see its power.”

In fact, part of Hodill’s job is helping Google employees from across the company meet and connect with each other. She sees herself as a crucial piece of the networking puzzle for students and alumni intent on careers at the search engine giant.

“I really want to grow the presence of CMC at Google,” she says.

Hodill’s helpful attitude, fortunately, isn’t unique. Many alumni emphasize the importance of helping others succeed, speaking of “networking karma”: the idea that as they were helped by past alumni, they wish to help future graduates.

The Office of Alumni and Parent Relations sponsors the Mentor Café, an opportunity for students and alumni with similar interests to meet one-on-one. The Café began in 2002 and, this year, boasts 157 student-alumni pairs, according to Caitlin Drulis ’06, assistant director of alumni and parent relations.

The Forum for the Future also offers graduates of the past five years a weekend think-tank, plus networking receptions with Trustees and the senior class.

Alumni Association President Carol Hartman ’86 has built CMC networking into her daily life by participating in the Association’s efforts to offer new career connections for alumni who come back to campus, serve on committees, and participate in activities.

“There are pockets of alumni who are connected to each other,” says Hartman. “We just need to take it to the next step.”

A former bond trader, Hartman’s lifeline from what she refers to as the “Animal House” culture of her previous career came in the form of a call from a headhunter to whom she had been referred by Mike Sekits ’88. Although she quickly determined she didn’t want the financial services job the recruiter was looking to fill, the experience piqued her interest in the business and she soon hung her own shingle.

“That was 18 years ago,” says Hartman, now a partner at Caldwell Partners International, a retained search firm. “It never would have happened if Mike hadn’t sent that headhunter my way.”

More recent graduates are equally committed to answering questions online, meeting with students, and attending on-campus recruiting events.

Jordan Stewart ’09, a Los Angeles-based consultant for Deloitte’s human capital division, for example, feels responsible for promoting CMC community members regardless of their career paths.

“I want to develop students to put their best feet forward not only at Deloitte but also at any firm, whether it be a consulting firm, an audit firm, or another top firm,” she says. “When CMC students do well, in whatever they do, that makes CMC as a whole better.”
A HOME AT GOOGLE

While networking relationships are crucial to developing career opportunities, being hired is often only the beginning of the process.

Christina Wang ’07, who joined Google in January 2008, has found CMC’s focus on networking to be a perfect match for Google’s collaborative and team-focused culture. After spending four years at Google’s headquarters in ad words management and human resources, she transferred to YouTube as an account manager for content creators. A friend encouraged her to reach out to another CMC alumnus, the director of her department; despite his impressive title and busy schedule, they have developed a strong professional relationship.

“Don’t be afraid to reach out and talk to someone,” she advises.

Wang also has found CMC’s and Google’s cultures of creativity and ongoing learning remarkably compatible.

“The people are so passionate and so intelligent and so innovative,” says Wang. “There is always something new to learn.”

Helping to prepare a quality experience for students visiting Google as part of the College’s annual Information Technology Advisory Board (ITAB) networking trip only has strengthened the alumni community. They boast an internal email list, regular group activities, and even t-shirts featuring Google’s android wearing Stag antlers.

“There’s a large group here,” says Wang, “and that’s awesome. CMCers really take their responsibility to the community seriously.
A TECHNOLOGY PIONEER

“I started out my career scrapping,” says Daniel Freeman ’96.

When literature and French major Freeman graduated during the tech boom, there weren’t many CMC alumni working in the industry. The Silicon Valley-native, after earning an MBA in Europe, fought two months for a spot with a small start-up called Cobalt Network.

“The skills that I learned at CMC helped me to be a good contributor to the company,” he says, “but there simply wasn’t a brand out—at that point—that CMC equaled a great product.”

Over two years, says Freeman, the company grew to 250 employees, went public on the NASDAQ, and ranked as one of the top IPOs of 2000—and eventually sold for $2 billion to Sun Microsystems.

Today, Freeman is vice president of product marketing and sales for an Australian software company, Atlassian, whose 120 San Francisco-based employees include, thanks to Freeman’s networking, six CMC alumni.

“My hope, moving into the future, is to establish a greater brand for what CMC students can deliver to tech companies,” he says, “so young alumni can contribute like I did at the beginning of my career.”

