

Model United Nations at Poly

Poly MUN Jack Schwarz, Poly MUN Co-President

I'm one of the presidents for MUN and this is a short recap of the MUN year. In a feat of unprecedented growth and success for the LB Poly MUN program, the small but committed 2017-2018 team grew from barely 10 regulars to over 120 members in a single school year. They won Best Intermediate Sized Delegation at WhitneyMUN, Outstanding Delegation at GahrMUN, and Best Large Delegation at UCSD's TritonMUN, finishing off the year by hosting 14 schools from around the region at the school's inaugural conference: Jackrabbit MUN I. Lead by Co-Presidents Jack Schwarz and Sophia Hooper, along with a talented group of officers including Alexis Soohoo, Bryce Martinez, and Vasko Gucev, the Jackrabbits quickly established themselves as a powerhouse program of Southern California.

The largest success for the school occurred at the collegiate TritonMUN, with Poly walking away with up to 5 or 6 individual awards per committee and gaveling in 3 separate rooms. I attribute the program's success to an unparalleled passion for Model UN and intellectual competition. "The rate in which we grew was truly incredible. We went from bringing 2 to 5 kids on average to a conference and by the end of the year we were bringing 40 to 50, all of whom attended not because of a grade or a resume but just because they loved doing it." Co-President Sophia Hooper described it like this, "we finally tapped into all the talent and energy that's always existed at this school. There was never a shortage of politically-minded kids at Poly, simply a shortage of politically-oriented opportunities, and we filled that gap."

On May 25th the Jackrabbits hosted their inaugural conference, with huge success across all parts of the event. Unique aspects of the conference included a pioneer communication method for delegates engineered by Senior Alexis Soohoo, a California Constitutional Convention committee, a 1960s historical simulation, and a future Global SARS Outbreak. The conference received high praise from all those in attendance, named by many of the delegates and advisors as one of the best conferences of the year. JackrabbitMUN is sure to return next year, showcasing another impressive selection of creative and diverse committees. With a fired-up group ready to lead the charge into next year, Poly is sure to be a team to look out for.

UCSD MUN Conference

Mr. Patrick Gillogly, Poly MUN Teacher

An exhausted group of students returned to school after another very successful trip to the UCSD Model United Nations Conference in San Diego, TritonMUN. At the end of this two-day conference, Long Beach Poly won the Best Large Delegation award--at a college conference no less! This is Poly's third delegation win in the last 4 conferences and we are all very proud of the students' hard work, research, and speech-writing. This is almost comical considering that we were 10 students last year and have close to 120 students this year.

Three students came home with the coveted "Best Delegate" gavels in their respective committees. Many other students ranging from 9th to 12th grade received awards for research, speaking and outstanding debate in committees such as the UN Environmental Programme, European Union, UN Parliamentary Assembly discussing how to change the makeup of the UN Security Council, the UN Office of Drugs and Crime where students debated freezing assets of drug traffickers and methods of unraveling distribution networks, as well as historical crisis committees on the Winter War of WWII between Finland and the USSR and the Court of Tai-ping during the Qing Dynasty among others. The entire Poly delegation was excellent in this, the final conference of the year until...the first annual Poly HS Model UN Conference Jackrabbit MUN on Saturday, May 25th, 2019.

Special shout-outs to Brett Alexander and Linda Bon whose teaching is reflected at every conference in our students' success.

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New Math Teachers

Ms. Samantha Lawrence
PACE Facilitator

It's my pleasure to be able to introduce our new PACE PreCalculus and AP Calculus teachers. Mr. Mikasa and Ms. Baca are coming in to take over for Mr. Bershtel and Ms. Amici who are, unfortunately for us, leaving education this year. We have been so fortunate to have them on our team and we wish them well as they move on to other things. This spring Mr. Salas, the Math Department, and I have been working at finding teachers that are a good fit for the Poly PACE team and environment. Luckily we had a few great recommendations and I'd like to give our new math teachers an opportunity to introduce themselves here. If you see them around campus or at events, please don't hesitate to give them a warm Poly welcome.

From Mr. Mikasa:

Hello Poly Community! My name is Mark Mikasa. After graduating with a degree in Mathematics from UCLA, I immediately became a teacher and have not looked back. I taught for seven years at Roosevelt High School in Boyle Heights and the past 16 years at Gabrielino High School in San Gabriel. My wife works for LBSD and my son proudly attends a LBSD school so I am thrilled to join them in Long Beach!

