Skull and Dagger
The All University Honor Society at the University of Southern California - Summer 2021

Society Welcomes 39 New Members in 2021

2nd Initiation Breakfast Set for October 16

To allow all of the members of the classes of 2020 and 2021 to be honored in person, after being able to be vaccinated against COVID-19 and following the lifting of state restrictions on attendance and social distancing, an initiation breakfast will be held on the morning of **Saturday, October 16, 2021** at the Jonathan Club in downtown Los Angeles. (This weekend has no Trojan football game scheduled.)

The Skull and Dagger classes of 2020 and 2021 were honored at an initiation breakfast at the Richard Nixon Presidential Library in Yorba Linda in April. A breakfast for the class of 2020 was held at the Nixon Library in November 2020.

The Skull and Dagger Foundation honored the four winners of the Foundation's 2021 scholarships at the April breakfast. At the April initiation breakfast, **John Mork and Herman Franklin**, both from the Class of 1970, were on hand to accept the 1970 Class marker soon to be installed on campus.

In October, those members of the classes of 1970 and 1971 in attendance will be presented the John V. Morley Medallion, emblematic of 50 years of Society membership. Members of the classes of 1995 and 1996 in attendance will also be presented with special lapel pins recognizing their 25 years of membership. The October event will also include the presentation of the 2020 Arnold Eddy Volunteer Service Award to **Carol Troy Thueson (2007).** The presentation was delayed due to COVID concerns and allow her many friends to attend safely. (She was featured in our 2020 newsletter, which can be viewed at www.skullanddagger.org.)

John Mork (1970) and Herman Franklin (1970) accept the 1970 Class marker soon to be installed on campus

There are 39 new members in 2021 class. The class includes 30 students, five in the faculty, staff and administration category and four in the alumni and honorary category. The following are very brief highlights of the accomplishments of the 2021 Skull and Dagger class.

Alyaa Abdulghany was a three-time All American on the women's golf team. She also was a semi-finalist in the US Women's Amateur. She was also a member of the National Society of Leadership & Success and student representative to the

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Foundation Awards Four Scholarships

The Skull and Dagger Foundation was able to award four scholarships this year, each in the amount of $5,000. All of the scholarships are awarded annually to continuing USC students who have demonstrated significant campus and/or community leadership.

Adam Karelin, a junior majoring Music Composition with a minor in Linguistics is the recipient of the Dr. Kenneth Owler Smith Memorial Scholarship. His interests include the intersection of music and language, particularly the interface between the acoustics of speech perception and production of musical perception and production. He is the Music Director of the Student Symphony Orchestra of USC and is the recipient of the Aspen Music Festival Conducting Fellowship in both 2020 and 2021.

Alberto Ortega, a third-year medical student at the Keck School of Medicine, is the recipient of the Barden Centennial Scholarship. Alberto obtained his undergraduate degree from USC in Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Studies and Spanish. He is the Founder

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2021 Scholarship recipients (left to right) – Lauren Yen (from 2020), Tommy Nguyen, Alberto Ortega and Elyse Pollack with Worthy Grand Master Jerry Papazian

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Southern California Golf Association. She is a business administration major and plans to play on the LPGA professional golf tour.

India Anderson was the first female drum major of the Trojan Marching Band. Before becoming drum major, she was a section leader and squad leader. She graduated with a degree in tuba performance and a minor in jazz. She plans on freelancing in Los Angeles, studying arranging and performing with her brass band, BLOW.

Brooke Bell served as the Health Science Director of Community Service for the Graduate Student Government from 2018 to 2021. She also served as President of the Health Behavior Research Student Association. As an undergraduate, she served as a senator and Vice President of Funding in the Residential Student Government. She graduated with a Ph.D. in preventive medicine and will be doing a postdoctoral fellowship at the Yale School of Public Health.

Josie Bullen was the co-founder and president of the Mental Health Content Collective, which focused on promoted increasing representation of mental health conditions in film, television, and digital media. She also served as the Chief Learning Officer for Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. She graduated in May with a degree in communications with minors in the entertainment industry and media economic and entrepreneurship. She is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Esther Cha was the Co-Founder and Co-President of Trojan Shelter, the country's second student-run shelter for college students. She also was director of marketing and events for 180 Degrees Consulting and a member of Helenes. She graduated with a degree in business administration with an emphasis in marketing. She will be an analyst at OnPrem Consulting starting in August.

Kaylie Collins was the goalkeeper for the women's soccer team. She was PAC-12 Goalkeeper of the Year and an All-America second team selection. She was also received recognition on the PAC-12 Academic Honor Roll. She majored in applied psychology.

Daniel Cukierman was a captain of the men's tennis team. He has been ranked as high as #1 in men's college singles rankings and as high a #5 in doubles with partner Riley Smith. He was the 2021 PAC-12 singles player of the year along with being on the PAC-12 first team. He is a major in real estate development and plans to join the men's professional tennis tour.

Matthew Cummins was the Co-President of the Associated Students of the School of Medicine from 2018 to 2021. After receiving his medical degree from the Keck School of Medicine, he started his pediatric residency at Connecticut Childrens Hospital with the goal of becoming a pediatric cardiologist.

Joy Dennis was the co-captain of the women's beach volleyball team that won the NCAA championship in 2021 and 2017. She plans to play professional beach volleyball and then become a child psychologist. She is a psychology major.

Haley Hallgren was the team captain for Beach Volleyball team for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 seasons. The team was a PAC-12 champion and national championship runner up. She was also the Co-President of the Trojan Academic Senate for 2020-2021 and on the Executive Board since 2017. She was the USC representative on PAC-12 conference Student Academic Leadership Team. She graduated with degrees in business administration and entrepreneurship and innovation. Next year she will be pursuing a masters degree at the University of Michigan while continuing her volleyball career.

Milan Haupt was the President of the Panhellenic Council. She had served as vice president of panhellenic relations for her sorority, Alpha Delta Pi. She also served as senior advisor to the Speaker of the Undergraduate Student Government Senate. She was also vice president and treasurer of the RunnerS' club. She graduated with a degree in biomedical engineering and is working as an analyst in Deloitte Consulting's government and public services group.

