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UNIVERSITY CELEBRATES NEW DOWNTOWN CAMPUS

USF celebrated the grand opening of its new Downtown Campus on Sept. 14, with Marc Benioff, chairman and CEO of Salesforce.com—one of the world’s leading technology companies—welcoming the university to the South of Market neighborhood. Salesforce’s headquarters is located just two blocks away.

Speaking before a packed house of invited guests, Benioff embraced USF as Salesforce’s newest neighbor and highlighted the values shared by both organizations, including their commitment to investing, engaging, and contributing to their communities and society at large.

“As you come to this great university and you learn about business; and you learn about how to make money; and you learn about how to be successful, don’t forget about the importance of giving back,” Benioff told the audience.

At Salesforce, Benioff developed a 1/1/1 model of philanthropy. Every year, the company donates 1 percent of its stock equity to its charitable foundation, gives employees paid leave for 1 percent of their work time for their volunteer efforts, and gives or heavily discounts 1 percent of its products to nonprofits and higher education institutions around the world.

Sophie Mao MBA, MAPS ’14, a communication and training analyst at Salesforce, said the new location is ideal for working professionals who want to earn an advanced degree in business.

“I love it,” Mao said. “It takes me five minutes to walk to class.”

The Downtown Campus is home to many of USF’s Masagung Graduate School of Management programs, including the school’s MBA and financial analysis courses.

For Michael Appezzato MBA ’13, the downtown location means seeing and being seen.

“You’re just bumping into the type of people that work in the type of environment that you’re hoping to be in after you graduate.”

The new campus reinforces the university’s ties with business and civic leaders and underscores USF’s commitment to engaging with the city, said USF President Stephen A. Privett, S.J. “With neighbors such as Google, Twitter, Dropbox, Salesforce.com, and established legal and financial services firms, USF’s Downtown Campus presents tremendous opportunity for new corporate partnerships and places USF in the center of innovation.”

The opening of the Downtown Campus marks a return to the university’s roots. The building is located within walking distance of Fourth and Market streets, where the university was founded in 1855 (currently the site of the Westfield San Francisco Centre). The historic building was previously home to the Folger Coffee Company and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

watch usf celebrate the opening of the downtown campus at www.usfca.edu/magazine/downtown_open
A GIANT CELEBRATION FOR USF’S CALIFORNIA PRIZE
SURPRISE GUEST WILLIE MAYS THRILLS AUDIENCE

Just two weeks after winning the 2012 World Series, the San Francisco Giants organization accepted the 2012 USF California Prize for Service and the Common Good at a sold-out gala dinner on campus. Excitement for the big win was still fresh as Larry Baer, president and CEO of the Giants, stepped to the podium on Nov. 12 to accept the award, only to be interrupted by a standing ovation.

“It is a remarkable honor to be recognized by the city’s first university,” Baer said. “The USF California Prize is certainly a source of motivation for us to continue these efforts.” Baer noted that USF and the Giants have a lot in common: both are well established, both “wear ‘San Francisco’ across our chests,” and both have a mission to improve the community.

“The Giants are about more than winning baseball games,” USF President Stephen A. Privett, S.J., told the crowd. “The Giants organization, from players to the front office staff, engages in community service and community building. That’s why this city loves the Giants.”

Since 1991, the Giants Community Fund has donated $14 million to improve the lives of underserved youth and their families. The popular Junior Giants Baseball program provides an alternative to drugs, gangs, and crime, serving more than 20,000 at-risk children every year in more than 100 communities across California, Nevada, and Oregon.

With the prize medal hanging around his neck, Baer introduced a special guest, baseball legend Willie Mays—perhaps the greatest player of all time. The crowd erupted in thunderous applause. The 81-year-old stood and tipped his cap to acknowledge the ovation, as Baer described Mays as one of the game’s great ambassadors.

“Willie will pull up to the ball park, and kids will see him and yell ‘Willie!’ And you know what he does? He reaches into the trunk of his car and takes out a couple dozen baseballs and starts signing baseballs and throws them to the kids.” Mays spent most of his major league career with the New York and San Francisco Giants.

For an encore, Baer had the 2012 World Series championship trophy placed at the head of the stage for all to see. Guests left their dinners and lined up to be photographed with baseball’s ultimate prize.
Baer said he was proud to have USF graduates working in every department in the Giants organization, calling them “a force of nature,” and applauded USF for educating students who are truly committed to making a positive difference in the world. He also gave a shout-out to USF’s masters degree program in sports management, calling it “exemplary and very well respected.”

This is the fifth year of the USF California Prize, which honors individuals or organizations in the state that give back to their communities and support underserved populations. It comes with a $10,000 check to support the winner’s work and a handcrafted medal.

The previous recipients are: 2011—Daniel Lurie, CEO and founder of Tipping Point Community; 2010—One Pacific Coast Bank and Foundation (formerly One California); 2009—Alice Waters, chef and champion of locally grown food; and 2008—Lynn Fritz, social entrepreneur and founder of the Fritz Institute.
Gone Native: Indigenous Plants Return to Lone Mountain

Plant species that disappeared from Lone Mountain a century ago are making a comeback, thanks to experiments being conducted by USF ecology students. The researchers are testing the abilities of 12 once-abundant plant species to re-establish on Lone Mountain, plants like the sticky monkeyflower and the seaside daisy.

In the past three years, about 170 undergraduates taking Ecology and Human Impacts with Gretchen Coffman, assistant professor of environmental science/management, created four test sites for native plants. Some of the sites were planted with existing soil (the control group) and others with soil augmented with compost, fertilizer, and phosphorous and nitrogen.

“What shocked us was that the control group performed best,” said Justin Bauer ’11, an environmental science graduate. “There was no fertilizer required, and, quite literally, all we needed to do was stick the plants in the ground and they did just fine.”

The experiments show that the soil on Lone Mountain can sustain native species, despite decades of development. Native plants have many advantages over non-indigenous species: they’re drought tolerant and easier to care for, and they require no fertilizer, no chemical pesticides, and little water. They also provide natural habitat for threatened insect species like butterflies and bees.

Lone Mountain, known to early Spanish settlers as El Divisadero, or “lookout point,” was once covered with sand dunes and scrub vegetation. By the 1860s, it had been cleared to make way for several cemeteries. Those were relocated when the land was developed as the Lone Mountain College for Women in the 1930s. USF purchased the property in 1978.

TELLING THEIR OWN STORY: WOMEN IN BROADCAST NEWS

Valerie Coleman Morris (right), former business anchor at CNN, answered questions during a USF panel discussion featuring five women who made it big in broadcast news.

Topics at the Sept. 12 event ranged from how gender and race affected their careers to how to balance the responsibilities of home and work. Panelists included: Vicky Nguyen ’00, KNTV-TV; Anna Duckworth, KCBS radio; Belva Davis, KGED-TV; and Jana Katsuyama, KTVU-TV.

*up 7.5% from fall 2011

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1,144 SAT (mean)
Powerful Idea: Smart Meters That Could Save Energy and Money

What happens if you’re in San Francisco, but your apartment’s electric heater is running full blast in New York? USF’s Sami Rollins, an associate professor of computer science, has the answer.

Working with colleagues at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Rollins is developing a system that not only lets you operate your home’s electrical appliances from anywhere in the world, but also monitors how much energy each one uses—all online or on your smartphone.

“There is designed to provide homeowners with more information so that they can better manage their energy efficiency,” Rollins said. Two separate technologies make this possible: a smart meter that uses a wireless home network to monitor individual appliances (today’s meters measure only total energy consumption) and a smartphone app that lets users turn appliances on and off remotely. The meter even offers suggestions about how to better manage your home energy consumption.

With a $400,000 grant from the National Science Foundation, Rollins’ team is now testing the system in one San Francisco home and five others in northwest Arkansas. USF students are helping with the research.

STARTUP SUPERSTAR
PIONEERING A NEW WAY TO PAY

Cameron Walters MS ’08 is one of the men behind Square Inc.’s groundbreaking Square Mobile Card Reader, which is shaking up the credit card industry and propelling the startup company to an estimated value of $3.25 billion.

The device allows anyone to accept payments using their smartphone and has landed the company on the pages of The Washington Post, CNNMoney, and The New York Times.

When the Square Reader launched in 2010, it set the credit card industry on its ear. Suddenly, users could go mobile, skip the annual contracts, and pay only a flat 2.75 percent transaction fee, or a monthly fee of $275. It’s used primarily by small businesses but can be used by anyone wanting to transfer funds.

Walters took the job as the Reader’s lead software developer shortly after graduating from USF with a master’s degree in Internet engineering. His job was to make sure it flawlessly tracked sales, made deposits, and provided receipts.

“My career path into technology and the Internet were directly influenced by the people I met and the knowledge I gained at USF,” he said. Walters is one of Square’s six founders, a group that includes Twitter creator Jack Dorsey.

But Walters almost wasn’t a Silicon Valley startup star. Before USF, he was a postgraduate researcher in neurobiology. The long hours in the laboratory waiting for a breakthrough didn’t suit him, however, and he took a chance on the fast-paced technology sector. As he worked on his degree at USF, he also started his own app consulting company, launched a product design/technical development firm, and created a search engine that lets computer users find and register Internet domains.

Walters is now part of Square’s international expansion team, and his company is flourishing. It boasts that more than two million businesses now use Square, and in three years, it has grown to more than 400 employees. Some of those new employees, or “Squares” as they’ve nicknamed themselves, are also USF graduates, including Aaron Dias-Melim ’11, Kailey Duffy ’11, Sarah Hirsch ’11, Jared Fliesler ’06, and Cheryl Wong ’97.
USF Leads the Way To Better-Trained Nurses

Groundbreaking research underway at USF’s new $1.7 million nursing simulation lab could transform how nursing is taught at universities across the country and improve nurses’ on-the-job performance.

Researchers there are studying whether student nurses learn medical procedures best by watching an instructional video, by performing them on a computerized mannequin, or by administering to faux patients (actors playing a part).

“We want to know whether one type of simulation training or some combination of the three is most effective,” said Judith Lambton, principal investigator on the project and professor at USF’s School of Nursing and Health Professions. It is an area that has never been studied before.

Undertaking the study required the construction of a new lab—paid for by the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD), with some funds contributed by the university. Officials at the DOD, drawing on their past experience with flight simulation, believe that medical simulation can increase nurses’ skills, reduce training costs, and improve patient care.

Lambton hopes the research results lead to a new standard for medical simulation training. Its impact could be felt across the country, as other nursing programs incorporate the findings into their curriculum.

Pre-med psychology major James Victor Kimpo ’15 said he’s thrilled to be involved. “My experience with this project has been extremely valuable. I certainly hope and believe that this first-of-its-kind study will help improve nursing education, making it more effective for nursing students around the world.”

The lab is currently reserved primarily for research use until the project wraps up in 2013. At that point, it will be turned over to USF and become a dual-purpose teaching and research lab.

Six Days in the Valley: USF Leaders See Another Side of California

USF’s leadership team traveled to California’s Central Valley for six days in May to develop a better understanding of the complex issues facing the area, including poverty, gang violence, underfunded schools, environmental degradation, and the exploitation of immigrant labor.

The 22-member team included the university’s president, deans, and vice presidents. “This trip was a consciousness-raising exercise,” said USF President Stephen A. Privett, S.J. “We can’t challenge our students to understand these issues with their heads and hearts if we don’t make the effort ourselves.”

The group visited five cities in six days—Stockton, Modesto, Merced, Fresno, and Bakersfield—to hear from those on the front lines: educators, pastors, elected officials, nonprofit leaders, and the residents themselves.

“Times are bad,” said Elvira Ramirez, executive director of Stockton’s Catholic Charities. “Demand for services like food assistance and prenatal care continues to grow but exceeds what her organization can provide.

“What stood out about the trip for me was the magnitude of the problems and the number of people who were affected by conditions that, in some cases, I couldn’t imagine were possible,” said Marcelo Camperi, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

According to the Public Policy Institute of California, if the Central Valley were a state, it would have the nation’s highest poverty rate at 23 percent.

