Skull and Dagger
The All University Honor Society at the University of Southern California - Fall 2017

Society Welcomes 43 New Members for 2017

The class of 2017 was honored at the Skull and Dagger Society breakfast at Town and Gown in May. At the breakfast, the Society also honored members of the class of 1967 with the John V. Morley Medallion, emblematic of 50 years of Society membership. Members of the class of 1992, and earlier, were presented with special lapel pins recognizing their 25 years of membership.

The Society also honored six recipients; which is double the number from prior years, with Skull and Dagger Foundation scholarships (see separate story on Page 2). The event also highlighted the presentation of the Arnold Eddy Volunteer Service Award to **William Heeres (1963)** for his service to the University and especially the School of Pharmacy.

There were 43 new members in the 2017 Skull and Dagger class. The class included 31 students, five in the faculty staff and administration category and seven in the alumni and honorary section. The following are very brief highlights of the accomplishments of the 2017 Skull and Dagger class.

Anika Apostalon was the 2017 co-captain of the women's swim team. She had a five-time All-American performance as a junior that included an NCAA 400y freestyle relay title. In May, she received the award as Female Trojan of the Year presented by the Trojan Athletic Senate, the Pac-12 Women's Swimming Scholar Athlete of the Year and was an Academic All-American First Team award winner. She graduated with a degree in psychology and is training for the 2020 Olympics.

Zach Banner was a first team All-American in 2016 and a first team

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Class of 2017 at the Initiation Breakfast

Arthur C. Bartner to Receive Keeper of the Flame Award

Dr. Arthur C. Bartner (1972), Director of the USC Trojan Marching Band, will receive the 2017 Keeper of the Flame Award, at our Fall Social Event on Sunday, October 15, 2017. Dr. Bartner, who came to USC in 1970, will be starting his 48th year as director of the Band.

His tenure has been longer than any president, dean, trustee or football coach in the history of the university. Under his direction, the Trojan Marching Band has gained international prominence, performing at the Olympics, Super Bowls, the World Series, the Oscars, the Grammys and in numerous movies and television shows. The Band has traveled to 17 countries on six continents.

The Keeper of the Flame Award is presented periodically to that member of the Society who best represents the values and traditions of Skull and Dagger. It is our highest honor, and has only been awarded four times before: **Kenneth Taylor, Bing Cherrie, Dr. Sammy Lee** and **Anne Westfall.**

Details about the Fall Social Event will be sent out soon. Invitations will be mailed after Labor Day. We hope you all can join us to celebrate a USC Legend!

Foundation Awards Six Scholarships

The Skull and Dagger Foundation was able to award six scholarships this year, double the number from prior years, due to increasing contributions from our members and the performance of the Foundation's investment portfolio.

The Foundation has established two scholarships in memory of former Permanent Masters of the Society. The first was established in 1989 and is named in memory of Dr. Kenneth Owler Smith, a professor of Journalism, who served as Permanent Master of the Society from 1983 until his passing in 1988. The second was established in 2002 in memory of Dr. Harrison M. Kurtz, a professor of Biological Sciences, who served as Permanent Master from 1989 until his passing in 2001. Both scholarships are awarded annually to the continuing USC students who have demonstrated significant campus and/or community leadership.

The Bella and Don Barden Foundation is a living legacy of the couple and was inherited by their daughter **Alana Marshall Barden (2013),** who serves as the current president and chairman. The foundation strives to promote growth, leadership, and entrepreneurship in youth and pledges commitment to the community. The Barden Centennial Scholarship is dedicated in memory and honor of Bella and Don Barden, and also celebrates their daughter's initiation into the Skull and Dagger centennial class, which was made possible by Bella and Don's support and financing of her USC education.

The six recipients for the 2017-2018 academic year are:

David A. Monk is a junior from Forsyth, Illinois, double-majoring in Law, History and Culture as well as Mechanical Engineering, maintaining a 3.63 grade point average. He founded the USC Sailing Club and served as both Freshman

Left to Right: Sean Salisbury (2017), with scholarship recipients Sophia Wix, Madelina Pratt and Pablo Pozas Guerra

William Heeres Receives Eddy Service Award

William A. Heeres (1962) is the 2017 recipient of the Arnold Eddy Volunteer Service Award. The Eddy award is presented annually to a member of the Society whose volunteer service to the University of Southern California is exemplary. The Award is named in memory of **Arnold Eddy (1923),** who served as Executive Director of the USC Alumni Association from 1944 to 1960 and as Permanent Master of the Skull and Dagger Society from 1942 to 1955.