Christina Lee was the President of Phi Lambda Sigma Pharmacy Leadership Society, Phi Chapter after having previously served as Treasurer. She also served as President and President-Elect of the USC Chapter of the American Pharmacy Student Alliance. She received her Pharm.D. degree and will be a resident at Kaiser Permanente Panorama City.

Matteo Mendoza was the President of the Interfraternity Council for 2018-2019 as a sophomore. He received his degree in business administration with a minor in sociology. He is working in Barclays' investment banking division.

Jacob Mercep served as the team captain for the men's water polo team. He was on the national championship team in 2018 and was the NCAA tournament most valuable player along with being an All-American in 2018 and 2019. He was a finalist for the Trojan Athlete of the Year Award. He graduated with a degree in economics and plans on attending graduate school.

Lindsay Opie was active in Troy Camp, serving as the Director of Finance and Donor Relations, Assistant Director of Camp Programming and worked on curriculum development. She also served as the Director of Human Resources and New Member Training for Los Angeles Community Impact. After graduating with a degree in public policy, she will be teaching middle school math and science in Pueblo, Colorado as part of Teach for America.

Raymond Rapada was the 2020-2021 Editor-in-Chief of the *Daily Trojan.* He previously had been managing editor and opinion editor. He graduated with a degree in journalism.

Lea Romano was the Editor-in-Chief of the *El Rodeo.* She previously had served as a layout and graphic designer for the *El Rodeo.* She is also a member of Tau Sigma Delta Honor Society, the American Institute of Architects Los Angeles, and the Student Association of Women in Architecture. She graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor of science in architectural studies.

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Gabriela Ruffels was a member of the women's golf team from 2018 to 2021. In 2019, she won the 119th annual United States Women's Amateur golf tournament. She tied for 13th at the US Women's Open and was named the AmateurGolf.com 2020 Women's Player of the Year. She turned pro in February 2021.

Nathalie Sami was the Curriculum Co-Representative from the class of 2021 for four years. She was a member of the Gold Humanism Honor Society. She was a member of the Anti-Racism Task Force: Community Engagement. As an undergraduate she was a Renaissance Scholar and received her bachelors degree magna cum laude in environmental science and health. After receiving her medical degree, she started a residency in internal medicine at the LA County-USC Medical Center.

Gabriel Savage was the 2020-2021 President of the Undergraduate Student Government. He previously served as a Senator, Director of Residential Affairs and Speaker of the Senate in the Undergraduate Student Government. He also served as Vice President of Membership for Delta Omicron Zeta Leadership Society. He received bachelors degrees in philosophy, law and politics and narrative students, with minors in business law and cinematic arts.

Anav Saxena was the 2020 President of Trojan Knights. He also served as a Student Ambassador at the USC Admissions Center. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Mortar Board. After graduating with degrees in economics and cinema and media students in December, he plans on pursuing a career in film and television development.

Abigail Sellers was the Editor-in-Chief of the *Southern California Law Review* (volume 94). She graduated with her Juris Doctor degree in May and will be starting a clerkship with the Third Circuit Court of Appeals near the end of 2021. Upon completing the clerkship, she will join Irell & Manella as an associate.

Riley Smith was a captain of the men's tennis team. He was an All-America selection in doubles play as was named PAC-12 doubles player of the year with his partner, Daniel Cukierman. He finished his undergraduate degree in real estate development and masters in business taxation. He will be working as an associate at KPMG accounting methods credit services.

Trenton Stone was the 2019-2020 President of the Undergraduate Student Government. He previously served as the funding director in the student government. He was the Director of Projects and Director of External Relations for the Los Angeles Community Impact. He was a Co-Founder and Vice President of Finance of the Risk Management Society. He received a bachelor of arts in international relations, global business, and philosophy. He has been selected to be a Schwarzman Scholar pursuing a master's degree in global affairs at Tsinghua University in Beijing, China.

Bryce Tappan was the Vice President of Programming, Director of Community Service and a member of the COVID-19 response team for the Graduate Student Government. He also served as the treasurer for the Chemistry Graduate Student Organization. He will graduate with his Ph.D. in chemistry this fall.

Twanisha Terry was the captain of the Women's track and field team. She won both the 100-meter and 200-meter dashes and was named co-women's athlete of the meet at the 2021 PAC-12 championships, as the team won its third consecutive league title. She holds the school record in the 100-meter dash and anchored the NCAA champion 4 x100 meter relay team. She was a member of the Trojan Athletic Senate. She completed her bachelors degree in communications and is now completing her masters of science in entrepreneurship and innovation. She plans to run track and field professionally.

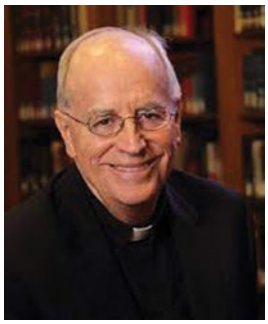
Ian Thomas was the Co-President of the Class of 2021 for the last four years. He was a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society and the Gold Humanism Honor Society. After receiving his medical degree, he will be starting his residency in emergency medicine at the LAC + USC Medical Center.

Paris Watson was a founding team member of Live 2 and led the USC Thornton: Music Industry Symposium. She will receive her degree in the music industry. She will be pursuing a masters in project management at the University.

Kayla Wehner was the Battalion Commander, and previously was the Assistant Operations Officer for the USC Naval ROTC unit. After graduation with a degree in international relations, she was commissioned as an Ensign in the United States Navy and is attending the Navy's Nuclear Power School in Charleston, South Carolina. Following her completion of power school, she will serving as an officer on a submarine.

Jessica Zellmer was the President, and previously Director of Community Outreach, for USC Helenes. She also served as Vice President of Strategic Marketing and youth soccer coach for the Trojan Youth Soccer League. She was the Director of Finance for Kicks for Kids. She graduated with a public relations and non-governmental organizations and social change.

These are the five faculty, staff, and administration initiates.