Long before he was in a position to hire CMC graduates, Freeman was active in the San Francisco Bay Area Alumni Chapter—mainly to make friends. Over time, he was tapped as an alumni recruiter, interviewing prospective students for the admission office. Impressed by the quality of the applicants and the rigorous selection process, he expanded his volunteer role by participating in the Information Technology Advisory Board’s annual networking trip and talking with students about the tech industry.

When Freeman reached a point in his career at which he could hire interns and, then, employees, the next step was obvious.

“Each CMC student or alumnus we can bring into our organization provides great leadership skills and exceptional value, which helps create a greater and more successful company,” Freeman says. “They make me look good.”
Technology Meets Tradition

As chair of the Alumni Association’s Communications Committee, CMCAA Past-President Ryder Todd Smith ’96 began exploring ways for alumni to post jobs online. Eventually his work led to the College’s developing career postings focused specifically on alumni, but employers’ access was limited. Then, as CMCAA continued to enhance the resource, social media exploded.

“LinkedIn, Facebook, and Twitter are amazing and powerful tools for finding moments of connectivity,” says Smith. “The more we can create a lightning rod of connectivity around these tools, the faster and more effective our moments of interaction.”

The Alumni Association now offers a LinkedIn group, a Facebook group, and a Twitter feed. The particularly successful LinkedIn group boasts more than 2,500 members as of March 1, and is the largest group among The Claremont Colleges, according to Smith.

Not everything depends on technology, however.

Networking luncheons launched by Smith and Jessica O’Hare ’00, president of CMCAA’s Orange County chapter, have been a simple, cost-effective way to bring people together.

“It’s a free-for-all, no-reservation-required gathering of people, eating sandwiches and engaging in conversation and learning from each other,” says Smith.

Rich Campus Resources

Alumni outreach is complemented by extensive, structured opportunities offered through CMC’s Career Services Office, ranked sixth by The Princeton Review’s most recent analysis of college career services.

What students will find at the office, says Director Diana Seder, is an alumni career contact database that contains information about alumni who’ve agreed to talk with students about their careers.

Christina Wang ’07 used the alumni database to secure her current job at Google. After working a few months for a small tech company that wasn’t a good fit, Wang requested a list of CMCers at Google and reached out to two alumni for informational interviews.

“After those interviews, I knew Google was a place I really wanted to be,” she says. “Their honest opinions made me more excited about working at Google.”

Career Services also offers all students and alumni personal counseling sessions that present resources such as CMC Connect (a recruiting and communications tool), on-campus information sessions and recruiting events, networking trips, and internships: critical to building experiences, Seder says, particularly in a down economy.

“Rising seniors who have a summer internship may have the opportunity to get a full-time offer from that organization for when they graduate,” she says. “We tell students that 18 months before commencement they need to attend information sessions and network with every representative of a company in that room.”

WHAT IS NETWORKING?

Ryder Todd Smith ‘96 says networking is about creating connections and broadening the worlds of students and alumni beyond their close circle of friends. “At CMC, he says, “networking is viewed as part of being an engaged citizen and part of being a leader.”

Jordan Stewart ’09 says networking is taking a genuine interest in the people she meets. “I never want it to be forced, and I’m a pretty chatty person,” she says. “I network to get to know somebody for who they are; if they happen to align with something that I’m interested in, it’s a win-win situation.”
Nurturing Natural Talents

CMC students typically are great networkers, according to on-campus recruiters, who, Seder says, credit a culture of pragmatic, applicable learning coupled with a small community. The College’s focus on leadership also is key, says Seder: Students, already leaders when they join the community, are even better-prepared after an immersive four-year experience.

Many successful graduates cite attendance at the Marian Miner Cook Athenaeum as having enhanced their networking skills. Meeting with leading academics and executives, performers and scientists in a social setting, coupled with being well-prepared for conversation and professionally dressed, is a great training ground for life beyond CMC.

Francesca Ioffreda ’10 says that her experience at the Athenaeum built skills she’s found helpful in her new position consulting with Deloitte.

“You have to show up well-dressed, ready with an elevator speech and questions,” Ioffreda says. “The events really foster professionalism and the ability to network.”

CMC’s Unique Blend

How do these elements combine, then, into the unique recipe for networking at CMC?

There are many ingredients, and steps.

