

To the Students, Faculty, and Staff:

As a truly splendid year at Claremont McKenna College begins, I wish to take a moment to recognize outstanding achievements of our community during the summer and the first weeks of a new academic year.

The College achieved record performances in both fundraising and portfolio management in the last fiscal year. The College raised more than \$57.8 million, nearly double the preceding year's record-breaking total, with gifts targeting College priorities: endowment (chairs and scholarships, building funds, and current operations). The endowment continued its strong performance, earning 26.33 percent, after fees, with a four-year average return of 17.91 percent. I particularly wish to thank Trustees Abbott Brown P'00 and Michael Larson '80 for their leadership of the Investment Committee.

The College received a \$20 million grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to create a new full-tuition scholarship, the Interdisciplinary Science Scholarship Program (ISS). The largest foundation grant in the College's history, the program is designed to recruit students with economic need by offering full-tuition scholarships to students who dual or double major in science and another discipline. Examples include dual/double majors of science and philosophy, to tackle issues of bioethics, for instance, or science and government to address health care policies. This scholarship offers another important track for expanding access to higher education, and is a strong fit with the leadership mission of the College, as well as the philosophy of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, which seeks to ensure that all persons, especially those with the fewest resources, have access to the opportunities they need to succeed in school and life.

I am deeply grateful to those persons within the CMC community who worked so diligently to make this gift a reality, and to the Gates Foundation for its recognition and support.

We were delighted to welcome to campus the 268 members of the Class of 2011. They are an excellent group, with median SAT scores of 1400, 84.4 percent among the top 10 percent of their high school class, and 24 McKenna Scholars.

The College's 61st annual Convocation featured outstanding remarks by Janet Smith, the Von Tobel Professor of Economics and director of the Financial Economics Institute, who spoke on *Being Entrepreneurial at CMC*.

In June, I was pleased to sign The American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment, a national higher education initiative to address global warming. The initiative represents a dual pledge to achieve climate neutrality on campuses and also support the capability of society to do the same. The Board of Trustees approved the College's recommendation to commit to silver-level LEED environmental certification for all new building projects.

The College's leadership focus was well-represented in several summer events. The annual Step Up to Leadership program sponsored by the Kravis Leadership Institute and organized by Professor Susan Murphy, KLI associate director, brought more than 45 youth

leaders from across the nation to campus in June. The program, which helps outstanding high school students develop leadership competence and character, combines the classroom with real-life experience, and utilizes the talent and expertise of CMC student counselors. KLI director Ron Riggio, the Henry R. Kravis Professor of Leadership and Organizational Psychology, hosted the Keck Foundation Teaching Leadership Conference, which brought to campus more than 70 faculty members from 47 colleges and universities.

KLI also hosted its first leadership development retreat for incoming sophomores, the Sophomore Leadership Experience. Co-sponsored by the Office of the Dean of Students, the program featured at Big Bear Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center, as well as on-campus, to promote personal and group leadership skills. The sophomores, who were given feedback to assist their learning and development, returned to CMC for a closing panel discussion in which I was joined by Vice President for Student Affairs Jeff Huang, Registrar Elizabeth Morgan, and Director of Athletics Mike Sutton.

The civic engagement of our students and alumni was also exemplified with the victory of Tom Leppert '77 in the Dallas mayoral race, his first political campaign. Tom's record of leadership at CMC is impressive, from his days as student body president, to his continued outstanding service as a member of the Board of Trustees.

The tradition of politics and CMC was also recognized in *Newsweek*, which in its Kaplan/Newsweek rankings named CMC "Hottest College in an Election Year," commenting: "few selective colleges in America have such ideologically balanced faculties and student bodies," adding that the College was "vibrating with anticipation of the 2008 presidential race."

The College also anticipates a number of important guest speakers in the first few months of the new year, including: Nobel Laureate Orhan Pamuk, author of *Snow*, and *Istanbul: Memories and the City*; October 18, Res Publica visitor Anderson Cooper, November 13; and Bono, founder of U2 and noted humanitarian, whom we will host at Bridges Auditorium on October 30.