USF is one of few universities that sponsor immersion trips for its leadership. In previous years, teams visited Mexico, Nicaragua, and El Salvador, exploring issues those countries face. The trips are underwritten by university donors.

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WATCH A REPORT ON THE CENTRAL VALLEY IMMERSION TRIP AT www.usfca.edu/magazine/centralvalley_2012
This summer, 12 graduate students and two professors from USF traveled to the remote Amazon jungle, on a mission to help an ancient, indigenous people fight for survival. The threat? Development by multinational petroleum corporations. The solution? English.

The people, the Achuar, believe that learning English will help them build alliances with the outside world, spur local economic development at the Achuar-owned and -operated Kapawi Ecolodge and Reserve, and save both their land and their culture.

“They see ecotourism as the key to their cultural survival because it provides an alternative to oil and mining exploitation,” said Susan Roberta Katz, a professor in the School of Education’s International and Multicultural Education Program. Katz and Adjunct Professor Onllwyn Dixon led the trip.

There are approximately 7,000 Achuar living in dozens of farming and hunting communities along the Ecuador-Peru border. They lived in virtual isolation until the 1970s, escaping exploitation by the rubber industry that affected many other native people earlier this century. But today, even the Achuar’s remote corner of the world is suffering from encroachment as oil companies try to gain a foothold.

In July, the Achuar convened an international Minga—or collaboration—of Achuar teachers and invited Katz and the rest of the USF team. Together, they developed a first-of-its-kind English-language curriculum for Achuar youth, based on native myths, cuisine, art, and community life. As teaching tools, USFers introduced storytelling, songs, and Total Physical Response (learning language through movement)—adding to Achuar teachers’ demonstration and lecture approach.

Pam Ly ’12, one of the USF students who traveled to the Ecuadorian jungle, called the trip a rare and valuable experience. “I am very grateful for such an exceptional opportunity to work alongside Achuar teachers and to develop new teaching methodologies that may help sustain and preserve the Achuar culture.”
Charles and Nancy Geschke Honored for Supporting Catholic Education

The National Catholic Education Association has awarded its highest honor to Charles Geschke, former chairman of the USF Board of Trustees, and his wife Nancy. The couple was presented with the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award on Oct. 1 in Washington, D.C., for their financial support and significant hands-on involvement with Catholic schools and universities around the country.

USFers may know the couple best for their support in building the Geschke Learning Resource Center, a major addition to the Gleeson Library that opened in 1997.

Charles co-founded Adobe Systems and served 17 years on the USF Board of Trustees (1990-2002, 2003-08), and as chair from 2003-07. He was named the first holder of the Rev. P. Carlo Rossi, S.J. Entrepreneurial Chair in the School of Management in 2011 and shares his expertise as a guest lecturer.

The Geschkes also partnered with Gordon and Ann Getty to create the Geschke/Getty Distinguished Faculty Fund to attract dynamic faculty to USF. Their daughter Kathleen graduated from USF in 1991.

WATCH A REPORT ABOUT THE GESCHKES’ PHILANTHROPY AT www.usfca.edu/magazine/geschke_honor

FINANCIAL AID AT USF (traditional undergraduates)

58 percent receive USF-funded financial aid

68 percent receive some form of financial aid

$53 million = USF-funded financial aid, 2012-13

TOP HONOR

USF is one of five universities in the nation to win the 2012 Higher Education Civic Engagement Award, given by the Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars. The award recognizes universities that promote student learning through community engagement and service.

New Leaders: What They Hope to Accomplish in the Year Ahead

MELISSA DALE
Executive Director,
Center for the Pacific Rim

“My goal is to establish the Center for the Pacific Rim as the place where scholars, students, and the public come to research and study cultural interaction and exchange across the Asia Pacific region—one of the most dynamic and diverse areas in the world.”

CAROL BATKER
Vice Provost,
Branch Campuses

“Our goal is to provide a student experience at our regional campuses that is comparable to that at the main USF campus. We’re dedicated to providing an excellent Jesuit education that is high in academic rigor and focused on public service.”

PETER WILCH
Vice President, Development

“We’ll soon be increasing both the staffing and the programming for the regional alumni councils. Alumni participation is vital for building a better USF, and I’ll be turning to alumni to help us identify and recruit top-notch students and offer outstanding internships and career opportunities.”
They say elephants never forget, and certainly Megan Connor ’13 will never forget the elephants. She traveled to Chiang Mai, Thailand, this summer to help take care of an entire herd.

The Elephant Nature Park sanctuary rescues elephants from owners who beat and abused them. Many of the pachyderms were used in the tourist trade to give rides or perform tricks like kicking a ball or painting on an easel. Those behaviors aren’t allowed at the sanctuary.

“Training a wild elephant to learn human voice commands involves breaking its will, and that means beating it into submission,” said Connor, a communications studies major and forward on the Dons’ soccer team.

“At the sanctuary, elephants are allowed to be elephants again.”

Connor slept under mosquito nets and rose at dawn each morning to chop and sort hundreds of pounds of fruits and vegetables for the park’s 30 Asian giants—known to eat 350 pounds each in a day. She also hand-fed the animals, cuddled with baby elephants at nap time, and bathed them at the end of each day. Luckily, a nearby river made the job easier.
Magic Moment: Olympic Flag Bearer From USF Takes World Stage

Haley Nemra ’12 reveled in the cheers of more than 80,000 spectators at London’s Olympic Stadium in July, as she carried the flag for the Marshall Islands during the opening ceremony of the 2012 Olympic Games. The business major and former Dons cross country and track and field runner posted a season best of 2:14:90 in the 800-meter preliminaries, but did not advance to the semifinals.

Nemra also competed at the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing as part of the Marshall Islands team. The two-time Olympian hopes to become a teacher. “I want to improve kids’ and young adults’ education and also encourage more young people to pursue athletics—especially girls,” Nemra said. “Athletics has been such a huge part of my life and has brought me so much opportunity. I would love to help more Marshallese have similar options.”
FOUR-PEAT!
HUGE WIN FOR WOMEN’S CROSS COUNTRY

In a dazzling performance, the USF Women’s Cross Country team won its fourth consecutive West Coast Conference championship Oct. 27 in Portland, Ore., making it the first USF women’s program in any sport to win four consecutive WCC championships.

It was a breakthrough moment for coach Helen Lehman-Winters and star runner Eva Krchova ‘14. Krchova is the first runner in USF history to win an individual title. She ran the 6K in 20:31.56.2 and was named WCC Player of the Year.

Coach Lehman-Winters also won big: she was named WCC Coach of the Year for the seventh time. Her team is enjoying a long list of accolades:

- WCC Team Championship
- WCC Player of the Year: Eva Krchova ‘14
- Freshman of the Year: Elena Burkard ‘16
- Coach of the Year: Helen Lehman-Winters
- Five All-WCC selections: Alice Baker ‘13, Laura Suur ‘13, Chloe Treleven ‘13, Eva Krchova ‘14, and Elena Burkard ‘16
- Three Academic All-Conference Team selections: Sarah Pearson ‘14, Laura Suur ‘13, and Eva Krchova ‘14 (Ten players were chosen from nine teams.)

“It was rainy and muddy in Portland,” Lehman-Winters said. “But we were excited to be in the miserable rain.”

The team credits “Coach Helen” for its sustained success. “Since I’ve come here, I’ve improved every year, more and more,” said Krchova. “I will keep improving this year too.”

“It’s about believing. Believing in the coach and in each other, and believing we can reach our team goals,” said Sophie Curl ‘14.

“I attribute my success to Helen. She told me I could qualify for the NCAA National 1500-meter race in June, and I did.”

Team members do well in the classroom too. Stunningly well. Two even have 4.0 GPAs. “We expect to improve on our team GPA every year,” Lehman-Winters said. “We’re at 3.55 now.” She adds that her runners have the “whole package” because they’re smart, they’re superb athletes, and they also give back to the community through volunteer work. “This is the caliber of student-athletes we have. They focus on excelling in all areas.”

Now that the coach has guided the team to four straight championships, she’s setting her sights even higher. “We will win a NCAA national championship!” she insists. And her runners agree. They believe.

Dons Sport A New Look

The USF Dons have a new lineup of athletics uniforms, which reinforce the university’s deep ties to San Francisco. Jerseys now feature one of two new designs: the first proudly proclaims “San Francisco”; the other, “USF,” with a green “S” and “F” stacked inside a yellow “U.”

“This new athletics logo is a bold and modern look,” said Athletics Director Scott Sidwell. “It more effectively ties USF athletics to this amazing city and better represents the Dons to our recruits and many fans across the country.”

commentary
Now that the presidential elections are over and the dust has settled, there is no better time to take up the issue of broad immigration reform, and no better place to begin than with the DREAM Act.

A bipartisan group of legislators first introduced the bill in Congress more than a decade ago, and we are still awaiting its passage. Like many Americans, they recognized that the would-be beneficiaries, undocumented immigrants who were brought to the U.S. as young children and grew up as Americans, are in a position to contribute mightily to our nation socially and economically and should be granted a path to citizenship. I agree.

These youths call themselves “DREAMers,” and providing them a path to citizenship is in their best interest, and ours as well. They make up a highly educated and potentially high-income earning group that can contribute billions of dollars to the U.S. economy across diverse industries. A study by the UCLA North American Integration and Development Center estimates they would earn between $1.4 and $3.6 trillion over the course of their working lives.

A larger supply of skilled students would also increase U.S. global competitiveness in science, technology, medicine, education, and many other fields. The Congressional Budget Office concluded in 2010 that the productivity of DREAMers would help reduce the U.S. deficit by $1.4 to $2.2 billion between 2011-20.

Catholic leaders across the country also support the legislation. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops called on all Catholics to support

Left: Immigration rights activist and undocumented immigrant Isabel Castillo leads a march supporting the DREAM Act. Castillo is the youngest person to ever receive an honorary doctorate from USF (See story on page 17).
the bill through prayer and education, because allowing everyone to reach their God-given potential is fundamental to promoting the common good.

Archbishop José Gomez of Los Angeles, chairman of the U.S. Bishops’ Committee on Migration, describes the DREAM Act as “a practical, fair, and compassionate solution for thousands of young persons” who should be rewarded for their hard work and motivation. “Those who would benefit,” he offered, “are talented, intelligent, and dedicated young persons... They can become some of the future leaders of our country, provided we are wise enough to provide them the opportunity to pursue their dreams.”

In 2011, USF President Stephen A. Privett, S.J., awarded an honorary doctoral degree to Isabel Castillo, a young DREAMer who couldn’t get a job despite graduating from college magna cum laude, and from high school with a 4.0 GPA. (See story next page). This is a terrible waste of talent, the kind that could give our country a competitive edge.

Many want DREAMers removed from American public schools, but that is a mistake. I’m reminded of the important words of the Supreme Court in its 1982 case, Plyler v. Doe, which struck down legislation that denied public school access to undocumented youth:

[M]any of the undocumented children disabled by this classification will remain in this country indefinitely, and...some will become lawful residents or citizens of the United States. It is difficult to understand precisely what the State hopes to achieve by promoting the creation and perpetuation of a subclass of illiterates within our boundaries, surely adding to the problems and costs of unemployment, welfare, and crime. It is thus clear that whatever savings might be achieved by denying these children an education, they are wholly insubstantial in light of the costs involved to these children, the State, and the Nation.

DREAMers are in the U.S. because their parents also have a dream: to make an honest living for an honest day’s work, to put food on the table, to be part of a safe community, to instill strong family values, and to send their children to school in hopes of a better to-

THE U.S. CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS CALLED ON ALL CATHOLICS TO SUPPORT THE BILL THROUGH PRAYER AND EDUCATION, BECAUSE ALLOWING EVERYONE TO REACH THEIR GOD-GIVEN POTENTIAL IS FUNDAMENTAL TO PROMOTING THE COMMON GOOD.