On campus and in the real world, students and alumni demonstrate the many shapes and elements of networking: informal ties and formal connections, databases and internships, meetings both on Facebook and face-to-face, emulsified with the desire to pay one’s success forward by helping the next generation.

Hartman likens the ingredients of networking success to a secret sauce.

“The secret sauce is a combination of the type of student that CMC admits, what is expected of the student, and the resources to which the student has access,” she says. “CMC is an intimate environment where nobody gets to hide.”

CALLED TO SERVICE

The U.S. Department of State, ranked among BusinessWeek’s “hottest employers,” has long been a popular destination for recent graduates and mid-career professionals thanks, in part, to the direction of Ed Haley, the W.M. Keck Foundation Professor of International Strategic Studies and director of the Center for Human Rights Leadership.

“CMC students, often International Relations majors,” says Haley, “are ideal candidates for leading positions in the State Department because of their fine education, their thirst to understand other societies, and their desire to travel.”

Preeti Shah ’02, inspired by Haley’s lectures, took the notorious examination after graduation and, after passing both the written and oral components, was intrigued enough to accept an offer in January 2004. Since then she has served in Managua, Nicaragua; Istanbul, Turkey; Kabul, Afghanistan; and at Foggy Bottom in the office of the Haiti Special Coordinator.

“I love my career and the life it has given me,” she says, “and I feel lucky to have had this amazing and unique opportunity to serve our country.”
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CMC’s Most Popular

Fat paychecks, sweet perks, fun colleagues: these are just a few of the features that draw CMC alumni to their dream workplaces. This page represents a sampling of top industries and employers where alumni have clustered, according to demographic data gathered by the Alumni Census & Survey in 2008 and reported by the College’s advancement operations team in October 2011.
## Alumni Notes
A message from CMCAA President Carol Hartman ’86; Alumni Weekend 2012 is set for April 27-29; and CMS Athletic Hall of Fame festivities honor CMCers Greg Long ’70 P’00 P’01, Tom Isaak ’91, and Rosie Cella Page ’98; plus, save the date for Euromeet, June 15-17 in Copenhagen, and the Summer Athenaeum, July 26-29 in Sonoma.

## Class Notes
Alumni including Michael Lawrence ’69, William Bjork ’69, Clay Peters ’69, Gary Carson ’78, Nancy Aronson ’83, Andrew Lee ’07, Talia Kahn ’07, and Divya Vishwanath ’11 respond to this quarter’s question: How has CMC networking influenced your future?

## In Memoriam
Coachella City Manager Timothy O. Brown Jr. ’75, Life Trustees Jon Lovelace and Robert Silverstein GP’04, and Thomas Hand ’07, a student and Office of Education Service Award-recipient at the University of California, Irvine, School of Medicine.

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**Global, Social, Sustainable**


Duckworth addressed a capacity crowd at the Marian Miner Cook Athenaeum during Parents Weekend.
CMCAA PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

I believe CMCers have incredible connectivity to each other and the College. Our connectivity transverses decades through the common experiences, traditions, and cultural DNA that make CMC special.

The intimacy of our school is the cornerstone for everything. We lived, learned, and played together. But after CMC, we often go in widely different directions. That means that early graduates were few and far between the further they got from Southern California.

With more than 10,000 alumni now, there are friendships to cultivate in every corner of the world. My own experience during the past few years has been amazing. Connections to my CMC past have provided the common ground to relate to alumni from any time and to current students. As a partner in an executive search firm, my job takes me many places. I try to meet alumni in every city to which I travel, if I have time. I also have reached out to parents. One other opportunity I have taken as CMCAA president is to make at least one phone call a day to an alumnus I have never met.

But are we networked? Probably not as well as we should be. We are getting better at this, though. Our capability leveraging social networks and other communication channels has grown dramatically over the past five years. (Log on and join the CMCAA Facebook page, “friend” Donald McKenna, and go to our LinkedIn page). So there are some tools to use.

That’s just some of the mechanics. We all know that to be really “networked” a personal connection is needed. Knowing other CMCers is a big, giant “quality control” feature for business connections and friendships. For each other, we are the best people we can ever meet. Hire a CMCer and you have a pretty good sense of who you will be working with. Ambition, intelligence, responsibility, maturity, and great social and communication skills are common attributes of our alumni.