Father James Heft

Father James Heft is the Alton Brooks Professor of Religion and (now retired) president of the Institute for Advanced Catholic Studies (IACS) at USC. He earned his undergraduate degree in philosophy and education at the University of Dayton in Ohio and was a graduate student in philosophy at Georgetown University. He taught religion and English in Cincinnati, Ohio, high schools for three years. Heft joined the Marianists in 1961 and was ordained a priest in that order in 1973. In 1977, Heft earned a Ph.D. in history and theology from the University of Toronto in Canada. He then

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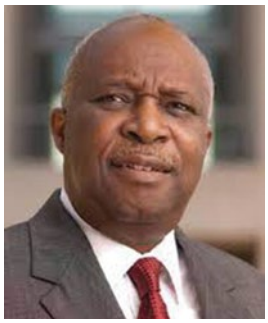
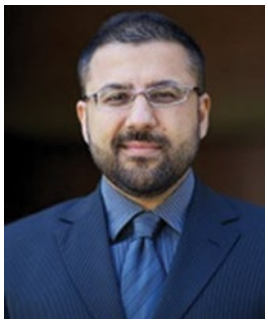
began a 30-year teaching career at the University of Dayton, serving six years as chair of the theology department, eight as provost and 10 as chancellor, until he came to USC to head the IACS. A former chair of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities, Heft has written and edited 12 books and nearly 200 book chapters and articles. In 2011, he was honored with the Theodore Hesburgh Award for long and distinguished service to Catholic higher education.

Kendall Simmonds, Sr. is a Professor Emeritus of Clinical Accounting at USC. He is a two-time recipient of the prestigious Marshall School of Business Golden Apple Excellence in Teaching Award. He has served as Director of the Marshall Undergraduate Honors Program and the Director of the Leventhal School Summer Leadership Program (SLP). He is a member of the National Association of Financial Planners, National Association of Accountants, National Association of Black Accountants, and American Accounting Association.



Kendall Simmonds, Sr.

Varun Soni is the Dean of Religious Life and the first Hindu to serve as the chief religious or leader of an American university. He is also Vice Provost of Campus Wellness and Crisis Adjunct Professor of Religion, and University Fellow at the Annenberg Center on Public to USC, he spent four years teaching in the Law and Society Program at the University of Santa Barbara. He received his Ph.D. through the Department of Religious Studies at the of Cape Town in South Africa. He also received his law degree from UCLA and is a member of State Bar of California.



Varun Soni

Erroll Southers is the Director of the Safe Communities Institute and Homegrown Violent Extremism Studies at the Sol Price School of Public Policy, where he is also a Professor of the Practice in National & Homeland Security. Previously, Dr. Southers also served as California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's Deputy Director in the California Office of Homeland Security and Chief of Homeland Security and Intelligence for the Los Angeles World Airports Police Department (the nation's largest airport police department). Before this, Dr. Southers was a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and also worked seven years as a police officer with the Santa Monica Police Department. Dr. Southers was recognized in Security Magazine's Top 25 Most Influential Industry Thought Leaders in the United States and is a recipient of the Earl Warren Outstanding Public Service Award. He received his masters and doctoral degrees from the Price School of Public Policy.

Erroll Southers

Richard Vargas is the Senior Executive Director of Academic Initiatives at the University of Southern California. Prior to his work in the central development office, he served in senior positions in the Dornsife Advancement office, and prior to that, he worked in the USC Office of Admissions. He has raised over $200 million for various academic priorities as set by the Provost, as well as over $20 million for the USC Marching Band as well as creating the Arthur C. Bartner endowed band directorship.

Richard Vargas

The four new members in the alumni and honorary category are profiled below.

Robert Alvarado received a bachelor's degree in political science from USC and a J.D. from Loyola Law School of Los Angeles. He co-founded CourtCall in 1995 with his law partner, Mark S. Wapnick (Skull and Dagger 2011). CourtCall's remote appearance program enables courts, attorneys, and the public to use audio and video conferencing to reduce litigation costs. CourtCall currently serves more than 2,500 state, federal, bankruptcy, and provincial judicial officers in the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. In addition to improving court efficiency and security, CourtCall has helped attorneys save millions of hours of travel time while saving their clients hundreds of millions of dollars.

Robert Alvarado

George Cassady is a retired physician and a volunteer Research Professor of Bibliography and Library Management with the USC Libraries. He received his bachelors degree from the USC College of Letters, Arts and Sciences in 1955 and his medical degree from Duke University in 1958. He has served as a professor of pediatrics at the University of Alabama, Harvard University, the University of California San Francisco and Stanford University. He is a scholar in the works of the author Lewis Carroll and has donated over 3,000 rare Carroll books, manuscripts and objects to the Special Collections Department in Doheny Library.

Janet Harris Tonkovich graduated from USC in 1965. While at USC, she served as Co-Chair of Troy Camp in 1963 and served as president of her sorority Alpha Gamma Delta. She has served as president and in other leadership

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roles in numerous local community and USC alumni and alumnae organizations, including the inter-sorority mother's and interfraternity parents clubs, Trojan Guild of Orange County, and most recently just completing her two-year term as president of the Half Century Trojans.

Janet Harris Tonkovich

Karen B. Wong is Chair of the Board of Councilors of the USC Gould School of Law. She is also a member of the Board of Directors of USC Associates, a member of Town and Gown and past President of the USC Asian Pacific Alumni Association. She served for six years on the Board of Governors of the USC Alumni Association. As an undergraduate, she was a student senator and received the Order of Troy. She received her undergraduate degree in business in 1983 and her law degree in 1986, both from USC. She is a retired partner at the law firm of Milbank LLP.

Karen B. Wong

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Gary Kief (1970) was elected to the Board of Directors of the Barbara Sinatra Children's Center in Rancho Mirage and the McCallum Theatre in Palm Desert.

Donald La Plante (1976 and Society Scribe) retired from the Board of Education of the Downey Unified School District after 41 years and 10 elected terms. He was honored at his retirement with a tribute in the Congressional Record from Representative Lucille Roybal-Allard and a resolution from the State Assembly.