WHAT IS THE DREAM ACT?
The DREAM Act (Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors) could provide a path to lawful, permanent residency and eventual U.S. citizenship for undocumented youth who satisfy the following requirements: They must be 31 or younger, have lived in the U.S. for at least five years (continuously) prior to the bill’s enactment, have arrived in the U.S. as minors, be graduates of a U.S. high school, serve two years in the military or complete at least two years at a four-year college, and have “good moral character.”

The Migration Policy Institute estimates the law could affect 1.76 million DREAMers.
morrow. This deserves our respect. This is what we all want.

In one positive move, President Barack Obama issued an executive order in June that granted eligible DREAMers a two-year reprieve from deportation and temporary work permits. While this is a step in the right direction, it is a temporary fix. We need a long-term solution.

That solution, the DREAM Act, seemingly faces a substantial political challenge. It occupies a tenuous middle ground: some accuse it of being too limited in scope, while others charge that it is too far-reaching, essentially amounting to an “amnesty.” But one post-election analysis after another concludes that Latino voters contributed greatly to President Obama’s re-election and that Republicans would be smart to tone down their anti-immigrant rhetoric in the future. If that’s the case, then the DREAM Act presents the perfect opening.

With the election over, the time has come to cast the bickering aside. The DREAM Act has enjoyed broad bipartisan support in the past, and there are ample moral and economic imperatives for all members of Congress to finally do the right thing. The vast majority of Americans not only understand the value that immigrants bring to our shores but also believe that our energy is better spent pursuing reasonable approaches.

We will be better as a civil society for passing the DREAM Act. //

FRIGHTING Tirelessly for Immigration

Isabel Castillo receives an honorary doctorate from USF in May 2011, with (left to right) Marcelo Camperi, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; Stephen A. Privett, S.J., USF president; and Julio Moreno, co-director of USF’s Center for Latino Studies in the Americas.

When immigration rights activist Isabel Castillo accepted an honorary doctorate from USF last year, she was the picture of promise: young, articulate, and educated. At 26, she was also the youngest-ever recipient of the award in university history.

The honorary degree, she says, brought a spike in media attention and interest in her work fighting for the DREAM Act. But in the way that counts the most, nothing much has changed.

“Unfortunately, because I’m undocumented, I still can’t work legally,” said Castillo, who was born in Mexico and continues to work off the books as a waitress in Harrisonburg, Va., where she has lived since she was 6. “So things are kind of the same in that way.”

But so are the courage, determination, and grit for which USF honored her last year. The DREAMer who got arrested and risked deportation for staging a sit-in at Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid’s office is as committed as ever to fighting for the DREAM Act.

As an activist, Castillo is visible, vocal, and fearless. She has debated immigration policy with Virginia’s governor and shares her story widely. She also works with other activists and lawyers to provide assistance to immigrants facing deportation.

Castillo says the DREAM Act is her best hope for a pathway to citizenship and a chance to fully contribute to the country she’s called home since childhood.

Castillo doesn’t have that chance despite her stellar academic record. She earned a 4.0 GPA in high school and graduated from college magna cum laude with a degree in social work—while working long hours waiting tables. But without a Social Security number, she couldn’t get a job, and her degree was useless.

In June, President Barack Obama created a program that grants eligible DREAMers a two-year work permit and reprieve from deportation. Castillo is “cautiously optimistic” about the program, but she and other immigration reform advocates hope that Congress will ultimately pass a long-term solution like the DREAM Act.

“Our nation’s history is replete with civil rights legislation that was initially defeated but ultimately became law,” said USF President Stephen A. Privett, S.J. “With an advocate such as Isabel Castillo, the University of San Francisco is confident that justice, fairness, and compassion will eventually prevail.”
The Burmese call her, affectionately, “The Lady,” and they started lining up before dawn on a chilly Saturday morning, braving a four-hour wait for a moment that had seemed so impossible. Many clutched small red flags bearing the emblem of her once-banned political party. This was their day, and this was their chance to meet a hero.
She’s a role model, an inspiration,” said event organizer Derek Chin MBA ’03, whose parents were born and raised in Burma* and who grew up hearing stories about its most renowned pro-democracy activist. “It’s almost surreal that this is happening.”

Nobel laureate Aung San Suu Kyi, 67, is a symbol of hope and freedom who is celebrated far beyond the borders of her Southeast Asian homeland. So when she made her entrance before a capacity crowd of 4,300 at USF’s War Memorial Gymnasium on Sept. 29, she received a standing ovation.

Taking the podium, Suu Kyi (pronounced Soo Chee) appeared elegant and humble, the quintessential stateswoman. At times, she even revealed a lighter side.

“I have come to San Francisco in the right way—with flowers in my hair,” she said with a smile, referencing Scott McKenzie’s Summer of Love hit single, “San Francisco.”

Suu Kyi’s visit to USF to receive an honorary doctoral degree and meet the Bay Area Burmese community—the largest in the nation—was unthinkable just two years ago. She was one of the world’s most famous political prisoners in one of the world’s most repressive states and had spent 15 years under house arrest. Under mounting political pressure, the government finally released her in November 2010. Suu Kyi’s high-profile visit to the U.S. was her first in more than 40 years.

“Our country is now on the verge of a new path,” Suu Kyi told the USF audience in English. “I have to keep reminding people that we are just about to start out, that we are not yet along the way, and because we are just at the beginning, this is a delicate and difficult time.”

But, she said, “We must remember the past that we may learn lessons from it.”

Burma’s history is littered with heartbreaking lessons. For more than four decades, its people have suffered under a harsh military regime that turned Southeast Asia’s second largest nation—and one of its most wealthy and resource-rich—into one of its poorest.

“The great tragedy was that Burma had the potential to be such a prosperous country,” said Shalendra Sharma, a professor of politics at USF. “Given its resources, it used to be called the ‘breadbasket.’ But life has been terrible for Burmese people. It’s like time stood still in the 50s, with decaying buildings, corruption, widespread poverty, rampant drug use.”

After a formal address, Suu Kyi took a seat on stage, signaling the transition to a town hall-style meeting. For the next hour, she spoke directly to her countrymen, mostly in Burmese, answering questions they had submitted in advance.

Some questions were light and personal: What was her favorite memory of San Francisco? Eating a toffee apple. What did she do

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*Suu Kyi’s visit to USF was her first U.S. visit since 1970, when she spent 15 years under house arrest. In 1989, the ruling military junta renamed Burma “Myanmar,” a name not recognized by the U.S. government or many Burmese, including Suu Kyi. For this article, USF Magazine uses the name Burma.
under house arrest all that time? She read, meditated, and listened to the radio for hours on end.

Others touched on the country’s seemingly intractable problems: the discrimination of ethnic minorities, a weak education system, and a decimated economy. Addressing those challenges, Suu Kyi emphasized, would be key to finding “a correct path to a democratic Burma.”

But the theme she kept returning to was how Burmese in the audience could help rebuild their country. Many immigrants, she acknowledged, have cultivated skills that will be critical to rebuilding their homeland. But if you want to return, she told them, bring your talent, a desire to serve, and, most importantly, a strong sense of humility.

“If you are motivated by self-interest, you are probably not going to find a lot of satisfaction and fulfillment,” she said. “You are in a better station in life probably because you have been given a lot more opportunities that the Burmese people didn’t [have]... So I hope you will not look down on our fellow countrymen if you come back. The Burmese people are not talentless, are not unskilled. It is only that they have not been given sufficient opportunities...”

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—Aung San Suu Kyi
chiding tone—one that might not have been as well-received had it been delivered by anyone else. But Suu Kyi has proven her commitment to her country and earned the respect and reverence of her people.

The Burmese revere her for reasons that are rooted in her political pedigree and tremendous personal sacrifice. Suu Kyi is the daughter of Aung San, an independence hero widely regarded as the father of modern Bur-
ma, and a man whose legacy instilled in her a strong sense of duty to her country. It was this duty that drew her back to her homeland, away from her husband, Michael, two sons, and the comfortable home they shared in England. She organized pro-democracy rallies throughout Burma and worked relentlessly. The military had her arrested.

It was while under house arrest—thousands of miles from her husband and still-young sons—that Suu Kyi made the stunning decision that seared her place in the hearts of Burmese everywhere. Michael was dying of cancer, and she faced a gut-wrenching choice: her husband or her country. The military offered to release her, but going to her husband in England almost certainly meant permanent exile from her beloved Burma. Suu Kyi chose her country. She never saw her husband again.

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Kyle Zimmer’s life has been a study in the unexpected, so it was fitting that his professional baseball career started in a town called Surprise. It was late July, and the Arizona town hit a blistering 107 degrees. It was cooling slowly that evening as Zimmer took the mound on George Brett Field for a game pitting the newly signed Royals rookies against those of the San Diego Padres.

This was a promising start for a new player climbing the minor league ladder, and as he warmed up, Zimmer was the picture of composure. The weather was anything but. A haboob—a massive dust storm—was bearing down on the Phoenix sprawl with a solid wall of sand and dirt. It was miles wide and thousands of feet high, stretching from the floor of the Sonoran Desert to the clouds above. Zimmer was bearing down too, on the batters, demonstrating the awesome arm strength that caught the attention of USF coaches and sparked his remarkable transformation.

His first pitch topped 94 mph. His fourth hit 97, a speed so fast it makes coaches giddy, even in the majors.

Then the haboob hit. Hard. Sweeping in from the outfield at 50 mph, it clogged the air with so much dust that umpires were forced to stop the game. Minutes later, it ended as suddenly as it began. Zimmer went back to the pitcher’s mound as if nothing strange had just happened—calm in the middle of a storm.

He then finished the first shutout of his professional career.
A PASSION TO PLAY

Just one month before, Zimmer was chosen in the first round of the draft and received a $3 million bonus for signing with the Kansas City Royals. Zimmer was the fifth player chosen that day—the highest draft choice in USF baseball’s 106-year history. He had rocketed to the top tier of promising pitchers with a fastball that routinely hit 98 mph.

But this wasn’t how Zimmer had imagined it would be. Like many young boys, the La Jolla native dreamed of playing professional baseball, but he imagined himself as a star batter. “Ever since I can remember, since the first day I could walk, I had a bat in my hand and was hitting balls off of tees,” Zimmer said.

He had never thought of himself as a pitcher. Not even in his dreams.

But he did show natural aptitude for the game. At age 6, he could hold his own against 8-year-olds. At 9, he nabbed a spot on the San Diego STARS, a legendary traveling team that’s seen more than three dozen players go on to the major leagues.

“I’d come home from work, and they’d be sitting on the porch with a bucket of balls,” Eric Zimmer said about his two sons, Kyle and the younger Bradley, now a Dons outfielder. “Away we’d go to a batting cage.”

By high school, Zimmer had developed into a solid third baseman, outfielder, and hitter, according to Coach Gary Frank at La Jolla High School, but entering his senior year, he “wasn’t getting a ton of looks” from college recruiters.

But coaches from USF did notice. Greg Moore ’99, MA ’00, USF’s associate head baseball coach, and Troy Nakamura ’98, assistant coach and recruiting coordinator, watched him play at a Sacramento baseball development camp in 2008, the year before he started at USF. They saw natural talent and amazing arm strength.

Dons Head Baseball Coach Nino Giarratano recalls Moore’s enthusiastic report. “I remember him saying, ‘Boy, this guy’s got a great arm. Watching Kyle field a ball at third base and throw it across the infield, it looked pretty special.’”

Giarratano invited Zimmer to join USF’s team—but as a walk-on. Zimmer has never been one to shy away from hard work where baseball is concerned, and when he arrived at USF in 2009, he quickly impressed the Dons coaching staff with his maturity and strong work ethic. But he discovered that his usual position, third base, was already manned by
one of the Dons’ best players, Stephen Yarrow ’11, a slick-fielding power hitter who would go on to sign with the San Francisco Giants in 2011.

USF’s coaches didn’t have a third-base position for Zimmer, but they saw promise in the freshman and wanted to get him on the field. That’s when they decided to take a chance and ask Zimmer to consider something new: serve the team as a pitcher.

Molding a Pitcher USF’s baseball program may have a modest national reputation, but it has produced three first-round draft selections in the last five years.