CMCAA promotes many opportunities to network with others. There are more than 250 alumni events every year sponsored by your Alumni Association. Some of these include Power Breakfasts, Res Publica events, Evenings with Professors, parties, and other activities. The San Francisco Bay Area Chapter had a Giants baseball event last summer, and sold more than 90 tickets!

We need to be very deliberate about extending our own personal and professional networks and seek opportunities to find and promote each other. We are entering a decade or two where CMC will be competing harder for top students because of demographics. Attracting talented students in the future will be aided by the strength of our alumni networks. Whether we pay it forward or backward, reaching each other in a personal way is absolutely critical to our own successes and the success of Claremont McKenna College.

Best Regards,

Carol (Oliver) Hartman ’86
http://www.linkedin.com/profile/view?id=3056137&trk=tab_pro
Weaving Hope for Afghanistan

Blending style and substance, Connie Duckworth P’12 P’14’s ARZU, Inc., provides tangible hope for hundreds of women. By Lori Kozlowski ’00

As a parent of Andrew Duckworth ’12 and Elizabeth Duckworth ’14 and as a businesswoman, social entrepreneur Connie Duckworth P’12 P’14, founder and chief executive officer of ARZU, Inc., demonstrates values and efforts toward global betterment and sustainability that underscore the College’s mission of educating its students for responsible leadership.

A retired partner and managing director of Goldman, Sachs, & Co., Duckworth visited Central Asia in 2003 with the U.S.-Afghan Women’s Council, a group of women who sought to help Afghan women have a seat at the table in the new, post-Taliban Afghanistan. The group was comprised of both civilians, like Duckworth, and government officials from the State Department and the White House. She was the trip’s business representative, and what she saw impacted her.

“After meeting women who were living in rubble, I committed myself to helping them in a larger way,” she says. “We all see the world through our own lens. The first thing I think of when I think of helping others is jobs. You start with a job, and from there you can add other benefits.”

ARZU STUDIO HOPE, inspired by Duckworth’s visit to Afghanistan, is a non-profit organization that helps Afghan women break the cycle of poverty by providing them steady income and access to education and healthcare by sourcing and selling the rugs they weave. What looks, at first glance, like a high-end rug supplier actually is much more.

“It’s more than a rug project,” says Duckworth. “It’s a learning laboratory for community development in difficult places. It’s about sustainability: economic, cultural, artistic, and environmental.”

Rug-weaving is a craft that is acceptable within a gender-segregated society, she explains, and is something that highly skilled female artisans can do from home.

Early on, Duckworth and her team learned lessons central to starting an enterprise outside of the United States, particularly in a war-torn country. “Even if the women were weaving full-time,” she says, “so many middle-men touched the rugs that the women were the last to see any profits. We had to reconstruct the supply chain completely.”

This meant striking deals with men in various Afghan villages. Because men control the households, Duckworth wanted to make sure that they understood, as a family, what would be asked of the women who wanted to weave for ARZU: taking literacy classes, enrolling all school-age children in school (including girls, who often are not educated), and releasing pregnant women for pre- and post-natal care.

“From a starting point of 30 weavers, it took three to four years to scale up to our current capacity,” she says. “We slowly added more weavers in clusters of villages, all while making sure we were using authentic materials and making real products for a real market.”

Today ARZU employs 700 weavers.

ARZU’s culture of sustainability is just one example of how the organization’s business values synchronize with CMC’s. “Claremont takes an approach to education that’s grounded in reality. There is an applied approach to the learning at CMC,” Duckworth says. “That aligns so much with what we do. What we do is work at a very grassroots level, from the bottom up.”

“Also,” she continues, “Claremont really does have a global view. Arzu, like Claremont, is about linkage and finding common bonds between people.”

“Arzu” means “hope” in Dari, one of the common languages spoken in Afghanistan. Hope is exactly the thing Duckworth is spreading and inspiring in the many lives her enterprise has already touched.
Alumni Athletes Join CMS Hall of Fame

Alumni athletes representing Claremont McKenna College were among five athletes inducted into the CMS Athletic Hall of Fame during a recognition banquet on Nov. 12, 2011, at the Marian Miner Cook Athenaeum.

This year's inductees, selected on the merits of stellar collegiate athletic performances, were Greg Long '70 P’00 P’01 (football), Tom Isaak '91 (golf), and Rosie Cella Page '98 (tennis).