Bill Heeres is a second-generation Trojan pharmacist whose father, Nicholas, graduated from the USC School of Pharmacy in 1934. In 1964, Bill took over the family business, Arlington RX Pharmacy in Riverside, California. He eventually became president and CEO and held this position until he sold the corporation in 2005. Bill currently works as a per diem pharmacist for PharMerica Corporation and a number of individually owned pharmacies.

A dedicated Trojan, Bill is a longtime member of the USC School of Pharmacy's Board of Councilors and served as the board's chairman from 2013 to 2014. In 2013, Bill was named the USC Pharmacy Alumni Association Outstanding Alumnus of the Year. He is revered for sharing his time and expertise with students, encouraging them to participate in political, professional and community activities.

William Heeres

In 1998, Bill and his wife, Josephine, established "The Heeres Challenge," a matching gift program that eventually raised nearly $1 million in gifts and pledges to complete the renovation of teaching facilities with multimedia upgrades. Four years later, Bill and Josephine endowed the Josephine A. and William Heeres Chair in Community Pharmacy – the first of its kind in the nation. As a longtime community pharmacist, Bill believes that School of Pharmacy students need to learn how to communicate with their patients and provide essential healthcare information.

Bill and Josephine have four children, one of whom, Deborah, is a 1986 USC graduate, as well as eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Their granddaughter Lauren graduated in 2016 and currently works for USC.

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Left to right: Sue Spence Phelps (1986), Oscar Mendoza (1975) and Dennis Fernow (1967)

All-Pac-12 in 2015 and 2016. He was captain of the team in 2016. He was the team's Community Service Award winner. He graduated last year with a degree in broadcast journalism and was working on a second bachelors degree in sociology. The Indianapolis Colts in the National Football League draft selected him.

Logan Baron was the President of Trojan Knights in 2015-2016 and was the Head Student Manager for the 2016 football team, after having been a student manager since 2014. He graduated with a degree in business administration and a double minor in sports media studies and mathematical finance. This summer he will be working at a summer camp and then traveling for several months before moving into the job market in 2018.

Tyler Borch was the Battalion Commander of the USC Naval ROTC during the fall 2016 semester. He was the co-founder of the USC Spearfishing club and President of the USC Christian Science organization. After graduating with a degree in industrial and systems engineering, information operations management track, he was commissioned as an Ensign in the United States Navy.

Claire Chatinover was a Co-Executive Director of Troy Camp for 2016-2017. She also was Executive Director of Chalk the Block for two years and was the Vice President of Membership for the Panhellenic Council in 2016. At graduation, she received The Order of Troy. She graduated with a degree in political science and a minor in education and society. In the fall, she will be teaching elementary school in the Coney Island area of New York City as part of Teach for America.

Left to right: Carlos Portela (2014), Jordan Fowler (2017) and Michaela Michael (2017)

Chelsea Chenault was a 2017 co-captain of the women's swim team. She won the Pac-12 title in the 500y freestyle. A six-time All-American, she was a member of the NCAA championship 400y freestyle relay team. She graduated with a degree in international relations and is training for the 2020 Olympics.

Kelly Claes was a three-time All-American and a four-time national champion in sand volleyball. She won the 2016 Pac-12 Player of the Year award. She is working on her degree in sociology. After completing her degree this year, she will be a professional beach volleyball player and will be training to compete in the 2020 Olympics.

Left to right: Logan Burkhead (2016), Nicholas Mast (2017), Joseph Cleveland (1987) and Joey Cleveland (2017)

Joseph Cleveland was Vice President for Finance for the Interfraternity Council and was Director of Leader's program and head of the mentorship program for the Trojan Investing Society. He was also Director of Administration for Society 53. At graduation, he received the Order of the Torch. He graduated with a double degree with a bachelor of science in business administration, with a concentration in finance, and a bachelor of arts in international relations. He is working for Houlihan Lokey as an investment banking analyst in the financial restructuring group in New York City.

Nicholas Entin was the Chief Photographer for the *El Rodeo* for two years. He also served as a staff photographer for the *Daily Trojan* for four years. He was selected to the Order of the Laurel and Palm at graduation. He received a degree in computer science with a minor in cinematic arts. He is working as a software engineer at Square in San Francisco.