Matt Hobbs, the pitching coach at USF during Zimmer’s freshman year, attributes that success to a strong emphasis on player development, which he calls some of the best in the country. “They don’t have the biggest weight room. They don’t have the largest university. And still, they are able to develop and crank out some of the best players out there... Succeeding with less—that speaks to player development.”

Giarratano is a three-time Coach of the Year in the West Coast Conference, and Zimmer isn’t the first player he has converted from a position player into a pitcher. Jesse Foppert ’01, a walk-on at USF in 1999, toiled for two seasons at first and third base before he tried pitching. The San Francisco Giants drafted him in the second round in 2001. At the time, it was the highest draft pick ever for a Dons pitcher.

But even for a talented coach like Giarratano, converting a position player into a pitcher is no small matter. The athlete must leave his comfort zone and accept the humbling fact that he won’t play in every game. The player must give up one dream for the slim possibility of success in another. For most, it’s a gamble that just doesn’t make sense.

And it wasn’t easy for Zimmer. “I was sort of opposed to it at first,” he said. “I got so used to playing every game and being a hitter and going out there every day and being able to dive for balls and get dirty and get four at-bats a game. I mean, I’d never really thought about pitching until this point. And it was so new to me. It was like I was starting the game all over again.”

Moore taught Zimmer the grips and techniques for various pitches—slider, curveball, change-up—and Zimmer absorbed even more by studying the team’s veteran pitchers.

Zimmer threw a few bullpen sessions in several intra-squad games
that freshman year but saw less than six innings of play.

Giarratano still liked what he saw, and he pulled the
talented pitcher aside and told him he had the potential
for something very special.

“At first I thought he was just blowing smoke,”
Zimmer recalled. “But I heard it, and I took it in and I
thought, ‘Okay, I’ll give it a chance.”

SIGNS OF SUCCESS ▶ A remarkable
transformation had begun, both men-
tally and physically. Zimmer grew
two inches his freshman year and
gained 25 pounds of muscle, lift-
ing weights six days a week
that summer at the Cal Ripken
Collegiate League in Virginia.
He stood 6 foot 4 and weighed
in at 210 pounds.

In his sophomore season, Zimmer firmly established himself at
USF, recording 89 strikeouts in 91 innings. He also helped the Dons
capture their second WCC championship. The high point came in the
opening game of the NCAA regionals in Los Angeles. As dozens of
scouts watched from the stands, Zimmer threw a shutout against
UCLA, striking out 11 batters.

The boy who wanted to be a batter was turning into an accomplished
pitcher, and people were noticing.

Zimmer had seen the scouts, but he wasn’t phased by their
presence or by the pressure. He credits his composure to a motto
had the acronym—D.C.B.A.—inscribed on a rubber bracelet.

“You make the decision what pitch you’re going to throw, and you
clear everything from your mind,” Zimmer said. “And then you take a
deep breath, and then you just attack... It’s something he [Moore]
came up with that’s helped me stay in that
zone.”

He says the motto applies to life off the
field as well. “I think the game has sort of
taught me how to keep everything in life
simple and enjoy my time. This last season, it
helped me just avoid distractions and not
really focus on things that don’t matter or are
out of my control and just have fun.”

Zimmer still wears the bracelet every day.
“On and off the field, it never comes off.”

Giarratano says Zimmer’s strong drive to
conquer a difficult challenge helped him
succeed. “That’s what makes Kyle so special.
He went out and worked his tail off, worked
on the mental side of it, worked on the
physical side of it.”

Zimmer also worked hard in the class-
room, the epitome of the USF student-athlete.
A business administration major, he took
honors classes and still earned a 3.73 GPA,
making an “A” in every class he took except
for four “B”s. Zimmer was already being
touted as a top draft pick when the team
spent a day at Bessie Carmichael, a K-5 public
school in San Francisco’s South of Market
neighborhood, in April. He and his teammates
signed autographs, and Zimmer told the kids
why education is so important.

“Baseball is a huge part of my life—of all
our lives—but the only way I could do the
things I love is by being successful in the
classroom.”
‘I DO NOT THINK OF MYSELF AS A MILLIONAIRE, JUST A GUY WHO GETS TO DO WHAT HE LOVES AND HAPPENS TO GET PAID FOR IT.’

After a strong sophomore year, Zimmer was off to the Cape Cod League, which draws college baseball’s top tier. The confidence he gained competing against this top-level talent fueled an outstanding junior year, where he struck out 117 batters and walked only 17 in 88 1/3 innings. By now, the scouts were buzzing about Zimmer and predicted he would be a top-10 pick in Major League Baseball’s annual amateur draft.

THE BIG OFFER ► At his family’s home in Southern California, Zimmer watched the draft choices being announced on TV with his parents and a large group of friends. When his name was read, everyone around him cheered wildly. But in his trademark cool, Zimmer just smiled and slowly donned a Kansas City Royals cap—calm in a storm of celebration.

Eight days after the Dons’ season ended in late May, Zimmer was drafted by the Royals. Three days after that, he signed.

He says receiving the $3 million signing bonus was “pretty surreal” but that it was never really about the money. “I do not think of myself as a millionaire, just a guy who gets to do what he loves and happens to get paid for it.”

He could have held out for the maximum $3.5 million bonus allotted for the fifth overall draft pick but wanted to start off his new relationship with the Royals on a positive note, not with potentially contentious negotiations.

Months after signing, he was still driving his 2003 Ford truck.

A CHANCE AT THE MAJORS ► Zimmer is among the six-tenths of 1 percent of high school baseball players who get drafted by a professional team. But success isn’t guaranteed, even for a first-round draft pick. Players must gain strength, hone their craft, and acclimate to superior competition in the minors before getting promoted to the majors—if they get there at all.

Zimmer recently underwent minor surgery to remove bone chips from his pitching elbow but is expected to be ready for the start of spring training. The Royals called the procedure routine and expected.

Lonnie Goldberg, director of scouting for the Royals, says that Zimmer’s talent and mental makeup could propel him to the majors “within two or three years.” Other major league scouts say he has the talent now. An aggressive timetable with no injuries and an abundance of good luck just might get him called up to the majors by the end of next season.

Zimmer himself has set no timetable but remembers something Moore taught him: “Keep yourself separated from the results. The only thing you can focus on is executing pitches, and if you execute a high enough percentage of your pitches, then the results will be there.”

In order to get those results, Zimmer must fully focus on his baseball career. He left USF at the end of his junior year without completing his degree—but leaving something unfinished is not in his nature.

“Although I wish I could have finished my degree in four years and walked across the stage at graduation with my friends and teammates, I am fine with where I am now. I only have six classes left to graduate and plan on finishing my degree as soon as possible.”

Still, USF, and especially the Dons coaches, are never far from his mind. He credits them with helping him mature “from a young, wide-eyed kid into a man.”

“I can’t say enough about the coaches at USF. They have taught me so many invaluable lessons about baseball and life. They are the best molders of men that I have ever had the pleasure to know.”
LAW SCHOOL CELEBRATES 100 YEARS

DOING ENORMOUS GOOD

BY ANGIE DAVIS
ILLUSTRATIONS BY COURT ARTIST JANET HAMLIN
The University of San Francisco School of Law is celebrating a momentous milestone: its centennial, and its first 100 years of graduating exceptional attorneys committed to creating a better world.

Founded on Sept. 18, 1912 in downtown San Francisco, on the corner of Market and Seventh streets, the school has grown from 39 students to more than 700 today. U.S. News and World Report ranks it 10th in the nation for ethnic diversity.

“The law is a profession capable of doing enormous good,” says Dean Jeffrey Brand. “Our graduates empower the powerless and help change a world plagued by injustice. As we begin our second century in this magnificent city, we rededicate ourselves to our vital mission of educating for justice.”

You can see that strong commitment to justice everywhere at the USF School of Law: in the students who work to abolish the death penalty and stop juveniles from being sentenced to life without parole; in the 22,000 hours of legal work students volunteered last year; in the seven legal clinics the school offers free to the public; in the school’s academic centers that focus on global justice and ethics; and in the 300 alumni who have served as judges.

To mark its 100th birthday, the school launched a year-long celebration. It includes hosting a session of the California Supreme Court on campus, a gala dinner at San Francisco City Hall, and a convocation featuring Robert F. Kennedy Jr., whose father helped celebrate the school’s 50th anniversary.

A half century ago, U.S. Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy urged USF’s students to become “…lawyers courageously dedicated to the broadest horizons of citizenship and service.”

That’s a high standard, but one that’s being met by graduates of the USF School of Law, as you’ll see on the following pages.
Trial lawyer Jessica Grant JD ’95 thrives in high stakes cases where hundreds of millions of dollars are on the line and the law delves into uncharted areas. Nowhere was that more evident than in 2005, when four years of working on a class action lawsuit against Wal-Mart Stores Inc. culminated in a four-month trial and a $172 million verdict on behalf of 116,000 employees who were denied meal breaks.

“We were having to invent the wheel as we went along,” she said. “We changed the way Wal-Mart does business. We won a permanent injunction against them in California.”

She was just 10 years out of law school when she won that case, and part of a three-person legal team that was vastly outnumbered by the retailer’s two dozen attorneys. In her experience, however, there isn’t necessarily strength in numbers.

“If you have a small group of people who can work together, you can be much more effective and nimble than a large group,” she said. “We were able to outmaneuver the Wal-Mart team because we had a small unit moving in the same direction.”

Now she has her sights set on 14 of the nation’s largest oil companies, including Chevron Corp., ExxonMobil Corp., and Shell Oil Co., as she represents the state of New Hampshire in a landmark groundwater contamination case. State of New Hampshire v. Hess Corporation, set to begin jury selection in November, is the largest case that she knows of to have ever gone to trial in any state, she said. San Francisco-based Sher Leff LLP recruited Grant to the firm because she is one of very few attorneys who have handled a statewide case of this magnitude.

“I took on Wal-Mart and now Exxon and just about every other major oil company. I want to hold them accountable,” she said. “But I’m not your standard plaintiff’s lawyer. I’ve represented large corporations, too, when I see that a claim against them is unjust.”

Describing her typical day as “frenetic,” she said it’s important to find ways to tune out occasionally. Yet, even her down time is high stakes: “I’ve started taking flying lessons. In the air, I can’t think about work. The only thing I can think about is not crashing.”
FIGHTING FOR CALIFORNIA’S FARMWORKERS

Felicia Espinosa’s law office is, at times, a weathered park bench, a patch of shade beside an olive orchard, or a client’s living room in a small Fresno apartment. Her salary is modest, and the resources to do her job scarce. Yet, despite the challenges she faces as a public interest lawyer for California Rural Legal Assistance (CRLA), a nonprofit in California’s Central Valley, Espinosa JD ’09 has time and again prevailed in David and Goliath battles against companies with unlimited resources.

“Felicia is a fearless and innovative litigator who deeply believes that the fight for social justice requires top-flight lawyering on behalf of clients who are overlooked, abused, and taken advantage of,” said Blanca Banuelos, CRLA regional director.

Nowhere was that more apparent than in 2011, when she won a settlement in Regino Primitivo Gomez et al. v. H&R Gunlund Ranches that paid farmworkers $915,000 to resolve claims related to unpaid wages, violations of state rest and meal period requirements, and not providing the necessary tools for pruning and tying grapevines.

“I was shocked to be lead on that case so soon after graduating, but you don’t have a choice in the nonprofit world,” Espinosa said. “My priority is to be sure that clients believe in me and know that I’ll be able to carry the case in front of a large national law firm. The best compliment I have received is when a client said, ‘I’m really nervous for when Felicia is no longer my attorney’ I was proud and humbled.”

MAKING HISTORY ON STATE SUPREME COURT

Ming Chin’s parents immigrated to the U.S. from China nearly 100 years ago. His father worked long days in the potato fields while his mother cared for their eight children. The couple waited 30 years for Congress to repeal the Chinese Exclusion Act, allowing them to enter a courtroom—for the first and only time in their lives—and take the oath of citizenship.

“It was one of their proudest days,” said Chin ’64, JD ’67. “In spite of the discrimination they endured, they loved their adopted country. They loved the freedom and liberty it gave them, including the ability to educate their children.”