Respected as one of the best football players in Stags history, Long was among the most aggressive and effective defensive tackles in the SCIAC in the late 1960s. He was recognized throughout his career with numerous conference and national awards, including placement as a First Team All-SCIAC defensive tackle and Second Team All-NAIA District Three defensive tackle in 1967, and District and All-SCIAC honorable mentions in 1968. In 1969, he earned the team captainship, Second Team All-SCIAC honors, and an All-District honorable mention.

During his time on the CMS golf team, Isaak was named Second Team All-SCIAC, team captain, Academic All-American, and SCIAC Player of the Year; he also medaled at the SCIAC Championship and received an All-American Honorable Mention. Then, during his nine years as a professional golfer, he won 25 times in seven states and qualified for the second stage of PGA Q-School four times in seven tries. Isaak regained his amateur status five years ago and has won 12 events, including finishing first of 93 at the Crystallaire Country Club and earning a spot in the U.S. Amateur Tournament.

Page, the first Athena tennis player inducted into the CMS Hall of Fame, is recognized as one of Athena tennis’ first dominant competitors at the regional and national level. She led her team to four consecutive conference titles and was the first Athena player selected to participate in both the NCAA singles and doubles championships. Page was team captain for two consecutive years, and earned both First and Second Team All-SCIAC honors in addition to recognition as an ITA Scholar Athlete and an NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship recipient.

Professor Emeritus Gerald Eyrich P’83 also was honored at the banquet, as the second recipient of the John P. Faranda ’79 Student Service Award from the Claremont McKenna College Alumni Association, in recognition of his extraordinary devotion to CMC students. Since his arrival at CMC in 1967, Eyrich has supported CMS athletics as a lacrosse coach, a recruiter of student athletes, and a loyal basketball and football fan.
Virtual Basketball Bash

Buoyed by the CMS Stags’ near-perfect record, alumni—some in the comfort of their own homes—relished memories of student-packed Ducey gymnasium with the inaugural Virtual Basketball Bash. On Feb. 21, as the Stags took on the Pomona-Pitzer Sagehens in the final game of the season, the action was streamed live online.

Chapter viewing parties took place in San Antonio, Los Angeles, Orange County, Sacramento, and San Francisco, facilitated by an event guide filled with recipes—including two variations on Sagehen wings and a “Tangy Athena” cocktail—and a technology how-to, supplemented with live technical support for the duration of the game.

In true Sixth Street-rivalry fashion, lead changes were frequent as the two teams traded baskets up to the decisive last moments of the game. CMS guard Remy Pinson ’14 hit a clutch three-pointer to give the Stags a two-point lead. Then Pomona-Pitzer guard Kyle McAndrews, fouled while shooting a three with only 0.4 seconds on the clock, calmly sank all three free throws to lock up the Sagehens’ victory.

Stags on Ice

On Feb. 12, Kathleen Fitzpatrick ’80 and John Poss hosted an ice skating party at their Denver-area home. In addition to chili and hot drinks, Kathleen and John provided more than 50 pairs of ice skates in various sizes for guests to use for the day. Other activities included sledding and fireside visits with fellow CMCers.

Show your CMC pride!

CMC and CMS gear is available online through Huntley Bookstore as well as NEW Campus Store merchandise: CMC Alumni Gear, CMS Athenas Gear, and CMS Stags Gear. Visit cmc.edu/alumni for details.

The Social Network

On Jan. 10, students visiting Silicon Valley as part of the Information Technology Advisory Board’s annual networking trip hobnobbed with Bay Area alumni during a reception at the Four Seasons. Spirited discussions of the many facets of the technology industry, from marketing to software engineering, were complemented by a standing-room-only keynote lecture presented by Jonathan Rosenberg ’83 P’14, former senior vice president of product management and marketing at Google.

A similar event was held in New York City to welcome students participating in the Financial Economics Institute’s networking trip.
A Call to Arms

A warm-hearted welcome leaves a lasting impression. Alumni Weekend, April 27-29, will pay tribute to the unique CMC experience, sending you on a dynamic and exciting trip down memory lane, where you can reconnect with fellow alumni and relive all of the unbridled fun of college. All alumni are invited to share in the experience, featuring special programming for affinity groups and landmark classes.