Lindsey Estrada was President of Mortar Board. She also served as Vice President of New Member Education for the Panhellenic Council. At graduation, she was recognized as National Academy of Engineering Grand Challenge Scholar.

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Left to right: Otis Healy (1950), Jody Murdock (2003), Nancy Hoffman (1990) and Rick Nordin (1976)

She graduated with a degree in industrial and systems engineering with a minor in management consulting. She is working as a business technology analyst at Deloitte in Los Angeles.

Jordan Fowler was the Vice President of the Undergraduate Student Government in 2015-2016 after having served as Director of University Affairs. She graduated in media arts and practice in the School of Cinematic Arts with a minor in web technology and applications in the Viterbi School of Engineering. At graduation, she received the Order of the Laurel and the Palm. She is working at Google as an associate product marketing manager.

Stephania Haralabidis was a four-year member of the national championship women's water polo team, having won the Peter J. Cutino award in 2016 as the national player of the year. She was a four-time All-American. She will graduate in December with a degree in international relations. After that she plans to work in marketing and advertising.

Alaina Hartley was President of the Panhellenic Council in 2016 after having served as Executive Vice President in 2015. She also served as President of the USC Economics Association. She received her degree in December in economics and honors English. At graduation, she received the Order of Troy. She is working for Bain & Company as an associate consultant.

Left to right: Class of 1992 – William Schloss, Michael Williams, Romi Rudolph Neustadt and Sam Sheldon

J. Ryan Hill was medical student chair of the accreditation independent student analysis, curriculum chair of his class and the medical student representative to the Graduate Medical Education Committee. As an undergraduate, he was the salutatorian of the class of 2012. At graduation, he received the Order of Arete. After receiving his M.D. degree, he started an orthopaedic surgery residency at Washington University in St. Louis.

Sara Hughes was a four-time national champion and All-American and three-year captain of the sand volleyball team. She represented the team on the Trojan Athletic Senate. She graduated with a degree in business administration and then attend graduate school at USC in entrepreneurship while playing pro volleyball.

Left to right: Robert Garcia (2017), Christopher Martin (2017), Robert Murrin (1974) and Tom Horowitz (1983)

Christine Lemon was the 2016 Executive President of the Dental Student Body. She served for three years as vice president of the class of 2017. She was also co-director of many local and international dental clinics. She graduated with her D.D.S. degree in May and is in a dental anesthesiology residency at NYU Lutheran Medical Center in Brooklyn.

Reed Malone was a three-time captain of the men's swim team and a three-year member of the Executive Board of the Trojan Athletic Senate. He was a five-time All-American and two-time national champion in the 800 free and 400 free replays. He was the Pac-12 champion in the 200y and 500y freestyle. He received the male Trojan of the Year award from the Trojan Athletic Senate. He will graduate with a degree in psychology in 2018 and is looking to work in the marketing or advertising part of the sports industry after that.

Nicholas Mast was President of the Interfraternity Council. Previous he was President of Zeta Beta Tau fraternity and President of the Scholars Dorm in the Residential Student Government. He will graduate in August with a bachelors in business administration and a masters in finance. He received the Order of Troy at graduation. He will be working for Apple in finance starting in the fall.

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Left to right: Jerry Papazian (1977), Duncan Smith (2014) and Paul Alwine (1962)

Michaela Michael was the captain of the women's lacrosse team. She was the league Player of the Year in 2015 and has been named an All-American. She graduated with a degree in business administration.

Jason Myers served as the Executive Editor of the *Southern California Law Review* and has served on the publication's executive board. He also served as treasurer of two law student organizations. He graduated with his J.D. degree and joined Gibson, Dunn and Crutcher LLP as an associate in the transactional department.

J. Taubert Nadalini was the president of the Musical Theatre Repertory, a student group that produces musicals and was the co-president of The Suspenders, a sketch comedy group. He graduated with a degree in theatre and a minor in musical theatre after which he will be working as an actor and director in the film, television and stage industry.

Dhiraj Pangal was the Founder and President of USC Project RISHI (Rural India Social and Health Improvement.) He also worked in Troy Camp for four years. He graduated with a degree in neuroscience and is taking a gap year working on medical projects and teaching martial arts before attending medical school in 2018.