Donald La Plante

Bruce Furniss (1977), a six-time NCAA swimming champion and two-time Olympic gold medalist, was inducted to the College Sports Information Directors of America's Academic All-America Hall of Fame.

Romi Rudolph Neustadt (1992) published her latest book, *You Can Have It All, Just Not at the Same Damn Time,* published by the Penguin Group.

Romi Rudolph Neustadt

Michelle Inouye Schultz (1993) was promoted to senior vice president, legal for Warner Bros. Entertainment, overseeing legal issues for unscripted television shows.

Christian Arndt (1995) is a project architect with HartmanBaldwin Design/Build.

Michelle Inouye Schultz

Yvette Martinez-Rea (1995) is the CEO of ESL Gaming America, Inc.

Florence Clark (1996 and past Permanent Master) received the USC Faculty Lifetime Achievement Award at the 2021 Academic Honors Convocation, which recognizes retired faculty members' eminent careers and notable contributions to the university, their profession, and the community. Dr. Clark, a professor emeritus of occupational science and occupational therapy, was honored for her decades of work and leadership in the field of occupational science.

Florence Clark

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Ben Ammerman (1997) has joined Fisher Phillips, a national employment and labor firm.

David Gabler (1997) is an Enterprise Account Executive at ThoughtSpot.

Laura Mussi Keller (1998) has become the Director/Head of CEO Communications at Biogen.

Syreeta Greene (1999) is director of diversity, equity and inclusion for the American Film Institute.

Emily Mark-FitzGerald (1999) was appointed Head of the School of Art History and Cultural Policy at University College Dublin (Ireland), where she is an Associate Professor.

Marko Pintaric (1999) has been named National Women's Water Polo Coach of the Year for 2021.

Thomas Katsouleas (2001) is the President of the University of Connecticut.

David Gabler

Emily Mark-FitzGerald

Jackie Boris Strohbehn (2005) is the President of Nelnet Campus Commerce.

Sean Feybush (2006) has been promoted to Assistant Vice President, Retention Analytics at AT&T.

Nicole Landa Cavallaro (2008) is the Senior Director of Operations at EVERFI.

Sarah Wilson Hienton (2008) is Assistant General Counsel, Corporate and Securities for Ventas, Inc., a healthcare REIT.

Arjan Ligtenberg (2009) is a partner, asset wealth management segment leader at Cognizant.

Arjan Ligtenberg

Owen Caine (2010) is a Special Assistant at the U.S. Consumer Products Safety Commission.

Collin Evans (2010) is the Director of Marketing for Section4, a business education learning platform.

Steven Philp (2010) is becoming an Associate Rabbi at Mishkan Chicago.

Shane Swerdlow (2010) has been promoted to Senior Project Manager at Craig Lawson & Co. LLC.

Kate Mather (2011) graduated from the University of California Berkeley School of Law.

Joel Dennerley (2012) is the State Sales Manager at Grinders Coffee Roasters in Sydney, Australia.

Peter Kurzeka (2012) is a Partner at Tailwind Investment Group.

Emmanuel Powell (2012) has joined ArchCity Defenders Inc. in St. Louis, Missouri. He graduated in 2019 from the Harvard Law School.

Amy Shah (2012) has been promoted to Senior Director, Growth at Torrid.

Peter Kurzeka

Richard Dang (2013) was named KNX Radio Hero of the Week for his work in helping run a COVID-19 vaccination site in Los Angeles.

Michael Madden (2013) has been promoted to Senior Manager at PwC.

Brenton Caldwell (2014) has been promoted to Product Manager at Oscar Health in Los Angeles.

Emmanuel Powell

Chelsey Christensen (2014) is the Director, Teacher Leadership Development at Teach for America.

Meghan Hawthorne (2014) has returned to USC as an assistant swimming and diving coach.

Marlene Loadvine (2014) retired from the development office in the School of Cinema-TV after 35 years with the University.

Michael Madden

Sophia Popov (2014) won the 2020 Women's British Open.

Danny Ramirez (2014) is a Senior Consultant at Cognizant.

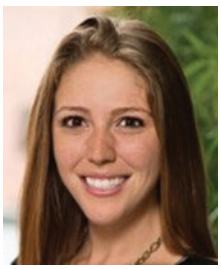
Monica Vavic (2015) is a Senior Professional Recruiter and Consultant Engagement Lead at Insight Global.

Brenton Caldwell

Alexander Cuoci (2018) is Strategy & Operations at goPuff.

Karen Symms Gallagher (2018) was awarded the university's top honor, the Presidential Medallion, awarded to those who have brought honor and distinction to the institution, at the 39th annual Academic Honors Convocation. Dr. Gallagher served as dean of the Rossier School of Education for two decades starting in 2000, before returning to the school's research faculty this past July. The school is ranked among the top 15 graduate schools of education.

Thomas Katsouleas



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Alexander Cuoci

Karen Symms Gallagher

Neil Vora

Neil Vora (2018) was profiled in the USC Dornsife magazine for his work as a "disease detective" in New York City during the COVID-19 pandemic. Vora is a Commander within the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service.

Anna Cockrell (2020) was named 2021 Honda Sports Award Winner for Track and Field for 2021. She won 100m and 400m hurdles at the 2021 NCAA Track and Field championships and has qualified for the US Olympic team.

Marilyn Kezirian (2020) has been elected to the Board of Directors of Town and Gown.

Ashleigh Plumptre (2020) was named as the players' player of the year for the Leicester City soccer team.

Michèle Turner (2020) has been named Associate Vice President of USC's newly-created Office of Business Diversity and Economic Opportunity.

Michèle Turner

Weddings

Emily Ayers (2000) and Ashley Selman, July 10, 2020.

Esther Teo (2004) and Emon Mahony, October 9, 2020.

Sarah Wilson (2008) and Matthew Hienton, September 1, 2015.

Jonathan Hackett (2010) and Rachel Croessmann, May 22, 2021.

Eric Van Aelstyn (2010) and Marée Bandrowczak, August 30, 2020.

Michael Gawlik (2011) and Jessica Koby, December 31, 2019.