New this year: The swanky Alumni Club will provide a central hub for the weekend. Around-the-clock programming will feature students and special guests, a fully staffed information and registration desk, a stylish lounge, and abundant snacks—plus, the “It’s Five O’clock Somewhere” Bar.

cmc.edu/alumniweekend
Other Schedule Highlights:

Thursday, April 26
5-C Networking Mixer
Social Hour at the Buffalo Inn

Friday, April 27
CMCAA Annual Meeting
21st Annual Cliff MacLeod Golf Classic
Scholarship Lunch
4-C Wine Tasting
Tuxedos and Trays Tribute Dinner
  Five-star dining and Collins collide
Starlight Ball and Lounge
Winston Churchill Society
Student Movie Screening
5-C Lounge and Bar at HMC
  Music by HMC alumni band Popebear
Late-Night Snack
  In-N-Out on Parents Field

Saturday, April 28
I Ran with Goldhammer
Town Hall Breakfast with President Gann
ContinuED
Stag-a-palooza Food Fair and Festival
The Pirate Party
Craft Beer Tasting
Tours
Myths, Legends, and Tall Tales with Jil ’58 and
  President Emeritus Jack Stark ’57 GP’11
Reunion Class Receptions, Dinners, and Photographs
5-C Monte Carlo Party

Sunday, April 29
5-C Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden Tour
Memorial Service
  Veterans Fountain Rededication
Concours de Claremont Car Show
Farewell Champagne Brunch
5-C Sam Maloof Home Tour
The Claremont McKenna College Alumni Association and Pomona College cordially invites you to join us in Copenhagen, Denmark, during the weekend of June 15-17, for Euromeet XXIII.

**Friday, June 15 – Rendezvous Dinner**

*Velkommen til København!* Welcome to Copenhagen! Gather with current CMC and Pomona students, alumni, parents, and friends at 8 p.m. for an informal, no-host dinner.

**Saturday, June 16 – Boat Ride and Tour in Heart of Copenhagen**

Start the morning with a guided canal tour of Copenhagen’s harbor and many of the city’s finest attractions. After the excursion, the group will take a break to sample authentic Danish fare over lunch at a local café. The day will then continue with a guided tour of the Queen’s Tapestries at the Christiansborg Palace in the heart of Copenhagen. These stunning tapestries illustrate more than 1,000 years of Danish history through the use of ornate textiles. After, you may continue with a self-guided tour of Christiansborg Palace, explore Copenhagen at your leisure, or return to your hotel.

**Saturday Night, June 16 – Euromeet Reunion Dinner**

Our Euromeet reunion celebration reaches its zenith at Nimb Terrasse, located inside the beautiful Tivoli Gardens. We will gather at this stunning location in the heart of the gardens for what is sure to be a fabulous dining experience with fellow CMC and Pomona travelers.

**Sunday, June 17 – Day Trip to Hamlet’s Castle**

Journey to Kronborg Castle, immortalized by Shakespeare’s *Hamlet*. Travel by train to Helsingør (Elsinore) and explore the majestic castle and grounds, which date back to 1574 and are home to the longest hall in Europe. Tours of the casemates and royal apartments are included with admission tickets.

Register online at cmc.edu/netcommunity/euromeet or contact the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations at 909-621-8097 or alumni@cmc.edu.
Connect with the Online Alumni Directory

Did you know that you can access the contact information of fellow alumni 24 hours a day, 7 days a week? Advanced search options allow you to filter by location, profession, class, and more.

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FRANK R. MILLER JR. ’53, of Santa Barbara, died Jan. 30 at Cottage Hospital. Miller served in the U.S. Army and earned the rank of lieutenant. A practicing CPA, he was a partner in the CVC Group. Miller served his community through organizations including Work, Inc., Kiwanis, Mission Archives Library, Braille Institute, Community Arts Music Association, Foundation Roundtable, and All Saints-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church. An emeritus trustee of Scripps College, he enjoyed traveling and showing old cars. Miller is survived by his sons, Frank III and Arthur, and two grandsons.