Joseph Porter was the Executive Editor of the *Southern California Law Review.* He also was an executive board member of the Black Law Students Association. He graduated with a JD. and is working as an associate for Latham & Watkins LLP in Los Angeles.

Left to right: Chris Wodniak (2017), Joey Cleveland (2017), Alaina Hartley (2017), Logan Baron (2017) and Julia Plotts (2013)

Sean Salisbury was President of Society 53, the University's student alumni society. He also was Vice President of External Affairs for the Interfraternity Council and Director of Fundraising (gala) for Troy Camp. He received the Order of Troy and a National Academy of Engineering Grand Challenge Award at commencement. He graduated with a degree in mechanical engineering and is working as technology analyst for Accenture LLC in Arlington, Virginia.

Left to right: Carol Mollett (2017) and Carol Thueson (2007)

Edwin Saucedo was the President of the Undergraduate Student Body during the 2016-2017 year after being Director of Finance in the prior year. He received the Order of the Laurel and the Palm and was featured in a *Los Angeles Times* article in May. He graduated with a degree in public policy, planning and development with a concentration in urban planning and a minor in political science. After graduation, he will be a Jesse M. Unruh Assembly Fellow in Sacramento.

Jonah Schatz was the President of USC Hillel. He also served as Vice President and Business Manager for USC Troy Tones, an a cappella singing group. He will graduate in 2018 with a dual degree in architecture and real estate development, spending next year living in the Gamble House in Pasadena as a recipient of the Gamble House scholar in residence fellowship.

Saikrishna Upanhyayula was Co-President of the National Community Pharmacy Association, a member of Phi Lambda Sigma, the pharmacy national leadership society and a student senator representing the School of Pharmacy. He received the Order of Arete at graduation. He graduated with his Pharm D. degree and will be continuing his education at the UC Irvine School of Law in the fall.

Danni Wang was the spring 2017 Editor of the *Daily Trojan*, previously serving as the Managing Editor. She graduated with a degree in psychology with a minor in gender studies. She received the Order of the Laurel and the Palm. She is looking to work in the political communications industry.

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Left to right: Carol Mollett (2017), Sonny Rosales (2017), Jane Bensussen (2011) and Linda Givvin (2015)

Taylor Whittingham was the captain of the women's volleyball team and was the most valuable player for the team in 2016. She was a third-team All-American and a third team Pac-12 academic honorable mention. She graduated with a degree in communications and is looking to work in the professional sports industry.

Christopher Wodniak was the 2016-2017 Drum Major for the Trojan Marching Band. He previously was a squad leader and was a four-year member of the band. He graduated with a degree in theatre. He will be working as a personal trainer after graduation as he auditions for parts in film, television and the stage.

Warren Yamashita was the President and Founder of USC Connecting Californians to Care, Co-President of the Keck Health Policy Interest Group and Co-Editor of the Keck Synaesthesia art magazine. He graduated with his M.D. and M.P.H. degrees and then started his medical residency in family medicine in Hilo, Hawaii.

There are five new faculty, staff and administration members.

Donna D. Elliott is Senior Associate Dean for Student and Educational Affairs and a Professor of Clinical Pediatrics at the Keck School of Medicine. She is a complete Trojan, having completed her bachelor's degree in biology in 1978,

Bruce Cohen (1975) introducing new member Jordan Fowler (2017)

received her M.D. in 1982, a masters in education in 1996 and an Ed.D. in 2006. She did her internship and residency at the Los Angeles County+USC Medical Center. In her role at the Keck School of Medicine, she has mentored hundreds of medical students and has often been called the "Medical School Mom."

Rex Kovacevich is Assistant Vice Dean of Graduate Programs and Professor of Clinical Marketing at the Marshall School of Business. He has been known as one of the best teaching professors in the Marshall School of Business for many years, winning the Evan C. Thompson Faculty Teaching and Innovation Award, the Marshall School of Business Faculty Award for Innovation in Teaching and is a three-time Golden Apple Teaching Award winner. He received an MBA from the Marshall School of Business in 1986. Before joining the USC faculty in 1996, he spent a

Jeff Tolstad (1976) introducing new member Rex Kovacevich (2017)

decade with First Interstate Bank of California.

Sonny Rosales is a Guest Services Ambassador for USC Transportation Services. For the last 15 years, he has been assigned to Gate 2, which functions as USC's front door. He is often the first face visitors to USC see and is always pleasant, calm, helpful and professional in helping USC's guests. He was recognized with the 2016 President's Award for Staff Excellence.