I love working with high school students and helping them grow and develop into conscientious, socially comfortable, deep thinking, problem solving young adults who are prepared to make the transition to greater independence and responsibility. I believe that young people thrive in a classroom environment that is fun, challenging, and engaging. And though the "How" is very important in math, I believe the "Why" is just as important to understand. So I encourage students to go deeper in their understanding, which almost always includes the ability to explain it to someone else.

I've heard so many good things about Poly from friends who have worked at Poly, are alumni of Poly, or who have children who have attended or currently attend Poly. So I'm excited to join the community and contribute to the mission of building up young people and preparing them for their futures. Students, I'll see you after the summer. Be ready to roll up your sleeves and get to work!

An Amazing Journey

Ms. Connie Loggins, Retired PACE Counselor

Dear Poly PACE Family,

It has been an amazing journey! As I reflect on my years at the "Home of Scholars, Champions, Musicians, and Humanitarians", I am humbled and appreciative of having the opportunity to experience the magnificence of Poly and my Poly Family. I have had the privilege of experiencing Long Beach Polytechnic High School as a high school student, Career/College Specialist, Communications Academy Counselor and PACE Counselor. It has been a wonderful journey and I have a lifetime of priceless memories!

After considerable thought and with mixed feelings I informed the district of my intention to retire effective June, 2019. After nearly thirty years as an educator, it is time to embark on the next phase of my life. It is bittersweet in many ways however; I look forward to more time with family, friends, as well as exploring new adventures. It is my belief that everyone has been created with gifts, talents, and purpose. The students in my caseload over the years have constantly amazed me and I know those astonishments will continue. Thank you for trusting me to guide and advise thousands of students. I have done my best to serve students and their families unconditionally, both individually and collectively.

Since 1975, the PACE program has stood the test of time; young lives have and will continue to thrive under the incredible stewardship of dedicated teachers, and administrators. Parents, your support, encouraging words, and kindness, have meant more to me than words can express.

With almost everything in life, there comes a time when one will go through both "peaks" and "valleys"; I have learned from both type of experiences, however, I can confidently say, I have experienced more "peaks" than "valleys".

Thank you for your support and commitment to Poly and the PACE program; I am very proud of what we have accomplished as a school community. I will always treasure my fond memories of the many students I have worked with, as well as the special families I have gotten to know. The teachers, facilitators, and administrators I have had the privilege of working with are none I truly have appreciated my Poly journey and there is no doubt that I will miss you.

PACE Needs You !!!

PPSG needs you to continue supporting the PACE Program. Please email any board members if you would like to help with any of our events or programs. Additionally, your financial support is critical to maintaining the PACE Program and the superior educational experience it provides to your child. If you have donated already, thank you for your generosity and continuing dedication to PACE. If you haven't, please consider donating at this time. Simply go to our website at parentparent.org and click on the donate button. It takes about \$150 per student per year to fund the annual budget. Some families donate less and some donate more. We are thankful for your donation in any amount, and remember coporate matching.

2019 PACE Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to the 11 recipients of the 2019 PACE Parent Support Group Scholarship Awards.

Maxwell Charles
Imani Harris
Elizabeth Matos
Naveed Torabzadeh

Lindsey Chou
Brittney Hun
Cassidy Powers
Cybele Wong

Mia Cloke
Ethan Lam
Carolina Sinco

These outstanding students were selected from a pool of 80 extremely qualified applicants based upon academic, athletic and artistic achievements and other life circumstances. These scholarships are made possible through the generosity of PACE families and alumni who have donated to the Scholarship Fund. In the past these scholarships were \$2,000-\$2,500 each, but this year, due to a generous donation by an anonymous PACE alumni, we awarded nine \$5,000 and two \$2,500 scholarships.