EDGAR DOUGLAS POE ’53, of Riverbank, died Jan. 4. Born and raised in Los Angeles, Poe joined the Navy in 1947 and was stationed at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. He graduated from CMC with a degree in business and went into sales at IBM, where he worked for 23 years. After leaving IBM, he started his own business, E.D. Poe and Associates. A champion handball player and racquetball player, he was also a crack bird hunter, according to his son, Jeffrey, always the first in his group to bag the limit on opening day. Poe is survived by his wife, Jill; a son, Jeffrey; stepchildren Pamela, Patricia, David, and Ronald; and nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

OMAR BRUBAKER ’55, of San Francisco, died March 23, 2011, from complications of colon cancer. After graduating from CMC and working as an assistant business manager for the Claremont Public Schools, he earned an MBA from the University of California, Berkeley. Initially an accountant at the Kawneer Company, Brubaker transitioned to managing pension and employee benefit funds as a senior vice president of portfolio management in the trust department of Crocker National Bank. After Wells Fargo acquired Crocker, he continued as a vice president at Fred Alger and the Atlanta/Sosnoff Capital Corporation. In retirement, Brubaker worked occasionally as an arbitrator with the National Association of Securities Dealers. He was a lifelong piano enthusiast, enjoying weekly lessons and daily practice and play, and a supporter of the West Coast Ragtime Society. Brubaker is survived by his wife, Kathleen; children, Susan and John; and a granddaughter.

JACK W. ALLANACH ’56, of Bend, Ore., died Sept. 2, 2011, of prostate cancer. Allanach served as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army in Frankfurt, Germany, and New York. A controller at Kaufman & Walter, he also owned a commercial fishing boat and fished annually for swordfish and albacore. Allanach was a member of the Exchange Club of Irvine and the United Fisherman’s Organization of Southern California. Allanach is survived by his wife, Ann, and son, Jack W. Allanach II.

WILLIAM “BILL” WOODARD JR. ’58, of San Pedro, died Jan. 22 at Little Company of Mary Medical Center in San Pedro. After serving in the U.S. Army, Woodard was a commercial loan officer for more than 30 years. He was a member of Christ Church, Redondo Beach, and served on the board of directors of Casa de los Amigos, an Episcopal senior residence facility. Woodard loved woodworking and jazz music. An underwater exploration enthusiast, he was a SCUBA diver and PADI instructor. He is survived by his wife, Lucy, Scripps ’60; daughter, Elizabeth; sons, William III and Spencer; and four grandchildren.

STUART K. MANVILLE ’60, of Sun City, Ariz., died Feb. 10, of lung cancer. Manville blogged throughout the last four months of his life at http://mylastvoyage.blogspot.com/. In retirement, he was a U.S. area deputy director, affiliate support manager, tactician, and extended volunteer for Habitat for Humanity International in Texas and Georgia. Manville previously was director of program support for Lockheed Martin and ESPO controller for Lockheed E.M.S. Company, chief financial officer for the Robertson Steel Company, and special assistant to the vice president: finance of the Kerr McGee Chemical Corporation. He earned his MBA from the University of Oklahoma. A business administration and economics major at CMC, he served on the Hub Management Committee and participated in Siddlons, the Tri-College drama club. Manville is survived by his wife, Cathy; daughters, Sarah and Dana; and one grandson.

GARTER MULLEN ’72, of Scottsdale, Ariz., died Dec. 30, 2011, of an extended illness. He attended Blake School for Boys in Hopkins, Minn., and Phoenix Country Day School in Arizona before enrolling at CMC. He received his master’s degree from the University of Southern California. The former CEO of Mullen Advertising and Public Relations, Mullen was an active Big Brothers volunteer. He enjoyed boating on Lake Powell, and fishing and hunting in Alaska and the Caribbean. His name appears on a Mexican hunting lodge’s Hall of Fame as one of their most accurate wing-shooters of all time. Mullen is survived by his wife, Evelyn, an alumna of Scripps College; two children; and a grandson.

TIMOTHY O. BROWN JR. ’75, of San Dimas, died Nov. 4, 2011. After serving in the Air Force in Vietnam, he attended CMC and earned a bachelor’s degree in public administration from the University of La Verne. Brown began a career in local government as finance director and deputy city treasurer for Upland. He then served as city controller for Compton, assistant city manager and finance director for Hawthorne, city manager of Seaside, business director for the Los Angeles Unified School District, and chief operating officer for the Inglewood Unified School District. His career culminated with a role as city manager of Coachella until his retirement in 2009. Brown also volunteered his time with the Elks, Kiwanis, and Rotary clubs, as well as Seaside Raiders Youth Football and the San Gabriel Valley Girl Scouts. Brown is survived by his wife, Evelyn, and a granddaughter.
LOVELACE

LAURA OMORI McCOMBS ’82, of Orinda, died Aug. 22, 2011. McCombs transferred to CMC from UCLA in 1979. An international relations major, she earned a master’s degree in international marketing from the Thunderbird School of Global Management. McCombs was a senior product manager at Worldwise, Inc. She was previously a producer of educational gaming at LeapFrog, director of product management and senior product manager for Lewis Galoob Toys, international marketing manager for Redken Laboratories, and a product manager for Mattel.