When the elder Chin began his journey to the U.S. at age 18, surely he could not have imagined that one day his son would sit on the California Supreme Court.

Ming Chin is a decorated Vietnam War veteran who became the first Chinese American to serve on the state’s highest court when he was appointed in 1996 by Gov. Pete Wilson. Previously, he held positions in private practice, as a deputy district attorney in Alameda County, as an Alameda County Superior Court judge, and as a First District Court of Appeal justice.

Chin has authored landmark decisions in areas such as DNA, toxic tort insurance coverage, surrogate parents, and hate crimes. He has received countless awards and honors from bar associations, community organizations, and universities, including USF Alumnus of the Year.

“Because of my father’s hard work and determination, my family and I have the privilege of living the American dream,” he said.
STOPPING CRIME BEFORE IT STARTS

Plagued by high rates of unemployment, crime, poverty, and disease, San Francisco’s Bayview District is the city’s poorest and most violent neighborhood. Most affected by this toxic environment are the children who call it home. With mounting research showing the adverse impact of early exposure to poverty and violence on the minds and bodies of children, former prosecutor Suzy Loftus JD ’05 is leading an effort to bring one-stop health and wellness care to kids in Bayview.

Loftus is COO of the Center for Youth Wellness, which, when it opens this spring, will combine pediatric medicine with mental health services, educational support, family support, research, and child abuse response. The center’s partners include California Pacific Medical Center, Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital, the San Francisco Child Abuse Prevention Center, and the San Francisco District Attorney’s Office.

“You get the attention of even the most hard-nosed prosecutor and hard-lined public official if you tell them that there is something you can do when a child is 4 years old that will prevent them from engaging in criminal behavior when they grow up,” Loftus said.

Loftus was formerly special assistant attorney general to California Attorney General Kamala Harris, who helped establish the vision for the center when she served as San Francisco district attorney. Loftus also served six years in the DA’s office and was recently appointed to the San Francisco Police Commission.

Although her new role with the Center for Youth Wellness takes her legal career down an unconventional path, the mother of three and San Francisco native says it is an opportunity to combine her legal training and Jesuit values in service to a community that is suffering.

“The center will provide services that will save lives. It is absolutely related to public safety.”

THE LAB TO THE LAW

When Gladys Monroy JD ’86 began law school, she was an accomplished scientist specializing in biotechnology. Monroy, who holds a doctorate in biochemistry, had worked as a researcher at UCSF and as an assistant professor at New York Medical College. But Monroy left the lab to study law because she wanted to help bring technology to wider public use. A conversation with USF law professor J. Thomas McCarthy confirmed her decision to pursue patent law.

“I made the decision to go to law school at a time when biotechnology companies were just beginning to grow, and I was interested in ways that the technology developed in university labs could be translated into public use and how the universities could derive an income from those technologies,” Monroy said.

Today, Monroy is a senior partner in the Palo Alto office of Morrison & Foerster LLP. A former co-chair of the firm’s intellectual property practice, Monroy has held leadership positions in intellectual property law associations, including president of the Silicon Valley Intellectual Property Law Association and Executive Committee member of the California State Bar Intellectual Property Section. She was also elected to the IP Law & Business Patent Prosecution Hall of Fame.

She represents companies of all sizes in the areas of patent prosecution and technology transfers within the field of life science. Monroy says that one of the most rewarding cases she’s worked on was writing the seminal patent for Chiron Corporation’s Hepatitis C technology, which now underlies the screening programs for the Hepatitis C virus in blood supplies worldwide.

“I use my scientific background every day, and overlaying it with law and business is exciting,” she said.

Thirty years after encouraging her to pursue a career in patent law, McCarthy remains in close contact with Monroy, who recently brought him in as counsel with Morrison & Foerster.

“Gladys impressed me as one of the brightest and most focused students I’ve mentored in my more than 45 years on the faculty,” McCarthy said. “She went on to become a superstar patent attorney in the important and growing field of biotechnology. I’m immensely proud of Gladys and her accomplishments.”

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Senior Partner, Morrison & Foerster LLP

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Martin Jenkins JD ’80 learned the value of public service from his father, who worked for decades as a janitor at Coit Tower. “I saw him get up every day to serve the city and county of San Francisco, and he was proud of what he did,” Jenkins said. “My parents sacrificed to send us to Catholic school, and I wanted to give back.”

Jenkins found his own way of doing that through a career in law, first as a prosecutor with the Alameda County District Attorney’s Office, then as a trial attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice, and, for the last two decades, as a judge on both state and federal benches. He is currently an associate justice with the California Court of Appeal for the First District.

There was a time when he thought it more likely that he would become a professional football player than a lawyer (let alone a judge), even going through training camp with the Seattle Seahawks. But he says he wouldn’t change a thing because his career in law allows him to live a life where values and character matter.

“I have a job where I get paid to do what’s right... I go home every night and feel that I’ve made a difference.”

Perhaps no one feels more of a sense of satisfaction than Jenkins’ father, who 15 years ago joined his son in Washington, D.C., for his confirmation as judge of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California. “He had seen and experienced discrimination and segregation as a young man and then, later in life, watched his son sitting before the Senate Judiciary Committee being confirmed as a federal judge. I will never forget the look on his face.”
PROSECUTING CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY

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fter graduating from UC Berkeley, Sun Kim JD ’08 chose the USF School of Law because its strength in international and public interest law meshed with her aspirations to work on international justice issues. Just four years after graduating, Kim is now working on one of the most-watched United Nations war crimes tribunals in history.

Kim lives in The Hague, Netherlands, where she is an associate legal officer for the U.N. International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia. She is part of the legal team assisting judges on the case against former Bosnian Serb politician Radovan Karadzic, who is accused of committing war crimes against Bosnian Muslims and Bosnian Croats during the siege of Sarajevo, as well as ordering the Srebrenica massacre.

Her responsibilities include writing bench memos on particular areas of law and procedure, analyzing evidence admitted in trial, and assisting in the motion practice before the bench. Her career in international criminal law began in 2008 when she landed an internship working on the Khmer Rouge Tribunal in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

“I went to law school thinking I wanted to practice public international law but was unsure how to get there and chose a path that was unique at the time. It has paid off and was worth every effort that I made,” she said. “I leave my office every day feeling like I am making a positive contribution to international criminal justice. I couldn’t ask for anything more in a job.”

DEMANDING JUSTICE AFTER DEADLY EXPLOSION

Frank Pitre ’77, JD ’81 can trace his decision to become a lawyer to a day when he was a teenager, sitting in the back of his father’s South San Francisco produce market counting zucchini.

“I watched my father, a Sicilian immigrant, work seven days a week,” he said. “In our community, people worked ungodly hours in difficult conditions to put food on the table. I knew that there had to be a better way and learned in government class that you could use the justice system to improve quality of life.”

Fast forward 40 years, and things have come full circle: Pitre is a prominent trial lawyer who is representing 50 families affected by the deadly 2010 PG&E gas pipeline explosion in San Bruno, the same community where he was raised.

A partner at the Burlingame-based Cotchett, Pitre, and McCarthy LLP, Pitre has won millions of dollars for victims of consumer fraud and injury. In one recent case, he recovered the largest individual wrongful death verdict in San Diego County history, when a jury awarded $17.4 million to the family of a U.S. Navy officer killed in a collision with an American Medical Response transport van.

Pitre says the most difficult part of his job is listening to the pain that his clients have endured and recognizing that no monetary settlement will make them whole again.

“That’s tough to swallow,” he said. “What I hope is that these cases change the behavior that led to the injury. I want to make sure that what we are doing in court goes into the boardroom.”
What was it about your time at USF that inspired you to become a Jesuit?

As a student during the protests against the Vietnam War and the struggle for civil rights, USF taught me that the most compelling reality was human suffering. Jesuit religious life seemed to me to be an invitation to engage suffering and, through a faith that does justice, to live in the hope of positive change.

Why did you write a book about celibacy?

I wrote the book for two reasons. First, I wanted to explain how living a celibate life can be healthy and fulfilling. This book does that by highlighting the stories of priests who live celibate lives with integrity. Second, I wanted to address the misconception among some members of the public that celibacy is at the root of the clergy sexual misconduct crisis.

My experience of priests and celibacy is much broader than the clergy sexual abuse cases. I don’t deny the reality, the painful reality at that, of clergy sexual abuse, but there are also many positive stories about what it has been like for clergy to live celibacy with integrity over many years. I thought that story was getting lost and I wanted to tell it in a way that was real, accessible, and personal.

Are priests the primary audience for the book?

I wrote the book for priests, initially. But it is also a book for lay people who want to understand the priesthood more deeply and to see how this life is possible and graced; and, really, life-affirming, life-enhancing, and positive. Lay people who have read the book tell me it helped them understand their own sexuality.

Why is the vow of celibacy so essential to the priesthood?

Celibacy is meant to enhance and grow a priest’s interpersonal relationships in intimacy, depth, breadth, and number. But that doesn’t happen automatically. Just as sex in a marriage doesn’t guarantee intimacy, the fact that you’re celibate doesn’t guarantee that you are going to experience deeply felt, broad, and inclusive love. A priest must work day by day to achieve a broader love, whether it is with parishioners, with those who come to him for counsel, or with those he ministers to. It’s a lifelong process.

Is celibate love fundamentally different from love that is expressed sexually?

In the book I try to explain how they have much in common. If we believe that God’s basic hope for everyone is to love and be loved, then what every person has to figure out is how and where they can love and be loved. For some folks, that’s in a marriage; for others, that’s in the context of a family; for some, it might be serving their country in a way that requires that they remain single; and for a priest, it would be living celibately to serve God and the people of God.

What do you hope the reader takes away from your book?

I hope readers take away a better understanding of their relationships with friends, the role of love in their lives, how and when they connect with God, and more. To foster this, throughout the book I try to engage readers by posing reflective questions about their own lives for them to prayerfully consider and discern. //／／／
UNDERGRADUATE

'51 ROBERT M. FAIRBANKS, and his wife, Pat, recently moved to Portola Valley from Southern California after spending 50 years away from the Bay Area. They would love to hear from classmates and can be reached at (605) 424-4256.

'52 RALPH THOMAS, the current NFL record-holder for the fastest consecutive touchdowns, fondly remembers playing on USF’s 1951 championship football team. Ralph set the record in 1955 and played in the NFL for three years.

'53 RICKY J. CURRITO’58 was recently appointed to the Library Advisory Board of the Gellert Library of Notre Dame de Namur University.

'56 WILLIAM A. BEAVER, O.S.B., is the recent recipient of a pacemaker and now “runs on batteries” at the age of 84. After 54 years in public accounting, RICHARD ROCHFORD retired from Rochford, Burns & Associates in June.

'58 MICHAEL DENNIS JOHNSON reports he is “still alive and kickin’!”

'59 After 42 years of secondary school teaching and administration, BERNARD (BILL) AMES, EDUCATION CREDENTIAL ’60 retired in 2002. He and his wife, Shirley, recently celebrated 50 years of marriage. They have three children and six grandchildren.

REYNALD BIANCHI teaches part time, after retiring from teaching at the college-level in Taiwan. His wife, Hui, is an elementary school teacher, and he has one son and three daughters.

'61 TERRENCE CALLAN continues his legal career at Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman in San Francisco, where he is a partner. His
work was honored by the State Bar of California’s Antitrust & Unfair Competition Section.

DONALD STENSON is enjoying retirement after 50 years with Spreckels Sugar and plans to travel extensively outside the U.S. A widower, he is engaged to Gale Lana, a fellow widow from nearby Orinda.

'62 KATHLEEN MCDONNELL FARRELL and her husband, Walt, continue to live in the city and are the proud grandparents of four. She writes, “I’m recovering from the realization that 50 years have passed since graduation!!” by continuing my volunteer activities in our parish, neighborhood, club, and community... along with a little golf and traveling.”

MICHAEL HANNAN and his wife, Bee, recently celebrated their seventh year in Arizona, having moved themselves and their travel agency, San Marin Travel, to Chino Valley in 2005. They continue to specialize in cruise vacations and group travel.