College Acceptances & Choices PACE Class of 2019 *

American University	4/0	Davidson College	1/0	Pitzer College	1/0	U of Missouri, St. Louis	1/0
Arizona State University	4/0	DePaul University	1/0	Pomona College	2/0	U of Northern Texas	1/1
Azusa Pacific University	1/0	Dickinson College	2/0	Portland State University	2/0	University of Oregon	
Barnard College	1/1	Drexel University	1/0	Princeton University	3/1	12/3	
Bauhaus-Univer. Weimar	1/1	Duquesne University	1/0	Purdue University	4/1	University of Pacific	4/0
Baylor University	4/2	Elon College	1/0	Reed College	5/1	U of Pennsylvania	1/1
Becker College	1/0	Emory College	3/0	Rensselaer Polytechnic In.	1/1	U of Puget Sound	4/1
Bentley University	1/0	Fordham University	12/0	Richmond University	2/0	University of Rochester	2/0
Boston University	6/0	Fort Ellis College	1/0	Santa Clara University	4/0	U of San Francisco	9/2
Brandeis University	4/0	George Washington Uni.	5/3	Scripps College	2/0	USC	
Brown University	3/0	Georgia Inst. of Tech.	3/0	Seattle Pacific University	3/0	15/3	
Bryn Mawr College	1/0	Grinnell College	1/1	Seattle University	1/0	University of Tennessee	2/0
Bucknell University	1/0	Hawai'i Pacific University	3/1	Smith College	2/0	University of Vermont	3/0
Cal. Baptist University	2/0	Hofstra University	1/0	Stanford University	7/7	U of Washington	5/0
Cal. Lutheran University	1/1	Howard University	3/0	State Uni. of NY Oswego	1/0	U of Wisconsin, Madison	2/0
Cal. Poly Pomona	10/0	Indiana University	1/0	Syracuse University	1/0	University of Virginia	2/1
Cal. Poly SLO	33/4	Iowa State University	1/0	Temple University	1/0	Vanderbilt University	1/0
CSU Chico	2/1	Johns Hopkins University	2/1	Texas Christian University	2/0	Vassar College	1/0
CSU Dominguez Hills	2/0	Lewis and Clark College	4/1	Tufts University	1/0	Wake Forest University	1/0
CSU Fullerton	7/0	LB City College Honors	13/13	Tulane University	1/0	Washington State U	4/0
CSU Long Beach	107/25	Loyola Marymount Uni.	10/3	US Air Force Academy	1/0	Westmont College	1/0
CSU Los Angeles	5/0	Loyola Uni. of Chicago	3/0	US Naval Academy	1/1	Whittier College	3/0
CSU Monterey Bay	1/1	Macalester College	1/0	University of Alabama	2/0	Willamette University	1/0
CSU Northridge	5/0	MIT	2/2	UC Berkeley	25/13	Yale University	3/0
CSU Sacramento	1/0	Middlebury College	1/0	UC Davis	38/6		
CSU San Diego (SDSU)	60/3	Minnesota Twin City Col.	1/0	UC Irvine	54/9		
CSU Sonoma	1/0	Mt. Holyoke College	3/0	UC Los Angeles	24/12		
Carnegie Mellon Uni.	1/0	Mt. Saint Mary's Uni.	1/0	UC Merced	12/1		
Case Western University	1/0	Northeastern University	7/3	UC Riverside	10/0		
Chapman University	9/1	Northwestern University	3/0	UC San Diego	45/17		
Chicago State University	1/0	Occidental College	8/2	UC Santa Barbara	31/2		
City Uni. of New York	1/0	Ohio State University	1/0	UC Santa Cruz	25/3		
Claremont McKenna Coll.	1/0	Oklahoma Westmont Coll.	1/0	University of Cincinnati	1/0		
Clemson University	2/0	Orange Coast College	1/1	U of Colorado, Boulder	3/0		
Colorado State University	3/0	Oregon State University	1/1	University of Hawai'i	1/1		
Concordia University	1/0	Pace University	1/0	University of Illinois	2/0		
Connecticut College	1/0	Pepperdine University	4/0	U Mass, Amherst	1/0		
Dartmouth College	1/1	Penn State University	1/0	University of Michigan	1/0		

*This information is self-reported by the students and is not verified by PACE or PPSG.

Schools students chose to attend are bolded with the number attending after the /.

PACE students were offered about \$28,000,000 of scholarships and grants.

Congratulations Class of 2019

Ms. Connie Loggins, PACE Counselor

As I reflect upon the past four years, I am reminded of the many triumphs and trial you have encountered. My journey with you has been a very enriching and rewarding one, especially as I have observed the individuals you have become. You are extraordinary as a class. As individuals, you consistently forged ahead and eventually succeeded in overcoming the challenges that were presented to each of you in different ways; for this, truly you are to be commended.