Chris McAbery (2011) and Joe Franco, August 28, 2020.

Monish Tyagi (2012) and Samantha Watts, November 7, 2020.

Alex Fullman (2013) and Emily Lampert, June 28, 2020.

Steven Johnson (2014) and **Katherine Grabar (2015)**, April 10, 2021.

Steven Johnson and Katherine Grabar

Ehren Elder (2016) and Elizabeth Mitchell, June 19, 2021.

Births

Bo Loy (2005) and Tami Loy, a son, Dylan Thomas Loy, September 5, 2020.

Sarah Wilson Hienton and Matthew Hienton, a son, Owen Hienton, October 31, 2018.

Laura Redfern Elefante (2011) and Dane Elefante, a son, Luke Charles Elefante, August 12, 2020.

In Memorium

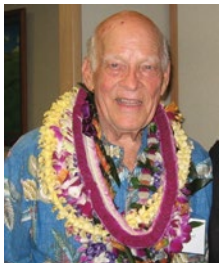
Theodore F. Gossard

Theodore F. Gossard (1942), March 31, 2016. Mr. Gossard, 97, was an All American basketball player for the university and graduated with a masters degree in education. He taught physical education and coached boys basketball at Mira Costa High School in Manhattan Beach and later served as principal at Aviation High School in Redondo Beach. He is survived by his wife, Virginia; daughters, Deborah and Penny and two grandchildren.

Harry E. West (1942), October 13, 2020. Mr. West served as Manager of the Varsity Football Team, Manager of the Debate Team, and a member of Beta Kappa fraternity.

Harold W. Durrett

Harold W. Durrett (1950), September 1, 2019. Mr. Durrett, 90, was the Commanding Officer of his NROTC Unit at the University. After graduating in 1950, he served as a Navy Lieutenant during the Korean War. Following his military service, he joined IBM in Los Angeles. In 1969, he formed Decimus, the first computer leasing corporation in the United States. He joined Network Systems in 1984. He is survived by his wife, Jane, daughter Susan, stepsons Tim and Michael Duffy and five grandchildren.



Robert J. Stillwell

Robert J. Stillwell (1950), November 30, 2020 at the age of 92. Mr. Stillwell was a member of the 1947, 1948 and 1949 USC Football teams and was Lineman of the Year in 1948. Although he was drafted by the San Francisco 49ers, Mr. Stillwell chose to focus on his education; he would earn his bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees at USC. He later worked with Santa Monica schools, developing the early science of Special Education. After retiring from education, he moved to Hawaii and became a fundraiser. He worked as Director of Planned Giving for the University of Hawaii, The Salvation Army, the Honolulu Symphony and the Catholic Dioceses of Hawaii.

John F. Bradley (1952), July 31, 2020. Mr. Bradley, 89, graduated summa cum laude from USC in 1952 earning several academic honors and served in student leadership positions. Following graduation, he served as an officer

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in the US Air Force for two years and then attended Stanford University Law School. After law school, he served as a clerk for two years to a California Supreme Court Justice and then practiced law until the end of his life. He was also heavily involved in professional, alumni and community organizations. He is survived by his wife, Christy; children, Elizabeth and John Jr. and a grandson.

John F. Bradley

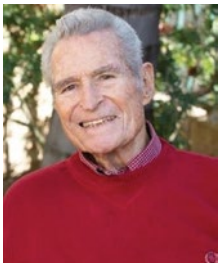
Gilbert J. Shea (1953), December 23, 2020. Mr. Shea, 92, was a Southern California Tennis Hall of Fame athlete, who competed in International Grand Slam tennis events through the 1950s. In 1948, he was recruited and played the #1 tennis role for the USC team. His career was interrupted by two years of service in the Army during the Korean War. He returned to USC and graduated from the Marshall School of Business. He played on the Davis Cup team in 1954 and was the #4 ranked US player in 1957. After retiring from tennis in 1959, he worked as an institutional broker for Lehman Brothers followed by other brokerage firms. He is survived by his wife, Claire; children, Mollie, Gilbert III, Jennifer, Elizabeth and Michael, and sixteen grandchildren.

Gilbert J. Shea

George Talcott Root (1954), August 16, 2020. Dr. Root, 87, was a track athlete and helped lead the 1953 and 1954 track teams to NCAA championships. He was the Senior Class President and also President of his fraternity, Theta Xi. After receiving his undergraduate degree, he attended the USC School of Pharmacy, where he received his Pharm.D. degree. He eventually became the owner of Beverly Hills Pharmacy and was "pharmacist to the stars." He is survived by his children, Lee Ann and Jon; four granddaughters and two great-grandsons.

George Talcott Root

Donald Rae Daves (1955), June 7, 2020. Mr. Daves, 89, was a career veteran of the entertainment industry. He spent ten years as the unit production manager and director of the television show, Bonanza, and then spent 24 years as the assistant general manager of Goldwyn (later Warner Hollywood Studios.) While at USC, he was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity, president of Trojan Knights and a member of the Blue Key Honor Society. He was responsible for the expansion of card stunts, as well as helping begin the tradition of the white stallion taking the field at football games. He is survived by his wife, Teri; daughters, Torie and Toni and two granddaughters.



Donald Rae Daves

John E. Eckert

John E. Eckert, Pharm. D. (1958), December 17, 2019. Dr. Eckert, 89, was President of the School of Pharmacy as a graduate student and later heavily involved as an alumnus. He owned a pharmacy in Glendora for over 50 years and was a US Army veteran. He is survived by his daughters, Deonna and Carrie and four grandchildren.

Thomas Edward Anderson, Jr. (1959), February 2018. Mr. Anderson lettered in Track in 1957, 58 and 59. He was a member of the 1958 NCAA Championship team and served as Co-Captain of the 1959 team. He later served as Vice President of Black Construction Co in Guam.