Welcoming New Teacher-Scholars

We welcomed 17 new teacher-scholars to the Claremont McKenna community::

- Eric Hughson, professor of economics with lateral tenure, from the University of Colorado (Ph.D., Carnegie Mellon)
- Darren Filson, associate professor of economics, from Claremont Graduate University (Ph.D., University of Rochester)
- Amanda Ganguly, associate professor of economics (accounting), from Purdue University (Ph.D., University of Pittsburgh)
- Catherine Reed, associate professor of psychology, from the University of Denver (Ph.D. University of California, Santa Barbara)
- George Batta, assistant professor of economics (accounting), from USC (Ph.D., Harvard)
- Harish Bhat, assistant professor of mathematics, from Columbia University (Ph.D., Cal Tech)

- David Bjerck, assistant professor of economics, from RAND (Ph.D. University of Wisconsin)
- Shane Bjornlie, assistant professor of history, from Bryn Mawr (Ph.D., Princeton University)
- Lenny Fukshanksy, assistant professor of mathematics, from Texas A&M (Ph.D., University of Texas)
- Tanya Kanaya, assistant professor of psychology, from Muhlenberg College (Ph.D., Cornell University)
- James Kreines, assistant professor of philosophy, from Yale University (Ph.D., University of Chicago)
- Seth Lobis, assistant professor of literature, from Boston University (Ph.D., Yale University)
- Daniel Michon, assistant professor of religious studies, from Loyola Marymount University (Ph.D., University of California, Santa Barbara)
- Serkan Ozbeklik, assistant professor of economics, from USC (Ph.D., Ohio State University)
- Albert Park, assistant professor of history, from the University of Chicago (Ph.D., University of Chicago)
- Jennifer Taw, assistant professor of government (international relations), taught at Occidental College before coming to CMC as a visitor last year (Ph.D., UCLA)
- George Thomas, assistant professor of government, joins from Williams College (Ph.D., University of Massachusetts)

We are also very pleased to welcome the legendary Mort Sahl, who will be with CMC this semester as a visiting lecturer in the Gould Center for Humanistic Studies to teach a far-reaching course on critical thinking. Already a familiar presence at campus events, we are delighted to welcome Mort and his spouse to our community, and look forward to a splendid experience for our students. I wish to thank Robert Faggen, the Barton Evans and H. Andrea Neves Professor of Literature and Chair of the department, for arranging his visit.

Faculty Achievements and Activities

Once again, our faculty represented the excellence of Claremont McKenna College through a wide range of research activities and other achievements during their summer break. Highlights include:

- Asuman Aksoy, professor of mathematics, published a paper on *Compactness and Measures of Non-Compactness in Metric Tress* in the journal of the international symposium on *Banach and Function Spaces*, co-authored with Allison Westfahl '07.
- Jennifer Armstrong, assistant professor, biology, was awarded a three-year National Science Foundation grant of nearly \$304,000, which will allow expansion of her research program and student training in the lab. She was published in the journal *Biochemistry and Cell Biology*, and is co-author of the textbook *Current Protocols in Essential Laboratory Techniques*, Wiley Publishers.
- Adam Bradley, assistant professor of literature, was featured in the *Washington Post Magazine* for his research on the unpublished works of Ralph Ellison, author of *Invisible Man*. The *Post* also sponsored an online chat with Professor Bradley.

