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My, how you’ve grown!

Your college years are a time for personal growth (and we don’t mean the Freshman 15). Pacific nurtures the leader, the artist, the academic and the athlete in you. Four students share how their experiences at Pacific changed them.

I got a new outlook on life
Anastaysia Uskova ‘12
Major: Graphic design, 3+3 Legal Scholars Program
Hometown: Tracy, Calif.

Before I came to Pacific, I was academically motivated, but very introverted. But the support I received from my advisors, teachers and friends has given me a new outlook on life. There’s no reason to be afraid.

In high school, I was terrified of getting anything less than an A or drawing attention to myself. Now I understand that no matter how grim things look, the outcome is never as bad as I make it out to be. Especially when it comes to speaking in public. As long as I outline my speech, I will be just fine. (And I won’t be pelted with smelly vegetables if I misplace a word!)

Now I’m so busy! I rub shoulders with prominent designers through AIGA Design Club trips to San Francisco. And as a Legal Scholar, I attend several events at the Pacific McGeorge School of Law.

I even went to China with my graphic design professors and lived in a rural village, studying the arts of the Dong minority culture. It was a life-changing experience.

I became a leader
Victor Inzunza ’11
Major: English
Hometown: Stockton, Calif.

Who was I then? I was anxious, and wanted education. Who am I now? I’m inspired and ready to lead.

At Pacific, I can cultivate my interest in writing and literature—and combine it with the study of politics and my work with veterans like me.

I teach a Veterans Writing Circle for veterans and their families who are coping with the trauma of war. I wanted to create an environment where vets can share and translate their often-difficult experiences into words. We write poetry, prose, non-fiction, journals—anything you can think of. Participants leave feeling relieved and inspired.

I also started the Student Veterans Organization to support fellow veterans and advocate for veterans’ issues. We introduced the Yellow Ribbon Program to Pacific, which is an educational assistance benefit for veterans and eligible dependents. I also volunteer at the Homeless Veterans Stand Down and organize observances to honor military members and their families.

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I found a second home
Jasmine Jordan ’12
Major: Business
Hometown: Lacey, Wash.

I knew that going away to college would be a transition. Not only was I leaving my family, I was becoming a part of an entirely new (and bigger) institution. Pacific’s campus has a welcoming spirit and diverse students (not to mention great weather!). The people around me truly want to help me achieve my very best. I’ve already learned a lot here about professionalism, academic excellence, sustainability, community involvement and so much more.

Being a member of Black Campus Ministries, working in Student Life and singing in my band, Sugar Water Purple, are just some of my powerful and life-changing experiences. I couldn’t have found a more perfect fit for me than right here at Pacific.

I accomplished something big
Petra Anderson ’12
Major: Music composition
Hometown: Aurora, Colo.

I’ve heard that who you become in college is who you are for the rest of your life. Pacific has helped me become the person I want to be—ambitious, fearless and plugged into community.

I was always ambitious. But I used to be very cautious, and a loner. I’ve been told that I’m a stronger person now—more sure of my boundaries and assertive (in a healthy way).

I never dreamed I’d pull off something like writing and staging a musical, but I raised $12,000 to fund “Heroes’ Salute, a Musical Tribute to Veterans.” It’s a 90-minute production, combining original music and spoken vignettes. I composed nine musical passages, and recruited an 11-piece orchestra, seven vocalists, two narrators, a conductor and costume designer. Collaboration with faculty and students showed me that it’s possible to make the community an integral part of academic pursuits.

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U.S. News 2011 Pacific by the numbers

- #22 Student racial diversity
- #39 Amount of need-based aid awarded among top schools
- #40 Best values
- #42 Proportion of class sizes under 20
- #46 Lowest acceptance rate
- #49 Undergraduate engineering among schools not offering PhD
- #51 Economic diversity (percent of Pell-eligible students)
Size matters
Bigger may be better when it comes to bank accounts—or maybe lattes—but smaller is smarter when it comes to college classes.