Anthony D. Lazzaro (1959), May 20, 2020. Mr. Lazzaro, 100, was a University Senior Vice President Emeritus, who had been responsible for construction of over 130 buildings on USC's campuses. He served in the United States Navy during World War II, and came to USC's School of Engineering on the G.I. Bill. After graduating cum laude in 1948, he rose from assistant business manager and director of campus development to senior vice president for business affairs. He served as USC's chief liaison officer with the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee and helped design and plan the USC Olympic Village and other Olympic facilities. He served as President of the National Association of College and University Business Officers. In 2007, he received the Fred B. Olds Award from the USC Alumni Association, presented to USC alumni for their service to the University over many years. He is survived by his daughter, Nancy and grandsons, Derek and Anton.

Anthony D. Lazzaro

Wilbur Chong

Wilbur Chong (1959), January 26, 2021. Mr. Chong, 83, died from complications of Covid-19. As an undergraduate he was a member of the crew team and Trojan Knights, chairman of Songfest and Homecoming and received the USC President's Award. After graduation he taught at Venice High School in Los Angeles and was a school administrator in Mission Viejo and an adjunct professor at National University. He is survived by his wife, Pat; children, Meredith, Kirsten and Christopher and two grandchildren.

Ted DePew

Theodore Edward DePew (1959), October 1, 2020. Dr. Depew, 82, attended USC for both his undergraduate and

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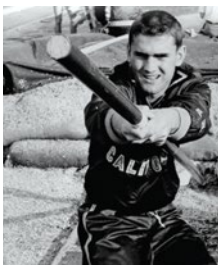
dental school education. He was a retired colonel in the United States Air Force. He served 30 years in the USAF Medical Corps and taught prosthodontics and general dentistry at the Oregon Health Sciences University for 20 years. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn; daughters, Tracey and Erin and five grandchildren.

Sam Tsagalakis

Sam Tsagalakis (1961), January 2, 2021. Mr. Tsagalakis, 88, was a former USC placekicker whose last-minute game-winning field goal that beat Stanford in 1953. He was nicknamed "The Toe" and lettered in 1952, 1953 and 1954. After graduation, he became a salesman, first in the construction industry and then the coffee business. He is survived by sons, Michael and Mark and granddaughter, Audrey.



Melvin Hein, Jr.

Melvin Hein, Jr. (1963), July 8, 2020. Mr. Hein, 79, was a member of USC's 1961 and 1963 NCAA outdoor track national championship teams. He set the U.S. indoor pole vault record with a mark of 16 feet, 5.75 inches in 1965. He served as a junior high school physical education teacher for many years and also coached track and cross country at Taft High School in Woodland Hills, CA and led the teams to two LA City girl's titles and one boy's title. He is survived by his wife, Judy; sons Gary and Curtis and nine grandchildren.

Howard Weitzman (1965), April 7, 2021. Mr. Weitzman, 81, was a prominent attorney in the entertainment industry, whose client list included almost every major studio and agency and stars such as Michael Jackson and Arnold Schwarzenegger. He became a national figure in the early 1980s when he successfully defended auto executive John DeLorean against federal drug charges. He left his law practice from 1995 to 1998 to serve was vice president for corporate operations for Universal Studios. At USC, he played second base for the baseball team that won the NCAA championship in 1961 and was also a member of the Delta Chi Fraternity. He graduated from the USC Gould School of Law in 1965. He taught trial advocacy at USC's law school for 12 years. He is survived by his wife, Margaret and sons, Jed and Armen.

Howard Weitzman

John E. Sullivan (1966), January 1, 2020. Mr. Sullivan was the President of the Associated Students of Southern California (ASSC) in 1966. He was a member of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity and director of Trolios. He was the President of The Producing Group.

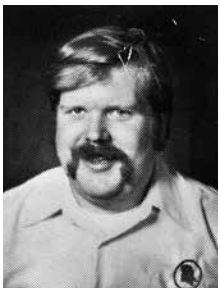
Ronald L. Schwary (1967), July 2, 2020. Mr. Schwary, 76, was an Oscar-winning film producer for the 1980 film "Ordinary People." He was also a producer for numerous other movies, many of which were nominated for industry awards. While at USC, he was the assistant student manager for the Trojan football team. After graduating in 1967, he was befriended by fellow Trojan John Wayne who helped him get into the Directors Guild of America. He worked as an assistant director in the 1970s before becoming a producer and production manager. He is survived by his sons, Brian and Neil and a grandson, Mars.

Ronald L. Schwary

Edward A. Wopschall II (1970), April 8, 2021 Mr. Wopschall died fter a long and courageous battle with cancer. He grew up in Pasadena and graduated from USC in 1970. While at USC, he was President of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity and Trojan Knights and was selected as one of 25 outstanding students in his USC senior class. He spent over 49 years in the structural precast business before retiring in 2019. He was an avid bird hunter and a diehard Trojan fan. A football season ticket holder since 1970, he was a member of Cardinal and Gold Premier, a Galen Founder and the Trojan Athletic Fund. He had just been elected to the USC Half Century Trojan Board when poor health forced him to step down. He sat on the Good Samaritan Hospital Board of Trustees for 14 years and more recently on the USC Verdugo Hills Hospital Community Advisory Board. He is survived by **Kandi Wopshall (2012),** his wife of 47 years, three USC graduate children; Dana Wopschall Laugharn (CJ) '01, Megan Wopschall Tobias (Matt) '04 and Matthew Edward Wopschall (Tiffany) '05; four grandsons, Jake, Patrick, Wyatt and Zachary, two sisters; Marney Glace and Karen Carnahan and many nieces and nephews. Donations can be made in his memory to the Skull and Dagger Foundation.

Edward A. Wopschall II

Robert S. Barton (1972), October 28, 2020. Mr. Barton served as president of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity twice as well as President of Trojan Knights. While in charge of card stunts in 1971, Mr. Barton caused a national sensation when he orchestrated a now famous card stunt on national television during the USC-UCLA football game. The full message of the four-part series of card stunts read "Why do people/go to UCLA?/Westwood Sucks/Them In!" Unfortunately, ABC TV only showed the third part of the card stunt on national television.