- Jay Conger, the Henry R. Kravis Chair in Leadership Studies, co-authored the article *Make Your Company a Talent Factory*, in the June issue of *Harvard Business Review*.
- Andy Busch, professor of government and associate dean of the faculty, is the author of *The Constitution on the Campaign Trail: The Surprising Political Career of the Nation's Founding Document*, published by Roman & Littlefield.
- Gaston Espinosa, assistant professor of religious studies, has been named lead editor of the Columbia University Press series on *Religion and Politics*, with topics including religion and the American presidency, Islam and politics, and church-state debate. He is also co-author of *Rethinking Latino(a) Religion and Identity*, published by Pilgrim Press.
- Lenny Fukshansky, assistant professor of mathematics, presented a lecture at the Illinois Number Theory Fest at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, and served as a visiting member of the *Institut des Hautes Etudes Scientifiques* in Bures-sur-Yvette, France.
- Edward Haley, the W. M. Keck Foundation Chair of International Strategic Studies, attended a conference on U.S.-Israeli Relations at the Menachem Begin/Anwar Sadat Strategic Studies Institute at Bar Ilan University, and also conducted interviews in Israel for his new book, *Israel and the United States Since 9/11*. He served as keynote speaker at conference on U.S.-Mexico relations at ITAM, and addressed the Senate of the Mexican federal legislature, as well as the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Mexico City. He also conducted interviews in Washington for his forthcoming book. His op-ed, *How to End the War in Iraq*, was published in the *San Francisco Chronicle*.
- Diane Halpern, professor of psychology and director of the Berger Institute for Work, Family, and Children, spoke to the Washington, D.C. chapter of CMCAA, discussing findings of the Berger Institute's study, *Life After Graduation: CMC Alumni Reflect on Their Work, Family, and Children*.
- Esther Hernandez, visiting instructor, modern languages, taught at the Middlebury Language Schools on the topic, *Hispanic Culture through Theater and Performance*.
- Paul Hurley, the Edward J. Sexton Professor of Philosophy, has been appointed chair of the program committee for the Pacific Division, American Philosophical Association, and to the regional executive committee.
- Manfred Keil, associate professor of economics, attended an economics conference in Hong Kong, where he also spoke at a CMCAA *Evening With a Professor* gathering, and also presented an invited paper in Singapore.
- Amy Kind, associate dean of the faculty and associate professor of philosophy, has been published in the refereed journal *Philosophical Studies*, on the topic of *Restrictions on Representationalism*.
- Dan Krauss, associate professor of psychology, served as a panelist on the topic, *Do Observers Belong in the Testing Room?*, during the annual convention of the American Psychological Association in San Francisco.
- Chae-Jin Lee, BankAmerica Professor of Pacific Basin Studies and director of the Keck Center for International and Strategic Studies, presented lectures on *U.S. Policy Toward North Korea* at Korea University and Ewha Women's University in Seoul, and on *China and Korea: Dynamic Relations*, at Free University of Berlin.
- Mario Martelli, professor of mathematics, participated in several conferences and presented two lectures at the University of Firenze International Conference on *Topological Methods, Differential Equations and Dynamical Systems*, and at the

Mathematics Department of the University of Naples, Italy. He organized a special session on Research for Undergraduates at the Summer Math Fest of the Mathematical Association of America in San Jose, where he also served as a panelist. He is serving as chair of the Southern California-Nevada Section of the Mathematical Association of America.

- Timothy Martin, visiting lecturer in economics, is the author of an article about the Ninth Circuit's *Perfect v. Google* opinion, published in the *Los Angeles Daily Journal*.
- Marc Massoud, the Robert A. Day Distinguished Professor of Accounting, presented a paper on environmental accounting at a professional gathering in Greece, and later served as presenter and program chair in Berlin.
- James Morrison, associate professor of literature, is the author of a critical study, *Roman Polanski*, published by the University of Illinois Press last month, and a novel, *The Lost Girl*, published in July by Parlor Press.
- Jim Nichols, professor of government, is the author of *Alexandre Kojeve: Wisdom at the End of History*, published in August by Rowman & Littlefield in their series, *Twentieth Century Thinkers*.
- Jack Pitney, the Roy P. Crocker Professor of American Politics, participated in more than 135 media interviews over the summer, in outlets including the *Chicago Tribune*, Associated Press, CBS News, Bloomberg News, NPR, and the *Los Angeles Times*. He wrote seven opinion pieces, including *House of Pelosi* in *National Review Online*, *Sacramento's Boomerang Reforms*, in the *Los Angeles Times*, and *An Enemy of Convenience* in the *Wall Street Journal*.
- Ron Riggo, the Henry R. Kravis Professor of Leadership and Organizational Psychology and director of the Kravis Leadership Institute, attended the International Leadership Summit of the Americas in Ecuador, where he presented a paper on multiple intelligences.
- Constance Rossum, adjunct associate professor of government, presented a paper at the Academy of Business Administration's 2007 international conference on *Collaboration Lifecycles: A Critical Analysis of Successful Strategic Alliances Between Business and Nonprofits*.
- Irene Tang, associate professor of biology, was published in the journal of the Federation of *European Biochemical Societies*, and *Biochemical Journal*.