Traditionally, as PACE classes before you, you set and kept your standards high. Many of you will be relocating to different states and countries. You persevered and have earned your way into amazing colleges and universities. I am confident that you will continue to set records and forge new trails. Stay confident, caring, enthusiastic about learning and excited about preparing for your future. Know that you are capable of accomplishing anything that you put your mind to do and will one day succeed in making even greater contributions to your chosen environment, future professions and society. I have observed you model the Poly motto: "Enter to learn and go forth to serve." As you transition into your new college environment, hold fast to the Long Beach Polytechnic motto, it will serve you well. I wish only the best for you.

Welcome Class of 2023

Welcome to Long Beach Polytechnic "Poly" High School, the home of Scholars, Champions, Musicians and Humanitarians. Poly has many positive traditions and there is much school pride. As you enter the campus, you will notice an engraved motto that reads, "Enter to learn, go forth to serve". Remember, you have been admitted to one of the most prestigious high schools in the country. Poly is known nationwide for its impressive student college acceptances, Advanced Placement test passage rate, outstanding sports, excellent music programs and more. It is no accident that you have been invited to join these ranks of greatness.

As an incoming freshman, you will have the opportunity to participate in an academic setting that will challenge you intellectually; you will be encouraged to develop and define your individuality. I encourage you to explore and embrace your school community. Four years will go by very quickly, thus do your best and take advantage of the support systems that are here for you. I trust you will enjoy the process. Have a wonderful summer and again, welcome to Poly.

Musicians & Singers: If you are interested in participating in band or orchestra please contact Mr. Stevens who will provide information regarding auditions at cstevens@lbschools.net or 562-591-0581 ext. 5437. Singers of all levels are encouraged to join one of our many choirs. Please contact Mr. Dokko at ext. or bdokko@lbschools.net.

All Classes: Your recommended summer reading is posted on SchoolLoop and the Poly website.

Class of 2020: You have received a "comprehensive college preparatory" packet and have been encouraged to work

through it this summer. Make sure to bring your completed summer assignment when you come to your individual appointment with new counselor Ms. Dana Zapanta.

Class of 2021: Summer is an ideal time to prepare for SAT and ACT exams. If you desire to participate in a "formalized" test preparation program, I have provided you with test preparation organizations that many students use.

Class of 2022: Recommended English and AP US History summer reading assignments have been posted on school loop.

Important Dates in August!

- 13 -14** Freshman Summer Bridge 8:00am-3:00pm
- 14** Senior Registration
Last Name A-L 8:00-11:30am
Last Name M-Z 12:00-3:30pm
- 15** Junior Registration
Last Name A-L 8:00-10:00am
Last Name M-Z 12:00-2:00pm
- 20** Sophomore Registration
Last Name A-L 8:00-10:00am
Last Name M-Z 12:00-2:00pm
- 21** Freshman Registration & Orientation
Last Name A-L 8:00am-2:30pm
- 22** Freshman Registration & Orientation
Last Name M-Z 8:00am-2:30pm

PACE Perspectives

Julie Owens, Outgoing PPSG President

We made it! Whether you are a parent of a graduating senior or a freshman that just finished their first year of high school or somewhere in between, you may be feeling the same way. It feels like only yesterday we were complaining about the heat and here we are today looking forward to some time to relax and regroup over the summer!

As a board, and in collaboration with Ms. Lawrence and Ms. Loggins, we achieved a great deal this year. We hosted parent information nights, replaced worn out books, provided funding for our outstanding, and award winning, Rabbotics and Model UN teams, and teacher trainings, just to name a few. We were able to do this as a result of your donations. Thank you! There is always more we can do for our students and the staff, so please, keep the donations coming in. Every dollar helps.

I would also like to acknowledge a donor who as asked to remain anonymous. Due to this donor's generosity we were able to increase the dollar amount of the scholarships award to \$5,000. We all know the cost of college has gone up and it is wonderful to know that we are able to increase the award amount.

My time as a President and member of the PPSG board ends this June as my PACE Senior is graduating and starting on his next adventure. It has been so rewarding to serve on this board with a wonderful group of dedicated parents. My ask of you is to please think about getting involved and volunteering with the PPSG board. If you want to get involved, please drop us a note. Our e-mail address is: Paceparent@gmail.com. Have a great summer Jack Rabbit Families!