Robert S. Barton

Thomas A. Techentin (1972), December 29, 2020. Mr. Techentin, 83, was the President of Chelsea Management, from which he had retired in 2019. He graduated from the

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Marshall School of Business and was treasurer of the Sigma Chi fraternity as an undergraduate. After graduation, he served on active duty for the United States Coast Guard, and continued in the Coast Guard Reserve for 20 years, retiring with the rank of Commander. He was a trustee of the Autry Museum for nearly 20 years and was President of the Valley Hunt Club in 1986. He is survived by his wife, Laney; children, Warren, Kristin and Nick and eight grandchildren.

Thomas A. Techentin

Paul Westphal (1972), January 2, 2021. Mr. Westphal, 70, was an All-American basketball player for the Trojans in 1972. He was the 10th pick in the 1972 NBA draft and starred for the Boston Celtics, Phoenix Suns, Seattle SuperSonics and New York Knicks. He was a 5-time NBA All-Star and Comeback Player of the Year in 1983. He started coaching at several small colleges (his 1988 Grand Canyon team won the NAIA national championship) and then as an NBA assistant with the Phoenix Suns. He was the Suns' head coach for four seasons before taking over the Seattle SuperSonics and then head coach at Pepperdine University. He was induced into the USC Athletic Hall of Fame in 1997, the Phoenix Suns Ring of Honor in 1998, the College Basketball Hall of Fame in 2018 and the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 2019. He is survived by his wife, Cindy, children, Michael and Victoria and several grandchildren.

Paul Westphal

Jerry E. Wulk (1972), September 13, 2020. Dr. Wulk, 97, retired from the University as the Executive Director of the Office for International Students and Scholars after 18 years of service. He received a total of six academic degrees, three from USC including a master of arts, master of education and doctorate in education. He advanced the university's global presence and chartered 28 alumni clubs in 25 countries as Director of International Alumni Relations. He also served as the Dean of Men and as an Adjunct Associate Professor in the School of Education. He is survived by his partner, Feliciano Orozco, two children Floy Biggs and **Les Barkley (1980)** and six grandchildren including **Matt Barkley (2012).**

Jerry E. Wulk

Tom Seaver (1973), August 31, 2020. Mr. Seaver, 75, was a baseball Hall of Fame pitcher. Seaver posted a 10-2 mark with a 2.47 ERA and 100 strikeouts in 1965 in his only season as a Trojan letterman. He then pitched in the Major Leagues for 20 years, was a 12-time All Star and was a member of the World Champion New York Mets in 1969. He was also a three-time winner of the Cy Young Award as the best pitcher in baseball. After his retirement, he became a color commentator on baseball telecasts. He also owned Seaver Vineyards in the Napa Valley. He was inducted into the USC Athletics Hall of Fame in 1995. He is survived by his wife, Nancy and daughters, Sarah and Anne.

Tom Seaver

Alan H. Friedenthal (1977), August 18, 2020. Mr. Friedenthal, 64, was a retired Los Angeles Superior Court Commissioner. He served as a commissioner after serving for nearly eight years as an as-needed referee. After graduating from USC where he was heavily involved in student affairs, he completed his law degree at Southwestern University School of Law. He was on the Board of Directors of the Shakespeare Center of Los Angeles and was active in the Constitutional Rights Foundation, the Society of Professionals in Dispute Resolution and the Anti-Defamation League. He served as secretary-treasurer of the California Judges Association in 2012-2013. He is survived by his wife, Steff Padilla, who is also a Superior Court Commissioner.

Alan H. Friedenthal

James Lloyd Jones (1977), July 2018. Colonel Jones, 93, served as the commander of the USC Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) and as a professor of aerospace studies from 1974-1976. Following his retirement from the Air Force after 26 years of service, he served as director of financial aid and student administrative services for six years. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn, three children, seven grandchildren, four great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

Donald Blinco (1978), December 6, 2013, at the age of 86.

George B. (Chip) Hughes, Jr. (1980), March 7, 2021. Mr. Hughes, 62, was the Global Director of Practice Operations at McKinsey & Co. Among his many professional accomplishments were tenures at McKinsey & Co., Blue Capital and K-12. He served on the vestry and as senior warden at St. Marks Episcopal Church in Basking Ridge, NJ. After completing his degree at USC, he received his MBA from Harvard University. He is survived by his wife, Claudia, children, Joseph and Elizabeth and son-in-law, Matthew Berry.

George B. (Chip) Hughes, Jr.

Robert Friedman (1983).

Michael Thornton (1983), November 22, 2019. Mr. Thornton, 58, was in theatrical distribution for over 25 years. He worked at a BVI/Walt Disney in London, where he sold the international rights for Disney and Touchstone. He

Michael Thornton

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later worked at Hanna Barbara and Spelling Entertainment Group, He was the Vice President Worldwide Sales at Wellspring. He is survived by his husband, Phillip Hyden and sister, Cinthia Thornton.

Matthew S. Hunter

Matthew S. Hunter (1984), December 1, 2020. Mr. Hunter was president of his fraternity, Alpha Tau Omega as an undergraduate. He later was active in various alumni roles with the School of Journalism, including serving as president of the Trojan Fourth Estate. He owned his own company, Hunter Communications Inc., and was credited with the design of the original Lexus logo. He recently had re-published his father Maxwell W. Hunter's seminal textbook entitled Thrust Into Space on rocket science and propulsion systems for space travel, to inspire new generations of space enthusiasts, which included a new forward by **Dr. Jack D. Crouch (1980).**

Gloria V. Haithman

Gloria V. Haithman (1988), June 28, 2020. Dr. Haithman, 80, was the Director of the Norman Topping Student Aid Fund and before that the Director of Commuter Student Affairs and an instructor in mass communications and urban studies at the University for 25 years. She received a master's degree in Telecommunications and her Ph.D. in Urban Studies. She is survived by three sons, one daughter and two step-daughters.

Alan Kreditor

Alan Kreditor (1988), October 7, 2020. Mr. Kreditor, 84, was the retired Senior Vice President for University Advancement. He served in that role from 1992 to 2008. He started at USC in 1966 in the city and regional planning program and soon became the director. In 1974, he became the first dean of the School of Urban and Regional Planning. During his time in the school, he helped established the Center for Real Estate, where he served as Executive Director. He served in numerous professional organizations involved with urban and regional planning. When he retired in 2008, he returned to the USC Price School of Public Policy as a professor emeritus. He is survived by his wife, **Marcia Kreditor (2016),** son **Eoin Kreditor (1988),** daughters, Juliet Straker and Claudia Reilly, and seven grandchildren.