E. DOUGLAS TAYLOR and his wife, Jane, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a trip to Disneyland in July with 19 family members.


'63 ROBERT ALLAN JOYCE lives with his wife of 46 years, Beverly, in Kingwood, Texas, where he works as a lawyer for Chevron, negotiating contracts for major capital projects. They have two children who live in the Bay Area. He writes that he is “looking forward to retirement in a year and a half, so I can focus my full attention on my deteriorating golf game.”

BEVERLY MARIE PARKS celebrated her mother’s 300th birthday in October. “She is still physically healthy and very interested in life,” she writes. “I feel so lucky to still have her.”

'65 PATRICIA SAVIANO FARRELL writes, “Life is a joy with family, friends, and creating my art. I sculpt stone, primarily marble, as well as creating bronzes using the lost wax method. Check out my website: www.psfarrellart.com.”

JOHN T. MALLOY took his two grandsons, Cole and Jake Malloy, to the Dons baseball camp at USF in August. He writes, “We had a great time, and hopefully Cole and Jake will be playing for USF baseball in the future!”

'66 JO ANN DE LA TORRE CAHILL chaired the 2012 USF California Prize for Service and the Common Good, which was awarded to the San Francisco Giants in November. Although mostly retired from her nursing career, she continues to administer wellness programs for major corporations through Concentra Health Services. She and her husband, JOHN CAHILL ‘64, recently returned from three weeks in France with USF friends.

'67 DR. MICHAEL P. COLLINS serves as chief of the Division of General Thoracic Surgery at the Intermountain Medical Center in Salt Lake City. He specializes in thoracic surgical oncology and is also a clinical professor of surgery at the University of Utah School of Medicine. He and his new wife, Shirley Ann, recently moved to Murray, Utah, just south of Salt Lake City.

FRANCIS ANTHONY DOHERTY retired in 2004 as a Delta Airlines international captain at John F. Kennedy Airport and plans to retire soon from his second career as a check and training captain with Boeing. He lives in West Norwalk, Conn., with his wife, Catherine.

'68 A retired nursing educator, SANDRA DE BELLA BODLEY EdD ’84 enjoys traveling and recently spent some time in Moscow and St. Petersburg, immersed in Russia’s rich history.

BETTY BAYSINGER FRACISO, of the law firm Garrett & Jensen, is a member of the Board of Governors of California Women Lawyers.

TED FURLOW received an MA in pastoral theology from Loyola Marymount University in May. He is currently the director of pastoral planning for the Diocese of San Bernardino. His wife, TERRI FURLOW, is the director of the Health Care Center at Leisure World in Seal Beach and an avid watercolor artist. The couple celebrated the birth of their eighth grandchild, Annie, this past spring.

MARSHA JOST has been married to her high school sweetheart, G. Michael Jost, for 45 years. She is retired from St. Vincent de Paul High School in Petaluma and currently lives in Lincoln. “Mike and I love to travel and spend time with our five grandchildren and their families and spend time at our youngest son’s restaurant, Tommy’s, in Davis,” she writes.

CHARLES LACROIX retired from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Division of Juvenile Justice in 2010, after 10 years of part-time service and eight years of full-time service. After 33 years, he has also stopped teaching juvenile law and procedures at San Joaquin Delta Community College. He and his wife, Christine, have a daughter, two sons, and a 1-year-old grandchild.

LINDA LYNN LUCASEY PHARES continues her work as a physical therapist. Her greatest joy, she writes, comes from her sons, Andy and Ted, her daughter, Jen, and her grandson, Michael.

GEORGE WASHBURN continues to serve as radio project director for the Silicon Valley Regional Interoperability Authority, building and managing voice and data communications systems for public safety agencies in Santa Clara County. This part-time effort, he writes, fills in the time between family activities, photography, and travel.

'69 PETER A. LYNCH retired from Merrill Lynch as a financial adviser in 2005. He now lives in Santa Cruz de Miramar, Mexico, and spends his summer months fly fishing on the Eastern Sierra.

'70 RAYMOND QUOCK is the Allen I. White Distinguished Professor and department chair of pharmaceutical sciences in the College of Pharmacy at Washington State University.

TERRENCE TILLEY, the Avery Cardinal Dulles, S.J., Professor of Catholic Theology and chair of the Theology Department at Fordham University, was awarded the John Courtney Murray Award from the Catholic Theological Society of America this past June.

'71 After 40 years of caring for patients, MAUREEN MURPHY JENKINS retired from nursing. She writes, “Nursing, for me, has been a wonderful career—always an adventure!”

Retired Navy chief DENNIS ALLAN MARTIN expects to have a new version of his book, “Celebrious: A Celebration of Life,” ready for publication next spring.

CAROL ROSENBLATT JD ’79 recently moved her elder care coaching and consulting business, AgingParents.com, to a new office in San Rafael. She and her husband, MIKOL DAVIS EdD ’80, work together on co-mediating cases. Their two children, Jessica and Brendan, live and work in the Bay Area.

JOHN P. STORM was ordained a deacon for the Diocese of Santa Rosa in August.

'72 JOE SCHMIEDL MS ’84 was promoted to associate vice president of academic operations at Hawaii Pacific University. After 25 years as a security officer, MICHAEL SCHNAUTZER recently retired due to medical problems.

'73 LINDA WINANT started a new position in June as business
analysis consultant with Fidelity Investments in Westlake, Texas.

'74 MARK GLASSY was recently interviewed by Sideshow Experience on his collection of science fiction memorabilia. He is the author of the book "Movie Monsters in Scale: A Modeler’s Gallery of Science Fiction and Horror Figures and Dioramas." REV. ROBERT J. MAYER completed his 15th year at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Charlotte, N.C., where he works as senior librarian and assistant professor of theological bibliography.

'75 PAULINA VAN was recently appointed professor and chair of the Department of Nursing and Health Sciences at California State University, East Bay.

'76 VASILIKO LIMBERIS is a religion professor at Temple University. Her latest book, "Architects of Piety: The Seminary in Charlotte, N.C., where he works as senior librarian and assistant professor of theological bibliography.

'77 JAMES BRIDGES MA ‘78 has been teaching at Georgian Court University in New Jersey for the past 2 years. NANCY KERMOIAN GAZZANO splits her time between Nevada and Petaluma. Next March will mark her ninth year as an analyst for the West Coast sales office of The North Face.

'78 PAUL PASTORINO, who works as an account manager at the North Bay Business Journal, recently became the newspaper’s representative to the North Bay Leadership Council, a nonprofit leadership forum that educates Sonoma, Marin, and Napa county leaders on issues of regional importance and advocates for intelligent change.

'79 MICHAEL GOTOANUM manages procurement and insurance activities for his family’s real estate development and banking business, Filinvest Development Corp. He is based in the Philippines.

'80 EVA MARIE CARNEY is a partner at Richards Kibbe & Orbe LLP in Washington, D.C., where she counsels hedge fund and other private adviser clients on securities compliance. She is also an elected legislator for her Native American tribe, the Citizen Potawatomis, and would be happy to give tours of her legislative offices. She invites fellow USFers to contact her through her website, evamariacarney.com.

'81 MATT ALLIO is in his eighth year as head of school at Walden School in Pasadena. ANTOINE DE CAZOTTE was the executive producer of the film “The Artist,” which won a host of awards including five Oscars, seven BAFTAs, three Golden Globes, and several Independent Spirit awards.

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences recently named JASMINE MADATIAN to the newly created position of managing director of communications. She will oversee all of the academy’s publicity and corporate communications campaigns, including the Academy Awards.

SAMSOM MERIEM lives in Marseille, France, and is married with a 29-year-old son and a 22-year-old daughter.

'82 KARIM AJANIA is editor-in-chief of Mezimbite Magazine, which focuses on African ecology and economics. For several years, KIMBERLY A. KOVASALA has been coaching swimming and tennis and plans to relocate to Florida from Tucson, Ariz.

'83 ROBERTA CUNNINGHAM is the happy, healthy, and married mother of three baseball-loving sons. She works in pediatrics at Kaiser in Oakland, where she is the medical director of the Well Baby Nursery/Family Care Unit, and will soon become a certified lactation consultant.

MICHAEL DELANEY MHSL ’87 is celebrating 25 years in business. His Fresno-based firm, Delaney Matrix, consults with organizations to improve their strategic planning, marketing, and advertising programs.

KAREN S. HAWES and her husband, Tim Bolton, live in Manhattan, Kan., where she works as a primary care nurse practitioner in a clinic. Her first child graduated from college and the other is just starting at the University of Kansas. She writes, “Big accomplishment this summer has been riding 150 miles on a bike for multiple sclerosis. Would love to hear from classmates.”

'84 ROBERT Z. AYANIAN recently opened Robert’s Espresso, a full service espresso bar serving breakfast, lunch, and dessert in San Francisco.

BARBARA KOSKIRIN-RITTER works as a beeper stationer for Dempsey and Carroll in New York City. She recently purchased a new home in historic Rhinebeck, N.Y., and is pursuing holistic studies and the business of wellness and art.

'85 TONY BARTENETTI is the executive vice president of all field operations and sales for Nelson, the largest independent provider of staffing services and solutions in California.

CAROL BECK OSENGA and a group of friends from the Class of ’85 recently held a mini-reunion in San Francisco. She writes, “Amazing to have such a great group of friends who came from the Bay Area, SFO, Washington, Sacramento, Napa, and Alaska. Sorry to admit, we are all turning 50, so had to get together to celebrate!”

'86 SAM CRUMP joined Edward Jones Investments in Novato as a financial adviser last year. He is also a member of the USF North Bay Alumni Council. One of his children is Marine deployed in Afghanistan.

JAMES COY DRISCOLL works in a private legal practice representing tenants against their landlords in eviction lawsuits and suing landlords who fail to meet their legal obligations. He writes, “I live and work in San Francisco and am engaged to the best woman in the world!”

STEPHANIE (RABAINO) SZERAN assisted her husband, Steven, in setting up his plastic and reconstructive surgery practice, which they recently expanded into a surgery center. They have been happily married for 21 years and enjoy spending time with their three beautiful daughters, Leila, Rachel, and Alexandra.

'88 After 14 years in public accounting, PATRICIA V. DESOTO recently opened her own tax and accounting practice in Stockton. Her daughter is a junior at Loyola Marymount University.

BRIDGET PARSH EDD ’09 lives in Sacramento with her husband, David, and two children, Sophie and Jack. She returned to USF for a doctorate and is now an assistant professor in the School of Nursing at Sacramento State.
LAURA HAMILTON ’07
LONDON PUBLIC TRANSIT: ALUM FIGHTS FOR DISABLED RIGHTS

Laura Hamilton ’07 travelled to London this summer as a tourist. She ended up speaking to the British parliament and urged lawmakers to improve access to London’s public transportation system for disabled riders.

In a city famous for its double-decker buses and the world’s oldest metro system, Hamilton was stranded again and again by blocked bus ramps and broken Underground elevators. Bus drivers ignored her and drove past. One Thames ferryboat operator refused to allow her scooter on board, as she returned from watching the Paralympic Games.

“London is my favorite city in the entire world for many reasons, most of all because Londoners have always been amazingly kind and helpful to a girl in a scooter,” said Hamilton, who has muscular dystrophy. “For this reason, I cannot comprehend the complete social breakdown that occurs when I try to board public transit.”

Hamilton and her husband left behind their jobs in San Francisco for a six-month stay in England’s capital city. It didn’t take long before she was recording her bad experiences with London’s public transit and posting them on YouTube. Things took off when she volunteered with the nonprofit Transport for All, and the media took notice. A series of articles in the British press and attention from lawmakers spurred noticeable improvements, including a Mobility Aid card that identifies what types of wheelchairs and scooters are given priority on public transit.