Hammer time
Fifty-six new Pacific students traded in their thinking caps for hard hats to restore a house for Habitat for Humanity. As part of Pacific’s Mountains, Ocean, Valley Experience—known as MOVE—more than 1,000 students also volunteered at these sites:
- Yosemite, Mt. Diablo, Bear River
- Marin Headlands, Point Bonita, Mt. Gilead, Santa Cruz
- American River, Cosumnes River Preserve, Valley Stewardship, Stockton community.

Your first class as a freshman.
Can you successfully enroll?

Yes.
On the waiting list. Fingers crossed that someone drops so there’s a spot for you.

No. Bad sign.
Think about transferring to Pacific.

Yes. Welcome, student #4126!
At a big state school, it’s not surprising to have freshman classes of more than 100.

Welcome to Pacific, where the average class size is 18. Get ready to take advantage of these benefits:
- Time for questions. Give yourself bonus points if you asked something during the first class session.
- Connections with classmates. Get started by introducing yourself to the students sitting next to you. (Warning: your Facebook friends may soon quadruple.)
- Actual eye-contact with your professors. No binoculars required!
- Opportunity to contribute to class discussions. It’s not just possible—it’s expected.
- More group projects and hands-on homework—the best way to learn!

Did you think to yourself, “This class is so big nobody will notice if I skip?”

Yes.
If you’re already dreaming of skipping class, that’s not a good sign.

"Would you like fries with that?"

Yes.
If you go along.

No.
You’ll probably have less homework (takes too long to grade). Sounds great, but it means you have to force yourself to learn the material on your own as you go along.

Your semester grade may be based only on a handful of tests.

"You’ll have to be aggressive in class when you have questions. Let’s hope you’re not shy!"

Yes.
Your professor may not learn your name before the class ends.

No.
You’ll need to apply yourself to overcome the negatives of large classes:
- You’ll probably have less homework (takes too long to grade). Sounds great, but it means you have to force yourself to learn the material on your own as you go along.
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Yes.
If you think to yourself, “I’d notice if I skip?”

No.
You may not get a seat…
Early next time. If you still don’t get a seat…

Yes.
Try arriving 20 minutes early next time. If you still don’t get a seat…

No. Try arriving 20 minutes early next time. If you still don’t get a seat…

Yes. Did you get a seat?

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No. Is the class bigger than 50 students?

Yes.
Can you successfully enroll?

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Yes.
Listen intently as a teaching assistant calls roll. This is how big schools say hello.

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Pacific globetrotters

University of the Pacific Go global on campus. The Japanese festival showcases films, kabuki dance shows and even a video game contest. Icelandic violinists, and scores of other international artists, perform at Pacific. And the Latin American Dance Club teaches some of the hottest dances, from the tango to the cha-cha-cha.

Mexico Students spent an Alternative Spring Break helping at the Community School for the Blind in Puebla, building an energy-efficient stove from renewable materials and living with local families. The group financed the trip by selling “I love Stockton” T-shirts.

Check out the trip go.pacific.edu/mexico

Egypt You don’t have to watch “The Amazing Race” to explore the world. Pacific students study in Egypt, Israel and Jordan.

Chile Spring breakers with a sense of adventure trekked to Patagonia. The trip, designed for Spanish language students and earth and environmental sciences majors, featured a varied itinerary seeing the penguin colony near Punta Arenas (the world’s southernmost city), touring the home of degeneracy poet Pablo Neruda and exploring a landscape that includes both glaciers and volcanoes.

Pacific ranks #14 on the list of best universities for students interested in studying overseas, according to the Institute of International Education. From a semester abroad to spring break trips, you’ll grow your international perspective at Pacific.
France One of Pacific’s most popular destinations for overseas study. Japan, China, Spain and Argentina round out the top five.

China Conservatory of Music students spent a week performing and sightseeing in Beijing and Shanghai. Students absorbed Chinese culture, toured the Great Wall and performed at Chinese universities.

Cambodia Jay Stevens ’11 didn’t follow the sage travel advice: pack lightly. Jay, a biology and pre-dental major, lugged 500 toothbrushes and boxes of dental supplies for his spring break trip to Cambodia.