Sorrell Trope

Sorrell Trope (1997), May 23, 2020. Mr. Trope, 92, was a 1949 graduate of the USC Law Center, where he graduated at the top of his class and received his undergraduate degree from the University in 1947. When he couldn't get hired at any of the major law firms in Los Angeles because he was Jewish, he founded what became California's largest and most prominent family law firm. He represented some of the most famous in Southern California for decades while mentoring much of the family law practitioners. He is survived by his wife, Linda and children, Michael, Donna, Alison and Laura.

Michael Gillespie

Michael Gillespie (2001), July 29, 2020. Mr. Gillespie, 80, was the coach of the Trojan baseball team from 1987-2006. His team won the College World Series title in 1998. He was also an infielder and outfielder on the 1961 Trojan College World Series championship team. He was only one of two men to both pvvvlay on and coach a College World Series championship team. After leaving USC, he coached at UC Irvine for 11 years, retiring in 2018. He was the National Coach of the Year in 1998 and 2014. He was inducted into the American Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2010 and the USC Athletics Hall of Fame in 2018. He is survived by his wife, Barbara; children, Kelly, Mitch, Matt and Tiffany and four grandchildren.

John Hamilton

John Hamilton (2006), August 5, 2020. Mr. Hamilton, 78, played pivotal roles in the establishment of the USC Athletic Hall of Fame, the Newport Sports Museum and the Lott IMPACT trophy. He served as the first chairman of the USC Athletic Hall of Fame from 1994-2015 and was inducted upon his retirement as chairman in 2015. In 2003, he co-founded the IMPACT Foundation at the Pacific Club in Newport Beach, which annually awards the Lott IMPACT Trophy to the nation's top defensive college football players. He was president of the Hamilton Company, a residential and commercial real estate agency. He is survived by his wife, Kathy; children, John Jr., Kate and Jill and 10 grandchildren.

Mary Green Rooney

Mary Green Rooney (2014), April 30, 2021. Mrs. Rooney, 65, served as President of the Trojan League of Los Angeles, after serving the organization for many years in numerous leadership positions. She has also served as Treasurer of the Association of Trojan Leagues and as a member of the Alumnae Coordinating Council. She served for six years as President of Pi Beta Phi housing corporation at USC. She received her bachelors degree in English and international relations and her law degree from the University. As an undergraduate, she was President of Mortar Board. She is survived by husband, Peter Rooney and sons, Brett and J.B. Green.

2020 Annual Report of the Skull and Dagger Foundation

Pursuant to Section 2 of Article VII of the Bylaws of the Skull and Dagger Foundation, the following is the report of the Foundation to the Skull and Dagger Society members.

During the period of January 1 to December 31, 2020, the Foundation received $101,981.44 in contributions. The Foundation was able to award four scholarships during 2020 due to the generosity of the members. The Foundation also continued its sponsorship of the Wall of Scholars in the Leavey Library and the Class Marker project, which places numerals honoring the graduating classes at Alumni Walk at the Tutor Campus Center. The Foundation remains the lead sponsor in the repair and maintenance of the carillon in Mudd Hall.

Below are the revenues and expenses of the 2020 fiscal year of the Foundation.

Foundation Assets, January 1, 2020	$ 792,429.81

INCOME

Donations via Members of the Society	$ 101,981.44
Interest Income/Capital Gains	$ 98,757.18
Gift Annuity Donation	$ 245,117.35
	$ 445,855.97

EXPENSES

Scholarships	$ 20,000.00
Website	$ 1,467.50
Wall of Scholars	$ 6,149.01
Gift Annuity Payments	$ 34,014.15
Solicitation and General Expenses	$ 3,535.46
	$ 65,166.12

Foundation Assets, December 31, 2020	$ 1,173,119.66

During the 2021 fiscal year, the Foundation has again been able to award four $5,000 scholarships to deserving students.

The continuing goal of the Board of Directors of the Foundation is to fund scholarships from the interest earned on an annual basis; to fund the maintenance and addition of new names to the Wall of Scholars; provide for annual updating of the Class Markers; and handle any needed maintenance for the carillon in Mudd Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Board of Directors
Skull and Dagger Foundation

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of CommunityCPR.org, which provides free multilingual first aid and CPR workshops throughout Los Angeles as well as Co-Founder of Project for Los Angeles' Youth (PLAY), which partners with the LAPD's Community Safety partnership to improve outcomes for K-12 youth from inner-city housing projects.

Tommy Nguyen, a junior majoring in History from Irvine, California is the recipient of the William I. Griffith Memorial Scholarship. He is President of the Unruh Associates of the USC Center for the Political Future, and Orientation Advisor, and is serving as a Research Assistant for Professor Viet Thanh Nguyen. He most recently was elected as a Senator for the USC Undergraduate Student Government.

Elyse Pollack, a junior majoring in Civil Engineering from Los Angeles, is the recipient of the Dr. Harrison M. Kurtz Memorial Scholarship. She has been accepted into the Masters program in Structural Engineering. She is President of Chi Epsilon, the civil engineering honor society, a member of the Trojan Marching Band (trombone section) and as Director of External Correspondence of USC Helenes spearheaded the creation of the 100-year anniversary book of the organization.

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Gerald S. Papazian (1977)..... Worthy Grand Master
Kevin R. Ash (1986) .....Grand Master
Susan Spence Phelps (1986) ..... Worthy Master
Donald E. LaPlante (1976)..... Scribe
Julia Gardner Plotts (2013) .....Permanent Master

AT LARGE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Alana Barden (2013)
Caroline Cannan (2016)
Erin O'Malia Gehan (1989)
Jonathan Hackett (2010)
Anthony Manos (1983)
Carlos Portela (2014)
Lorna Young Reed (1985)
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