Hamilton credits her passion for civil rights and scooters are given priority on public transit. Hamilton credits her passion for civil rights to the values she learned from her grandmother, who worked as a nurse for years with wounded veterans. Hamilton is a gerontological clinical nurse specialist at the VA Long Beach Healthcare System and the clinical nurse adviser for gerontological nursing for the Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Nursing Services in Washington, D.C. He is also president-elect of the Nurses Organization of Veterans Affairs, the professional association for registered nurses employed by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

KOCHI (HIGGINS) RUSEN lives in Long Beach with her husband, Lars, and their two Australian shepherds. He is a gerontological clinical nurse specialist for the VA Long Beach Healthcare System and the clinical nurse advisor for gerontological nursing for the Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Nursing Services in Washington, D.C. He is also president-elect of the Nurses Organization of Veterans Affairs, the professional association for registered nurses employed by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Block has been working on the U.S. Agency for International Development-funded Community Livelihoods Project in Sana’a, Yemen. He is enjoying the opportunity to learn more about the country’s fascinating history.

CANDY (THOMPSON) BRYANT lives in Eureka and works for the County of Humboldt as a social worker. She hopes to pursue a master’s degree in social work at Humboldt State University and would love to hear from classmaters from the National Semiconductor Group who attended USF in 1993 and 1994.

ROBERT HENDRICKS and his wife, Catherine, are the proud parents of Siena Grace Hendricks. He writes, “We thank God for blessing us with such a miracle baby.”

NATHALIE (HUANG) CAMPOS works as a utilization management nurse at John Muir Physician Network. She enjoys playing tennis and travelling and recently returned from Tokyo. She would love to hear from other nursing alumni.

KEVIN B. CAVALLI and his wife, Noelle, welcomed their second child in June, a healthy daughter named Gianna Lauren Cavalli.

KENT GERMAN is senior managing editor for CNET Reviews. He lives in San Francisco with his partner of 10 years, Eric.

BRANDON HORVATH, his wife, and three young daughters are moving to Bend, Ore., where he will serve as assistant general counsel for St. Charles Health System. He held a similar position with Samaritan Health Services for the last five years.

VIRGINIA (WARD) JUSTICE is a speech-writer for the chief executives at Amway, a global enterprise based in Ada, Mich. She lives in Grand Rapids, Mich., with her husband and two sons.

Jennifer Bayley works in New York City as the head of public relations for the fashion brand Express. She and her husband, Gavin Jones, welcomed their daughter, Penelope Lillian Jones, in August.

In May, Rebekah Davis Reid received a JD from the University of Houston Law Center, where she is a member of the Order of the Barons and the Order of the Coif. She recently joined the NASA Johnson Space Center Office of Chief Counsel.

Dion Roberts is the executive director of the Mary Elizabeth Inn, a nonprofit organization that provides safe housing and supportive services to women who have experienced domestic violence.

Dorothy Santos is a freelance writer and curator in San Francisco. She serves as arts editor and curator of Asterisk San Francisco Magazine’s “Gallery” section. She blogs for ZER01: The Arts and Technology Network, and the Gray Area Foundation for the Arts. Santos is the new media and public relations strategist for the Bay Area online art magazine, Art Practical. She is currently pursuing a master’s degree in visual and critical studies at the California College of the Arts.

Jude M. Backover recently retired from teaching adult education and at-risk teens.

Meghan (Kelly) Milovich married Brian Milovich in June of last year. She is an English teacher at Junipero Serra High School in San Mateo and recently started her own business as a stylist for Stella & Dot. She and her husband live in Walnut Creek.

Shaina Pomerantz is currently attending Southern University Law Center in Baton Rouge, La., after a stint teaching high school in Brooklyn, N.Y. She writes, “I hope everyone from my Sacramento cohort is doing well, and I hope to reconnect!”

Jude Leo Watters left the business world and is actively involved with local political action groups. He has seven children and is waiting on a grandchild.

Keegan M. Bell and his wife, Brenna, will be welcoming their second daughter in December, with their first, Olive, now 2 1/2 years old. They live in Orange, and Keegan thoroughly enjoys his job at The Wooden Floor, raising funds to send first-generation students to college.

Jordan Green was recently married and is expecting his first child, a son, next year. He still lives in the Bay Area and works as an assistant general manager for Aramark.

Claudia Martinez is completing the second year of her MBA at UC Berkeley’s Haas School of Business. Former Dons basketball player Lyryan Russell MA ‘12 returned to his high school alma mater, Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory, to be the new head coach of the girls’ varsity basketball team. He played basketball professionally in Germany for six years and returned to San Francisco to obtain his master’s degree in school and college counseling at USF.

Andrew Francis lives in New York, where he works for Columbia University as an analyst.

Danielle K. Morone and her husband, Stephen, welcomed a daughter, Keira Lisbeth Tee, on Sept. 9, 2011, and a son, Henry Francis Tee, on Sept. 15, 2012. They live in San José. She writes, “We are happily living in Carlsbad, CA, and I am continuing to practice land use and environmental law when not on maternity leave!”

Sharon (Tomsky) Singam MBA ’09 recently got married and moved to Walnut Creek. She continues to work in research for an insurance company and enjoys volunteering with the Junior League of San Francisco.

Leslie Waters received her doctorate in history from UCLA in August and started a two-year Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va., where she teaches modern European history.

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Jordy Green

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in June in the city! Looking forward to starting our new life together in the San Francisco Bay Area!”

**Danielatasha Lopez-garcia** graduated from the University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law in December 2010 and passed the California bar exam on her first attempt. She recently completed her first year as an attorney for the Department of Health Care Services and started a master of public administration program at USF’s Sacramento Campus in September.

’07 Jose Antonio P. Angara sent in a note for his classmates: “Hello Class A0606. When is our get together? Please continue practicing our motto ‘Men and Women for Others!’

Our cohort was invaluable to our success! Miss you all!”

Alexandra (Molard) Stell married Dan Stell in the summer of 2011. She recently received a master’s degree in school counseling and is now working as a high school guidance counselor.

‘09 Laise Popal reports that he has run 200 miles since the beginning of the year!

Rebecca Seaton celebrated the grand opening of her clothing boutique, Pink and Harmony, at its new location in Harbor Village. The business’s name is a word play on peace and harmony, intended to highlight its focus on finding designers and nonprofits with progressive incentives.

Cheyra Sterling writes in with an update about a new venture opened by fellow USFers Carlos Alejo ’08 and Ramsey Hanna ’10—San Francisco’s first Latin American wine bar. Antologia Vinoteca is located in North Beach and serves a diverse selection of wines and Latin American fusion food. Michael Villasenor ’08 helped design its website, antologiasf.com. “As you can see,” she writes, “Antologia has deep roots in USF.”

’10 Shamoun Azzed writes that he is continuing his educational journey as a master’s student in the transportation engineering program at the California Maritime Academy.

Katie Bowen-Williams is pursuing her master’s degree in conflict analysis and resolution at George Mason University while living in Khentii aimag in eastern Mongolia. She works as a school social worker for the Peace Corps. She writes, “Anyone who makes it to Mongolia is welcome to stay in my ger!”

Gustavo Beltran and Rebecca Burtwell were married in early November.

Christina Stockton, four-time All-West Coast Conference player for USF, was a contestant on the Golf Channel’s reality show, “The Big Break Atlantis,” this past summer, finishing fourth out of 12 contestants. She is currently practicing in qualifying tournaments for the LGPA Symetra Tour and spoke on a sports panel at the 2012 California Women’s Conference. She continues to pursue a professional golf career and recently signed with United Talent Agency, one of the top five talent agencies in the world.

Mark McLane just started a new job as a neonatal ICU nurse at Children’s Hospital of Michigan in Detroit. “It should be great experience and I’m looking forward to serving that population and their premature and sick babies,” he writes.

Martin H. Pickard was accepted into the new graduate registered nurse program at the UC San Diego Surgical Intensive Care Unit.

Ed Walker and his wife, Val, are proud to announce the birth of their first daughter, Zoey Marissa Walker, in September.

**GRADUATE**

’55 Thomas T. Anderson JD was honored by the American Bar Association’s Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section with the Pursuit of Justice Award. He has also recently been commended with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Consumer Attorneys of Inland Empire.

’64 Bruce Corinblum JD is the lead author of the statewide three-volume “California Insurance Law Dictionary and Desk Reference,” which is used by attorneys and judges in California and other states. He also remains in active practice, specializing in coverage litigation and insurance consultation and as an appellate counsel.

’66 Richard W. Millar Jr. JD writes, “Despite my advancing age, I am still practicing in Newport Beach and am serving as the president of the Peter M. Elliott American Inn of Court this year.”

’68 Jeffrey A. Norton JD continues to practice law and works as a volunteer employee of the California Department of Fish and Game. He and his wife, Judi, have one grandchild, Molly.

’71 Since retiring in June 2011, Joseph Shahpar MBA has been active on the board of directors of his homeowner’s association and has taken several courses on international issues at UC Berkeley Extension. He is also writing a novel that is loosely based on his travels around the world, which he hopes to complete next year. “My wife and I have agreed to be active and productive in our golden years rather than sitting home,” he writes.

Gene Szarek MA continues to serve as provincial superior of the U.S.A. Province of the Congregation of the Resurrection.

’75 Gregory Lane Hunter JD completed his 101st marathon at the 2012 Boston Marathon, in which he has participated for 18 consecutive years. He also ran the 2012
Napa Valley Marathon for the 20th year in a row.

JAMES P. MCCANN JD started the McDonald, McCann & Metcalf firm in Tulsa, Okla., which specializes in litigation, business transactions, bankruptcy, and construction law.

76 DAN CALLAHAN MBA retired from his position as president and CEO of Foglight Software, and after many years in the Bay Area, he and his wife moved to south Orange County to be closer to their daughters and three grandchildren. He still makes time for golf three to four times a week and is currently golfing a four handicap!

PETER LOGAN JD reports that his law practice and his blues band, Cathbone, are going strong.

77 Gov. Jerry Brown appointed DALE BRODSKY JD to the Fair Employment and Housing Commission. She has been a partner at Beeson, Tayer & Bodine, a Sacramento and Oakland Employment and Housing Commission. She has been a partner at Beeson, Tayer & Bodine, a Sacramento and Oakland Employment and Housing Commission.

JAMES P. MCCANN JD is a partner at Beeson, Tayer & Bodine LLP, was elected as the 2012-13 president of the San Francisco Estate Planning Council.


JOSE’LUIS OROZCO MA was honored at the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund’s annual awards gala in Los Angeles for Lifetime Achievement—Leadership in the Arts.

80 DOLORES DALTON JD is a civil litigator and court-appointed mediator with Rechercher Kanning & Schweitzer in Emeryville.

REV. TIM WESTMA is retired from full-time parish work and putting his counseling degree to work in a private practice setting.

83 SO-JOSEPH MA received a BA in psychology and an MA in educational counseling.

G. JEAN LAURIN-LAWRENCE MS is completing her ThD dissertation, “Icons and Idols,” and looking forward to becoming a wedding and celebration minister.

AUSTIN WAGNER MBA is working as a senior learning and organizational development consultant at UCSF and UC Berkeley. Previously, she was with American Airlines as a western region performance improvement partner, where she was instrumental in bringing the SFO team the “Customer Cup” award. Her daughter is currently in graduate school studying classical voice.

84 SUE ROKAW JD recently returned to San Francisco following two and a half years in North Carolina, where she and her husband started a construction business and where she taught legal subjects at local colleges. She now works as claims counsel at Deans & Homer, an insurance managing underwriting firm established in 1856.

86 KENNETH R. FEHRMAN EdD teaches color and design classes at the university level and recently started ForgottenLuxury.com, an e-commerce website offering limited edition jewelry, art, home décor, and curiosities.

FRANCISCO GRIJALVA EdD is returning to San Francisco after a 22-year absence, during which he served 17 years as head of school at The Overlake School in Redmond, Wash. He is excited about his return to the city and plans to do project consulting for schools and non-profits in the area after taking time off.

87 STEVE SCHWARTZ JD published “The Law of Strings,” a short story collection, in August. His novel, “The Consequence of Skating,” won the silver medal for the Book of the Year in Literary Fiction from the Independent Publisher. His works are published under his pen name, Steven Gillis.