He and the other Pacificans squeezed in a scrapbook’s worth of cool travel experiences: visiting historic temples, riding in a tuk-tuk, helping build a museum and visiting the site where “Lara Croft Tomb Raider” was filmed. And trying to get up the guts to taste an appetizer made with red fire ants!

The trip was an eye-opening chance to explore daily life in a developing country and build connections for Stockton, sister city to Phnom Penh and home to America’s third-largest Cambodian population. For Jay, the highlight of the trip was teaching hundreds of schoolchildren to brush their teeth (which most were doing incorrectly) and floss (which most students had never tried).

“The life of Cambodia is within the people,” he said. “The arts and monuments were breathtaking, but the life was within the children that I was blessed to interact with.”

Join the jet set Pacific gives you access to colleges all around the globe. Here are some countries where Pacificans study:

Argentina Austria Belgium Botswana Brazil Bulgaria Canada Chile China Costa Rica Czech Republic Denmark Dominican Republic Ecuador Egypt England Finland France French Antilles French Guiana Germany Ghana Germany Iceland India Ireland Italy Japan Jordan Korea Latvia Jordan Kenya Korea Latvia Malta Mexico Morocco Netherlands New Zealand Nicaragua Norway Peru Poland Portugal South Africa Senegal South Africa Spain Sweden Switzerland Taiwan Tanzania Turkey Uruguay Venezuela Vietnam

South Africa How do you make friends when leaving the small school atmosphere of Pacific to study for a semester at University of Cape Town (which has a student population of about 35,000)? Caitlin Gilliam ’11 knows there’s one sure-fire way: say hi!

Although the country is still very much in transition (the Apartheid era of racial segregation only ended in 1994), she found that a majority of strangers passing by on the street greeted her with a happy “hello!”

Classes like Media in South Africa and International Trade and Finance helped move her major in business and her minor in communication along, but there was one other lesson she couldn’t get by without:

People ask “Howzit?” instead of “How are things going?”

“After a while, you just live your life day-to-day like it’s nothing new,” Caitlin said. “There’s beauty in being comfortable in another country. At the same time, you stop say to yourself, “Wow, I’m really in South Africa.”

India Members of the Center for Social Entrepreneurship’s Ambassador Corps worked with charity groups to improve life for urban and rural poor families.

Learn more go.pacific.edu/abroad
Trash meets chic at green fashion show

Recycled style has never been so chic! Models garbed in phone books, tattered tablecloths, water bottle caps and other environmentally-friendly materials strutted down the runway at Pacific’s first green fashion show.

The show was part of a university-wide effort to promote sustainability, and proceeds benefitted the Community Involvement Program, a scholarship project that supports students from low-income Stockton families.

Earth Day meets Fashion Week

Food freak

Food historian, what’s that?
When I was hired 16 years ago to teach early modern history, the study of food wasn’t considered a legitimate academic topic. Since then, the field of food history has grown. In my class, Global History of Food, we explore globalization, imperialism and the growth of capitalist enterprise and how these processes were shaped by trade in food.

Do you cook for your classes?
Sometimes I’ll bring something in or invite students to cook and eat at my home. My Tudor and Stuart England class came over to make a smeared rabbit from a 16th-century cookbook. It sounds like road kill, but “smeared” comes from “smore,” which is just a Dutch word for “stew.”

What food is Stockton known for?
Asparagus—much of the asparagus in the world is grown here. In fact, one of Stockton’s biggest events is the Asparagus Festival.

Why buy local?
One of the advantages to living in this area is the fresh food—cheese, vegetables, fruits and nuts especially. Pacific’s food service provider, Bon Appétit, is all about local food. Not only does it taste better, it also has a lower carbon footprint.

The farmers markets here can’t be beat. They’re not expensive, like the markets in the Bay Area, so people can actually do their grocery shopping. There’s even a farmer’s market on campus every Wednesday.

What’s the weirdest dish you’ve ever prepared?
Bear. It was odd, and kind of fatty. But delicious—and there sure was a lot of it!