Stanley Rosen, a Professor of Political Science, has been a faculty member residing on campus for the last 29 years. He started as a faculty in residence at Marks and Trojan Halls for 10 years, a faculty master at New Residential College for 13 years and for the past six years has been Faculty Master at University Residential College Birnkrant. Dr. Rosen has influenced the lives of countless freshman over nearly three decades. He has been a faculty member since 1979 and from 2005-2011 served as Director of the East Asian Studies Center and Chair of the East Asian Studies department. He currently serves as Vice Chair of the Department of Political Science.

Avishai Sadan has been the Dean of the Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry since 2009. He has worked on a fund raising campaign of $115 million for the school, developed a tech-centered world for the school and expanded the dental

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Edward Roth (2012) introducing new member Stan Rosen (2017)

school's community outreach efforts. Dr. Sadan received his dental degree from Hebrew University, Hadassah School of Medicine in Jerusalem, Israel and an M.B.A. from the Marshall School of Business.

The seven new members from the alumni and honorary sections are profiled below.

Michael Adler was President of the USC Alumni Association in 2015-2016 after service on the Board of Governors since 2007 and previously from 1992-1996. He is currently serving as a member of the university's Board of Trustees. He was Chairman of the USC Athletics Board of Counselors from 2011 to 2014. He has been a member of the Marshall Partners since 1993. He received his bachelors degree in business in 1986 and his M.B.A. in 1992 from the Marshall School of Business. He is an attorney in private practice.

Oscar De Los Santos has been named a Rhodes Scholar for 2017 and will be studying at Oxford University. He graduated from the University in 2015 magna cum laude with a degree in political science. At graduation, he received the Order of the Laurel and Palm. He was also a member of Phi Beta Kappa and both a Global and Discovery Scholar. He is this year's only Latino Rhodes Scholar. He is currently working as Manager of Public Policy for the Association of Arizona Food Banks.

Dann Angeloff (1957) introducing new member Terry Pearson (2017)

Robert Garcia is the Mayor of Long Beach, California, the second-largest city in Los Angeles County. He has served as Mayor since July 2014, serving for as a member of the Long Beach City Council for the prior five years. When elected to the Council at age 31, he was the youngest person ever elected. He received his masters degree in communications management from USC and has been a member of the public policy and communications faculty at the University.

Members of the Class of 1992, celebrating 25 years membership in the Society

He received both his doctorate in education and bachelors degree from California State University, Long Beach, where he served as student body president.

Christopher C. Martin is the CEO and Chairman of AC Martin, one of Southern California's oldest planning and architecture firms. He served as a member of the Board of Counselors for the School of Architecture from 2000 to 2016. He was the architect for the Ronald Tutor Campus Center, Feritita Hall and Popovich Hall. He is a 1974 graduate from the School of Architecture.

Carol Tucker Mollett served as President of Town and Gown of USC from 2012 to 2014 and then served as Chief Investment Officer for the organization and assumed her current role as Second Vice President, Scholarship in July 2015. She received a Widney Alumni House Volunteer Award in 2012. She became part of the Trojan family when her daughter enrolled at USC in 2001.

Jung Kian Ng has been named a Rhodes Scholar for 2017 and will be studying at Oxford University. He graduated from the University in 2014 with both a bachelors degree and masters degree in mechanical engineering. He will be pursuing a master of science in environmental change and a master of public policy degree. He is only one of two students selected this year from Malaysia. He is currently serving a Special Assistant to the Minister in the Economic Planning Unit of the Prime Minister's office in Malaysia.

W. Terry Pearson is a past President of Half-Century Trojans. He has served on the Board of Directors of Half

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Member News

Joseph Saltzman (1961), professor of journalism and communications at USC Annenberg, has received the 2017 Outstanding Service Award from the USC Association of Trojan Leagues in recognition of his research, teaching and service. This fall will mark his 50th consecutive year of teaching at USC.

Joseph Saltzman

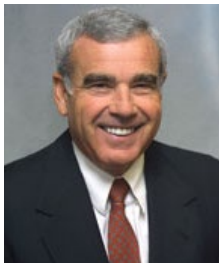
Gary Cohen (1968) retired from the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, where he served as a professor of history from 2001 through 2016 and as chair of the history department from 2010 to 2013.