THOMAS HAND ’07, of Costa Mesa, died Jan. 15 in a motorcycle collision. A graduate of Mira Loma High School, after receiving his undergraduate degree from CMC he was accepted into the PRIME-LC program at the University of California, Irvine, School of Medicine. Hand established the UC Irvine chapter of Physicians for Human Rights, an organization dedicated to promoting universal health and combating human rights abuses on a global level, which raised $3,000 for earthquake relief in Haiti. He was a researcher in the Chiapas, Mexico, community health project and a translator for the Flying Samaritans clinic in Mexico. Hand also was editor and historian for UC Irvine’s Latino Medical Student Association and creative writing editor for PLEXUS, the medical school’s journal of the arts and humanities. In 2010, he received an Office of Education Service Award, conferred on two students annually who have most improved the environment and prestige of the medical school. Hand is survived by his parents and sister. Hand’s mother, Ada, is the former vice president, communications, for the Claremont McKenna College Parent Network.

Life Trustee Jon Lovelace, of Santa Barbara, died Nov. 16, 2011.

Lovelace and his wife, Lillian, were generous and longtime supporters of Claremont McKenna College, Claremont Graduate University, and the Claremont University Consortium. Their contributions helped to fund the Gould Center for Humanistic Studies, the Children’s School, the Rose Institute, the Claremont Colleges Libraries, the Black Merit Scholarship Fund, the Jack L. Stark Endowed Scholarship Fund, the J.B. Lovelace Lecture Series, the construction of Stark Hall, and other College initiatives. He also supported the Jonathan B. Lovelace Chair in Economics, established by his father and held by Richard Burdekin.

Professionally, Lovelace guided The Capital Group Companies, Inc., as it became one of the largest investment management firms in the nation. Under his tutelage, The Capital Group, founded by his father, Jonathan Bell Lovelace, became a pioneer in international and global investing.

In addition to his philanthropy to the College, Lovelace supported the arts, education, health, the environment, and science. He was chairman of the J. Paul Getty Trust and a founding trustee of the California Institute for the Arts.

CMC awarded Lovelace, a Princeton alumnus, an honorary Doctor of Laws degree in 1976. He was first appointed as a Trustee of the College in 1969. He chaired the Board of Trustees from 1973 to 1976. An honorary member of the CMC Alumni Association, Lovelace received the Association’s highest honor, the George C.S. Benson Distinguished Achievement Award, in 1986.

He is survived by his wife, Lillian; daughter, Carey; three sons, Jeffrey, Jim, and Rob; and six grandchildren.

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Life Trustee Robert Silverstein GP’04, of Beverly Hills, died Jan. 29.

Silverstein was a B-24 bombardier and navigator in Italy during World War II.

After the war he joined the sales and marketing department of Plastic & Die Cast Products Corporation, which later became Eldon Industries. By 1949, he rose to president and CEO. Eldon was named to The Times 100: The Best Performing Companies in California by the L.A. Times in 1988, 1989, and 1990, and included in the Top 200 Best Small Companies in America by Forbes Magazine in 1987. In 1990, Rubbermaid Incorporated acquired Eldon. Mr. Silverstein remained with the company until his retirement in 1991.

In addition to his philanthropy to the College, Silverstein maintained a lifelong interest in medicine. He served on the board of directors of Cedars-Sinai Medical Center and was chairman of the board from 1993 to 1998. He then co-chaired the Campaign for the 21st Century, which raised funds for the hospital’s continued expansion and growth. Silverstein was inducted into the Fairfax High School Hall of Fame in 1999.

He is survived by his wife, Anita; two daughters, Suzanne and Blair; son, Robert; and five grandchildren, including JESSE SILVERSTEIN ’04 and his wife, MERISA ’05.
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