What’s your food mantra?
Take a chance in the kitchen. If something doesn’t go right, so what? You’ll eat tomorrow.

Hunger game
To shine a light on how food choices impact the environment, Pacific participates in the annual Eat Local Challenge. Last year, Bon Appétit revamped its menu with locally grown food, including pork tenderloin from the Rabbit Ridge farm in Lodi, sage from Chive Farms in Gilroy and steamed jasmine rice from Lundberg Farm in Richvale. Sustainable and tasty!

Food on the go
Next time you visit campus, keep your eyes peeled for the bright orange e.a.t. (easy artisan takeout) food truck. Whether you’re in the mood for chorizo quesadillas and zeppole doughnuts for breakfast or Cajun fish tacos and fresh fruit salad for lunch, Pacific’s newest addition is at your service.

Get the recipe!
Learn how Ken takes a college staple—pizza—and makes it 100 percent Californian.
go.pacific.edu/foodfreak

Go there!
Find the truck on Twitter twitter.com/#/BAatPacific
Friday night
6 P.M. Eat dinner on campus and watch karaoke with a group of friends at the Marketplace. Can't think of a better way to kick off the weekend than with build-your-own nachos!
8 P.M. Catch a free flic at Pacific's Janet Leigh Theatre.

Saturday
9 A.M. Go to the Miracle Mile. First stop: Empresso Coffeehouse for a fresh-roasted pick-me-up. It's got a great vibe and the baristas whip up a mean Mexican spiced mocha.
10 A.M. Head to Thrift Outlet for some one-of-a-kind finds. In addition to throwback T-shirts and kooky accessories, I bought some amazing props and costume items for Pacific's production of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show."
1:15 P.M. Grab a table at Whirlows. I recommend the raspberry chicken blue cheese salad and the California steak sandwich.
2:30 P.M. Reward myself with a manicure/pedi. There are several spas in Stockton, and some even allow students to use their Pacific Cash.

Sunday
10:30 A.M. Wake up. Ah, lazy Sundays! Feels like a leftovers-and-television kind of morning.
11 A.M. Cultural Anthropology homework time.
1 P.M. Visit my R.A. friend, Sarah, at Carter House (one of the honors freshman residence halls) to help her prepare for this week's program: "Sewing with Sarah." She's helping the residents make a quilt to donate to a local domestic violence resource center.
4 P.M. Walk to the library with Sarah for some last-minute studying for International Research Methods. My favorite spot is right next to a big window—it's cozy and secluded, and having a view helps us to focus.
6 P.M. Last-minute trip to S-Mart for groceries, then back to the apartment.
7 P.M. My turn to cook for the roommates. On tonight's menu: lemon cream pasta. It's a secret family recipe.
8:30 P.M. Kick back and rest. Whoever cooks doesn't have to do the dishes tonight.

Sports-centered
Want the scoop on college athletics? Here are five reasons why Pacific sports are a grand slam.

1. Pacific offers a full range of sports
   Women's sports: Basketball, cross country, field hockey, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, volleyball, water polo.
   Men's sports: Baseball, basketball, golf, swimming, tennis, volleyball, water polo.

2. Pacific puts the “student” in student athlete
   Sixteen Pacificans earned Academic All Big West honors last spring—which means they posted a 3.2 GPA and played in at least half of their team’s competitions. Academic honors demands serious study and hard practice—plus a knack for time management and balance. Athletes in baseball, softball, men’s and women’s tennis, men’s golf and women’s water polo made the springtime honors list.

3. Pacific’s teams feature world-class competitors
   Don’t believe us? Just look at the tennis teams. Players from Brazil, Bermuda, Estonia, and the Ukraine add international flair—and powerful play—to the team.

4. Amateur athletes are welcome
   RecSports bring out your competitive spirit in everything from basketball to badminton. Ready to get started? Pull some friends together, register your team, and pick out a team name that will look great on a T-shirt. Sorry, but GTL and Ripgut Cannibalism are already taken.

5. Super fans love it here
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