Rick Caruso (1980) received the Papal Honor of Knight Commander in the Order of the Knights of St. Gregory the Great by Pope Francis. The Order of St. Gregory the Great was established in 1831 and is a special honor bestowed by the authority of the Pope upon Roman Catholic men and women in recognition of their personal service to the community and those in need.

Capt. Christie Papilla Cunningham

Christy Timmons Tyndall (1996) received her PhD in education in educational psychology from Virginia Commonwealth University in May. Her research has focused on the multiple factors that contribute to college student success with an emphasis on motivation, development and teaching and learning.

Capt. Christie Papilla Cunningham (2005) has started a new assignment as an Army Congressional Fellow. She will also be pursuing a second master's degree in legislative affairs at George Washington University.



Edward Roski

Edward Roski, Jr. (2005) received the Circle of Honor Award, the highest honor given by the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation, which pays tribute to U.S. citizens who have made profound contributions to the country. Roski, a USC trustee and former Chairman of the Board of Trustees, is President and Chairman of the Board of Majestic Realty Co.

Alana Barden (2013) has joined Hulu as an integrated marketing associate.

Alana Barden

Zach Timm (2013) graduated from the UCLA School of Law in June 2017.

Marriages

Laura Giles (2000) and Steve Rath, August 2010.

Sean Feybush (2006) and Britt Andresen, June 10, 2017.

Jerad Slagle (2007) and Caeli Abeyta, October 10, 2015.

Lauren Wright (2011) and Lee Linderman, March 12, 2016.

Steven Shandrick (2012) and Beth Wildermuth, April 29, 2017.

Births

Laura Giles Rath (2000) and Steve Rath, daughters, Audrey, born in 2012, and Anna, born in 2014.

Matthew Weir (2003) and Annie Weir, a son, Beckett Michael Weir, December 23, 2016.

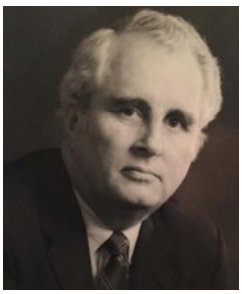
In Memoriam

Robert Clark (Bob) McClymonds (1949), March 4, 2017. Mr. McClymonds, 93, graduated from the University with a degree in political science and was honored with Society membership for his work with the Greater University Committee. Prior to coming to USC, he served as a Lieutenant JG in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific Theater during World War II. After farming for several years, he moved to the Sacramento area, where he worked for many decades as a real estate broker and appraiser. He is survived by his four children and several grandchildren.

Richard King Ives (1952), May 19, 2017. Mr. Ives, 87, was a 1952 graduate from the College of Commerce. He was a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and was the business manager of the *Daily Trojan.* After receiving a master's degree in business administration from Stanford, he served for three years as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy. He worked for 15 years in the sales and marketing divisions of IBM. He formed his own executive search firm in 1975 and led the firm until his retirement in 2000. He is survived by his four daughters, Kathleen, Sharon, Lisa and Cameron; 11 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Jess A. Martin (1955), July 29, 2015. Mr. Martin served as President of the Library Science Alumni Association

J. Dudley Pewitt (1964), March 14, 2017. Dr. Pewitt, 86, received two master's degrees and a doctoral degree from the University. He was named outstanding student in the graduate school of business. He entered the U.S. Air Force in 1951, flew over more than 100 combat missions in Vietnam and was highly decorated during his time in military service. He retired after 23 years of service, attaining the rank of Colonel. He then joined the University of Alabama at, Birmingham and rose to become senior vice president for administration. He is survived by his wife, Betty; sons, Ransom, James and Ted;



J. Dudley Pewitt

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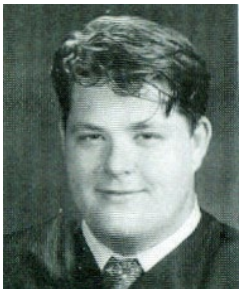
nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Derek Blackwell (1968), January 24, 2017. Mr. Blackwell was a former USC rugby coach.

Derek Blackwell

Gary M. Hearn (1972), April 29, 2013. Mr. Hearn, 68, graduated cum laude from the University with a degree in mechanical engineering and was president of his class. After moving to the San Francisco Bay area in 1974, he served as vice president of manufacturing for a number of companies. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, and children, Michael and Emily.