JOHN E. TER BEEK JD lives in Wyoming, Mich., and recently teamed up with the American Civil Liberties Union to defend the rights of medical marijuana patients throughout the state of Michigan after his town outlawed medical marijuana through a city ordinance. They received a unanimous appellate court decision in their favor. He also filed a suit challenging the absolute freedom of speech rights on the Internet.

88 MUHAMMAD IJAZ HUSSAIN MA sent an update from Pakistan, where he works as an officer in the planning department. He plans to retire in three years and remembers his time at USF fondly. He writes, “I still miss the weather of San Francisco and its beaches. I hope that I will visit this city and USF someday.”

PATRICIA SEPP-JONES MA has returned to the Bay Area after nine years teaching at Howell’s School in Denbigh, North Wales, U.K.

89 JANET BRIEL MBA is senior director of clinical research for leukemia at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. Her husband, MIKE BRIEL MBA ’89, is a certified financial planner with Ameriprise Financial. They live in Clarksville, Md., and have three children, Katelyn, Brooks, and Madison.

WAYNE MADDEN MA has fully retired from teaching but still volunteers at the school across the street from his home. “If you love something enough, you will do it for free if you can,” he writes. “I obviously love teaching.”

In July, the National Episcopal Church in Indianapolis commissioned BARBARA G. SCHAFER MIHROD for a three-year term as the Province VIII United Thank Offering (UTO) representative. UTO is a missionary grant program for dioceses throughout the world.

90 RUSS JACKSON MIHROD, senior vice president of human resources at Safeway, has been chosen for the 2012 HR Honor Roll in Human Resource Executive magazine.

91 After 10 years at Mercer, XIN GUO MBA left in 2011. He now serves as president and CEO of Career International, a recruiting and staffing company in China.
LONE MOUNTAIN ALUMNAE FUND CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS

USFers can now enjoy the soaring sounds of carillon bells coming from the Lone Mountain tower and a restored Virgin Mary statue on the third floor of the landmark building, thanks to recent funding from the Alumnae of the Sacred Heart Lone Mountain.

The alumnae attended college at Lone Mountain when it was the San Francisco College for Women or, later, when it was renamed Lone Mountain College. USF purchased Lone Mountain in 1978. The alumnae were invited to join the USF Alumni Association in 2006, as a way to maintain their connection to the Lone Mountain Campus.

The carillon installation and Virgin Mary statue restoration were made possible through donations to the Lone Mountain Heritage Circle—a giving society for the alumnae, their families, and their friends to pay tribute to their time at Lone Mountain, said Polly McMullen LM ‘68, USF senior planned giving officer.

The Heritage Circle consists of the Lone Mountain Campus Enhancement Fund and the Lone Mountain Legacy Scholarship. The former supports improvements and maintenance to Lone Mountain. The latter provides annual support to Catholic-school educators who study at USF’s Institute for Catholic Leadership (ICEL). This year, the fund awarded a scholarship worth about $5,800—the largest since it was established in 2004.

The alumnae plan to create a Lone Mountain Heritage Room in 2013. The room, a classroom that will continue to be available for classes, will hold memorabilia, photos, and yearbooks from San Francisco College for Women and Lone Mountain College graduates in protective bookshelves.

RICK JONSEN MHROD is pursuing a doctorate in organizational leadership at Eastern University in St. Davids, Penn.

'92 A professor of educational leadership at Loyola Marymount University, ELIZABETH C. REILLY EdD was honored for her research on women in leadership in Afghanistan by the International Studies Special Interest Group at the American Educational Research Association’s annual meeting in Vancouver, Canada.

'93 JOHN P. MCGARRY, S.J., MA serves as rector of Santa Clara University’s Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley, an international graduate school of theology.

'95 In September, DAVID YESKE MA was awarded the Heart of Financial Planning Award by the Financial Planning Association. The award recognizes professionals who contribute to the financial planning community and public.

'96 COLLEEN HEIDENREICH JD manages her own independent college counseling business in the Bay Area called University Plain. She lives in Napa with her husband, Heinz, and two children, Bella, 15, and Finn, 14.

'97 ELIZABETH BREKKUS JD was recently elected council member of the Ross Town Council. Her interest stems from her love of the town and her experience as a civil litigation attorney in Marin County.

'98 STEFAN S. LAWRENCE JD was recently chosen as an Enterprise Diversity Champion for Wells Fargo & Company. Clinical sexologist AMY MARSH, DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR CERTIFICATE, is published in Rachel Pepper’s new anthology, “Transitions of the Heart: Stories of Love, Struggle, and Acceptance by Mothers of Transgender and Gender Variant Children.” She is currently teaching a 150-hour certificate course in hypnosis for sex therapy at the Institute for Advanced Study of Human Sexuality in San Francisco.

'99 FRED KUO MA was promoted to director of student involvement at Fairfield University in Fairfield, Conn.

'00 LEE RUDNICK JD works as an entertainment lawyer and producer in Los Angeles. His book, “My Immortal: The Vampires of Berlin,” was published in March.

'01 STEVEN BAKER MA was recently named a U.S. Youth Soccer national Competitive Coach of the Year for 2011. He also just finished publishing a book, “Our Competition is the World.”

'02 STANLEY JOHN CORDERO MA accepted a position as director of programs for Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa and recently began doctoral studies in leadership at Creighton University.

'03 HYDER RAYMOND RAZA MA is retired and lives in Costa Rica, where he spends his time teaching English and playing bridge.

'04 JACINTO EDO recently retired and became the director of an ESL immersion program for Japanese international students at Kusunoki Pacific College in Hilo, Hawaii.

'05 STEVEN CAMPBELL MS, author of the book “Making Your Mind Magnificent,” is conducting workshops throughout the U.S. on how to make our minds our greatest mentors. You can check out his website at www.anintelligentheart.com.

'06 ORLEN BEN JAFFE MBA continues his career in the corporate social responsibility industry with Underwriters Laboratories, where he works with consumer brands and retailers on ethical, sustainable supply chain programs. He lives in Castro Valley with his wife and 1 ½ year-old child and invites fellow USFers to connect via Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn.

In addition to her work as a safehouse advocate at a women’s shelter in Sacramento, NIKKI THERESA MYERS MA is currently interning as a marriage and family therapist providing psychotherapy to survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, and victims of human trafficking.

'06 D. CHRIS NUNEZ MA organized the 50th anniversary
In September, John Corcoran JD celebrated the one-year anniversary of his legal practice, The Corcoran Law Firm. After a brief sojourn in Turkey, Charla Welch JD began a new job working in private practice for Liebert Cassidy Whitmore. She represents a wide variety of public agencies in all aspects of labor and employment law, with an emphasis on negotiations and labor relations. Since graduating, Marie A. (Celestine) Young MA has produced a film, "Black Rainbows: The Colors and Self Images of African American Girls," and gotten married. She has four children.

J. Douglas Atkinson JD married his wife, Vanessa, in 2011 and welcomed his first son, Cole, this year. He also opened his own practice, focusing on personal injury law, in January.

Katherine Baro EdD is an adjunct teacher at Palo Alto Adult School, where she recently implemented the Writing Academy. The program serves adult English language learners from countries including Turkey, Italy, Spain, Fiji, China, and Bolivia.

Rachel Sears Casanta MA and her husband, Philip, welcomed their first child, Giovanni Cruz Casanta, in June.

Janine Greer MA is an adjunct faculty member at the College of Alameda, where she teaches psychology. In addition, she is currently interim program director at Alternative Family Services, a foster care agency. A proud mom, her son just left for Sacramento State.

Michael Hill MPA is pursuing a PhD in school organization and education policy at UC Davis.

Noah Woods JD has joined the Brown Law Group as an associate in San Diego and will represent employers in the areas of labor and employment law.

Nancy Cappelloni EdD recently authored a book called "Kindergarten Readiness" that was published in October by Corwin Press. She is also an adjunct professor in the Teacher Education Program at USF.

Natlie Chu JD and Tyler Hicks JD ’99 were married in September in St. Ignatius Church.

John Dzida MAPS, MBA married Amanda Huffman in San Juan Capistrano in August. They live in San Francisco.

Angela N. Quinonez MA is pursuing her second MA at USF, in Catholic educational leadership. She is also a religious studies teacher at Mercy High School in San Francisco.

Mary Margaret Sullivan DNP will be inducted into the American Academy of Nursing as a fellow.

Dana Arvanites MOPA ’11 works as a press assistant at the Democratic Policy and Communications Center in Washington, D.C. She is responsible for briefing Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid each morning on local, national, and international news.

Mitchell Friedman EdD was recently named the associate dean of career development and student affairs for the Presidio Graduate School. He was previously the term assistant professor and director of MBA professional development at USF.

Herma Semes Jr., MS is starting a new job as a research subject matter expert at the Naval Postgraduate School’s Global Public Policy Academic Group in Monterey.

David Shaw MBA is vice president of communications and marketing for the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy. He recently managed the commemorative festivities for the 75th anniversary of the Golden Gate Bridge.

Katie Liu JD moved to the Fremont area following a trip to Europe and is now volunteering part time at the San Francisco Public Defender’s Office while she waits for her bar exam results. She paints and plays tennis in her free time.

What’s Up?

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in memoriam

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1 You helped King draft his famous “I Have A Dream” speech. As we approach its 50th anniversary, how close are we to fulfilling his vision of racial equality and equal opportunity? You have to be deaf, dumb, and blind not to know that America has come a significant distance, but the question is whether or not we could have come further. After the Civil War, it was intended that the South be reconstructed, that an economic and political base framework be provided to the slaves who were emancipated in 1863. If reconstruction were as successful as had been intended, it wouldn’t have taken 40 years for an African American to become president of the United States. It wouldn’t have taken that long, in my opinion, for major legal legislation to desegregate public education. This is always a question of “what if,” but I am of the opinion that the progress that African Americans have made would have been significantly greater if reconstruction had succeeded.

2 At USF, you are teaching an undergraduate political science course called From Slavery to Obama, which looks at the history of racial struggles in the U.S. and key moments of the civil rights movement. What do you think are the most pressing civil rights issues facing our country today? The critical question facing America today in terms of the issue that is the subject of my course is finding a solution to the plague of gun and drug violence that has in many ways crippled our communities, which would otherwise have an opportunity to flourish. And here I get into a very controversial area—I don’t think there will be any material change in this issue until we find a 21st century equivalent to the paradigm of the black family. The black family, with a male co-head of household, is virtually non-existent, and so you have to find a substitute equivalent to the family they don’t have at home to guide African American boys through the transition to young manhood. The best example I know is the Omega Boys Club, which is run by USF Trustee Emeritus Joseph Marshall. The Omega Boys Club’s Alive and Free Program has, in effect, become the equivalent of the family for young Hispanic and African American males. Their family life is destroyed, and the Omega Boys Club has become their family. It’s given them the transitional foundation to enable them to become adults with a minimum or no violence.

3 One of the goals of your course is to enable honest and critical discussion of race in America. Why is this important for college students today? Because I think that no matter what other educational pursuits a college student may get involved in, it is important that they understand how America came to be on one of the singular, most important issues that dominated the history of our country, and that’s the issue of race—how whites came to think about negroes and how negroes or African Americans began to think about whites, and the interaction between the races. That didn’t just happen in one day. It has some historical antecedents, and I thought it was important for students to have the opportunity to learn about them.

4 What stands out about your experience teaching at USF? I have found the students to be extremely interesting, extremely responsive, and very, very disciplined about the readings that have been assigned. They are engaging in their discussions with me.

5 What projects are you working on? I’m working on my autobiography, “Memoirs of a Wintertime Soldier,” and on a series of lectures, which I want to lead, about the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. in the American Jewish community during the civil rights movement. I have been blessed that I’m also the subject of a theatrical documentary film that’s being made, with the participation of PBS, on my life, not just on my work with Martin Luther King Jr.
THANK YOU
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Alexa Carbajal ’13 dreamed of going to college, and she is extraordinarily grateful to USF donors who are making that dream a reality. She is now working toward a degree in psychology and plans a career helping people conquer their addictions.

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