Student Achievements

Our students continued the CMC summertime tradition of "working vacations," with a wide range of intellectual and civic pursuits, internships, academic travel, and community service. In addition, the College's outstanding internship program is profiled in the current issue of *CMC Magazine*. Highlights of this summer's student activities include:

Sixty-eight students were awarded Kravis Leadership Institute Summer Internships, including: sophomores Andrew Jarmon (I Have a Dream Foundation, Colorado), and Nick Jones (The Outdoors Foundation, Washington); juniors Ashley Green (The Committee for Children, Washington), and Raymond Hall (The United States Embassy, Madrid); and seniors Elizabeth Balch (Lea County Regional Medical Center, New Mexico), Elizabeth Carlson (Immigrants List, Washington, D.C.), Natalya Bogopolskaya (Doctors to Children, Russia), and Timothy Iafe (Support the World, Tanzania). Internship sites also included: the U.S. Department of State,

Guatemala Human Rights Commission, Council of the Americas, Sony International, San Francisco AIDS Foundation, Sierra Club, KCET-TV, the Pollworker Institute, Head Start, Africa Action, NASA, Army Wounded Warriors, and the Boys and Girls Clubs of America.

Thirty-seven McKenna International Internship recipients literally spanned the globe, with examples including seniors Rebecca Burns (India Development Foundation), Vanessa Carter (Student Movement for Real Change, South Africa), Brad Johnson (U.N. Development Program, Mexico), Eric Ren (Child Development Centre, Hong Kong), Candace Williams (Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative, India), and juniors Greer Donely (1 to 1, Honduras), Shelby Leighton (Seeds of Peace, Israel), and Alexandra Ristow (Servicios de Salud Integral, Peru).

Fifteen students participated in the College's Community Service Internship Program, including: sophomores Rebekah Binns (Volunteers of America Nursery Relief, Oregon), Stuart Felkner (The Arthritis Foundation, California); junior Veronica Nauts (Uncommon Good, Los Angeles); and seniors Marielle Goyette (Sanctuary for Families, New York City), and Samantha Stecker (The Basketball Training Institute, California).

Fifteen students received AnneMerie Donaghue Fellowships from The Center for the Study of the Holocaust, Genocide, and Human Rights, including: seniors Amy Berg, who researched philosophical approaches to global poverty, Marisa Shea, who researched the effects of Turkey's civil code on the welfare of women, and Elizabeth Pavlovich (The Touch Foundation, Tanzania).

Seven students received Keck Center Summer Internship awards, including seniors Hillary Bunsow (Fundacion IDEAS, Argentina), Laura Eise (Awlady Orphanage, Egypt), and Lauren Smith (Grameen Bank, Bangladesh).

The three faculty-led student travel trips offered outstanding opportunities this summer.

The Keck Center sponsored two summer field research trips, to Prague and Seoul. Professor Chae-Jin Lee, Keck Center director, took six students to Seoul. Students visited the National Assembly, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Seoul National University, and the Combined Forces Command and U.S. Army Headquarters at Yongsan Military Base and the Joint Security Area at Panmunjom, among others.

Hilary Appel, associate professor of government, led a group of six students to Prague, where they met with officials of the Czech Republic, interviewed European Union diplomats, and attended lectures and cultural events.

Nita Kumar, the Brown Family Professor of South Asian History, and Lisa Cody, associate professor of history, accompanied 10 students to India, traveling more than 2,000 miles from Delhi across Uttar Pradesh, including the holy site where Buddha first inspired a small group of monks, and the domes of the Taj Mahal. In addition to the historical sightseeing, the students interviewed investment analysts, educators, artisans, and social workers, gaining insight to the country's rapid globalization and economic boom.

New Spaces

Construction is underway on the College's new residence hall, set to open next fall, and planning continues for our numerous other building projects. We will update you further at the meeting of the Trustees.

Alumni, Parents, and Friends

The CMC Alumni Association spent a busy summer with numerous events and programming opportunities, kicked off with a successful Reunion Weekend celebration and Euromet XVIII, held in Geneva. Additional summertime activities included a baseball game at Anaheim Stadium, participation in a 5-C Young Alumni event at the Pitzer International Food and Music Festival, and an Evening at the Hollywood Bowl, with a catered picnic and continuing learning lecture by Professor Emeritus Ron Teeple P'91 before an evening of jazz by the legendary Dave Brubeck. CMCAA members wrapped their summer activities with a shared community service project with the Class of 2011.

In closing, please join me in recognizing the many achievements of our community during the previous months, and in looking forward to another exceptional year for Claremont McKenna College.