Nick Divito (1996), March 8, 2017. Mr. Divito, 42, graduated from the University with a degree in print journalism and served as the spring 1996 editor of the *Daily Trojan.* He worked at a number of Southern California news agencies and for the last 14 years worked for Courthouse News in New York and Las Vegas, ultimately covering the federal court in the Eastern District of New York. He worked up to the day of his death, submitting his final story for publication the next day. He had long struggled with liver problems to which he finally succumbed.



Nick Divito

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and Varsity Captain. He is the Crew Coordinator of USC Nautical Science and the President of Trojan Knights, where he has participated in numerous community service projects. He is a recipient of the Harrison M. Kurtz Memorial Scholarship.

Madelina R. Pratt is a junior in the USC Viterbi Progressive Degree Program, majoring in Biomedical Engineering and Green Technology Engineering. She is from Carlsbad, California, and is maintaining a 3.71 grade point average. She is a Student Athlete Tutor in Student Athlete Academic Services and a Research Assistant in the USC Biomedical Microsystems Laboratory. She is a Fellow of the City Fellows Commission. She is a USC Trustee Scholar. She is a recipient of the Kenneth Owler Smith Memorial Scholarship.

Pablo A. Pozas Guerra is a senior in the USC Viterbi Progressive Degree Program in Industrial and Systems Engineering, Global Supply Chain Management. He is from Nuevo Leon, Mexico, and is maintaining a 3.97 grade point average. He is Captain of his Intramural Soccer team, International Project Manager of Engineers without Borders and a Residential Assistant in the USC Housing Office. He is a USC Presidential Merit Scholar. He is a recipient of the Don and Bella Barden Centennial Scholarship.

Sophia N. Wix is a junior from Paradise Valley, Arizona, majoring in Health and Human Science, maintaining a 3.96 grade point average. She serves as Chaplain in the Alpha Delta Pi sorority and as Secretary and Performance Manager of The Sirens A Cappella. She is a Cancer Research Intern at the USC Michelson Center for convergent Bioscience and a Food Blogger and Health Advocate. She is a Presidential Scholar and a member of Phi Beta Kappa. She is a recipient of the Harrison M. Kurtz Memorial Scholarship.

Sarah N. Wong is a junior from Simi Valley, California, majoring in Human Development and Aging (Gerontology) and minoring in Chemistry, maintaining a 3.55 grade point average. She serves as President of the USC Student Gerontology Association and a Research Assistant in Dr. Kelvin Davies' Oxidative Stress lab and on the Liturgy Committee of the USC Caruso Catholic Center. She is a Town and Gown and Dean's Scholar. She is a recipient of the Don and Bella Barden Centennial Scholarship.

Vanessa K. Yu is a junior from Arcadia, California, majoring in Neuroscience and minoring in Human Rights and maintaining a 3.85 grade point average. She is a Research Associate in the USC Brain and Creativity Institute and a member of the Asian Pacific American Medical Student Association. She is President of Teach for Los Angeles, USC, a tutoring organization, and Director of External Activities for Justice Organization for Youth, USC, a tutoring organization for high school students. She is a recipient of the Kenneth Owler Smith Memorial Scholarship.

Left to Right: Jon Hartmere (1987) with scholarship recipients David Monk and Vanessa Yu

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Century Trojans since 2003 and is a recipient of a Widney Alumni House Award and a Distinguished Service Award from the USC Alumni Association. He was an educator for 39 years and served as Principal of Santa Monica High School from 1971-1988. He graduated with a degree in public administration in 1953 and received a masters in education in 1967.

Sean Salisbury (2017) and Logan Baron (2017) presenting the 1967 Class Marker to Derald Sidler (1967)

Rowley Rice (2016) introducing new member Joseph Porter (2017)

Members of the Class of 2017 on Lynn Swann Day

Derald Sidler (1967) speaking on behalf of the Class of 1967, celebrating 50 years of membership in the Society

Class of 2017 on a midnight visit to the home of new alumni initiate Michael Adler (2017)

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Student Initiates Hold Lynn Swann Day

Lynn Swann Day was a night of very little sleep for much of the 2017 Skull and Dagger student class. About ten of us gathered at 11 p.m. in the Galen Center on April 11 (the night before our prank) to begin inflating the swans that we would later place around campus. To our surprise, we were able to inflate all 250 of them within 30 minutes, and spent the rest of the night in the Women's Volleyball Locker Room enjoying each others company and getting to know each other better. Some of us were able to get back to our houses near campus, while the graduate students had to hop on the freeway to make it home—only to show back up to campus before 5 a.m.

Swans adorn one of many fountains on campus

On the day of the prank, April 12, we met at 4:45 a.m. in front of the Galen Center to distribute the swans to various fountains around campus. We borrowed a golf cart and two large bins to transport the swans around campus in an efficient manner. By 6:30 a.m. swans were in six fountains around campus—Cinema, Leavey, Doheny, Tutor Campus Center, Traveler, and Viterbi. After the 250 swans had been distributed to the fountains, we convened for our class photo at 7 a.m. Shortly after the photo concluded, we caught wind that Facility Management Services (FMS) had removed all the swans from the cinema fountain.

New student members visit Lynn Swann (1974), Donna Heinel, Tim Tessalone (1977) and Steve Lopes (2007) in Heritage Hall

New student members visit Dean Marilyn Flynn (2014)

There was a significant effort to salvage all of the remaining swans that we could. Some swans were recovered from FMS staff and placed on the hedges in Alumni Park, while the few remaining swans lingered in harder-to-reach areas of the Traveler and Tutor Campus Center fountains. By the time 8 a.m. rolled around, when campus was populating and visits were starting, we only had about 20 swans in the open.

The rest of our day was packed with visits to Skull and Dagger faculty, staff and alumni members all around campus. We started out with a trip to Heritage Hall, where

New student members visit Chris Harrer (2013) and Patrick Henry (2016)

we were fortunate enough to meet with **Lynn Swann (1974), Tim Tessalone (1977)** and Donna Heinel as our group held the iconic Heisman pose in front of USC's six Heisman Trophies.

We next wandered over to **Marilyn Flynn (2014),** dean of the School of Social Work, who treated us to some delicious cookies. **Tammy Anderson (2016)** at the JEP House was next followed by new member Sonny Rosales who greeted us with his iconic warm smile at Entrance 2.

Wandering back across campus we ran into **Lynette Merriman (2012)** at campus center and then headed to the top of Seeley G. Mudd Hall to meet psychology professor **Margaret Gatz (2016).** A few of us decided to take a quick

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break at Moreton Fig to enjoy a cool drink and unexpectedly ran into **Debbie Wong (2012).**

We then continued on and greeted Viterbi School of Engineering Dean **Yannis Yortsos (2016)** with a rendition

New student members visit Patrick Auerbach (2011) at the USC Alumni Association offices

of the Fight Song (at the request of **James Moore [2015]**) and then sprinted across campus to the brand new Fertitta Hall to meet business professor **Rex Kovacevich (2017).** Afterwards **Gene Bickers (2013)** allowed us to interrupt a very confused classroom of physics students. To close out the morning, we met **Dennis Cornell (2012),** chief of staff to the university president, in front of Tommy Trojan and were fortunate to run into President C.L. Max Nikias on his way back from a meeting.

The moments leading up to the big reveal were quite action-packed. Some people scrambled to grab tables to put in front of Tommy, one grabbed a speaker and a microphone, others were making phone calls to bring the rest of the class to the Daily Trojan office, and three of us sat on the floor of the El Rodeo office taking turns inflating a 72" swan trying not to pass out (we had to blow it up the old fashioned way). When 2 p.m. rolled around, the banner was in place, the giant swan (Lynn Swann) was inflated, and a crowd of maybe 100 people gathered in front of Tommy Trojan to see **Pete Carroll.** Instead they got a giant swan

New student members visit new member Dean Avishai Sadin (2017)

with a sign around its neck reading "LYNN SWANN" and a Skull and Dagger banner hanging from the fourth floor of the Student Union building.

After the prank we continued on with an afternoon of visits, starting with dental dean **Avishani Sadan (2017).** We then made a giant loop of campus, meeting with **David Belasco (2015), Daniel Schnur (2015), Patrick Auerbach (2011), James Moore (2015), Patrick Henry (2016) and Christopher Harrer (2013).**

Our final visit of the day was with the legendary director of the Trojan Marching Band, **Arthur C. Bartner (1972).** To close out our day, a group of our class enjoyed some refreshments and each other's company at Traditions Bar on campus.

New student members with Dennis Cornell (2012) in front of Tommy Trojan

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