

# THE HAREBRAIN

Long Beach Poly High School PACE Parent Group

Late Summer 2020

**WELCOME** returning and new Poly PACE families to the 2020-2021 school year! My name is Kelly Sullivan, PACE Parent Group President. My daughter, Kate, is a 2019 PACE alumna and my son, Grant, is a PACE sophomore.

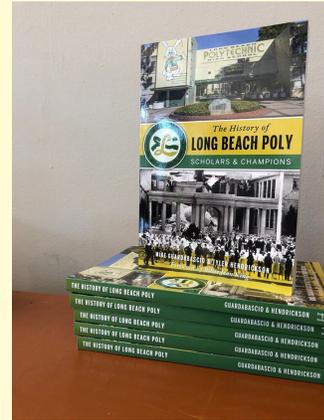
These past six months have been impacted by so much change due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Poly's "Founder's Rock", established more than a half a century ago, reminds us, "Founder's Rock, which will always remain the same, representing an unchanging dedication to learning at a time when the only constant is change." Like so many other challenges Poly has faced, the school will overcome this too.

One thing that will remain the same is the dedication of the PACE teachers and administrators to make sure your student is successful and academically prepared. They have been working hard all summer long to ensure the PACE program continues to thrive and challenge students this coming year. For that we are so grateful.

Another thing that will not change is the PACE Parent Group's mission to raise money in order to support our robust PACE program. Through your generous suggested donation of \$150 per student, we are able to fund a large amount of the program. We realize the pandemic has affected many, but hope you will contribute what you can. For details on what we fund and where to donate, please visit our website at

[www.paceparent.org](http://www.paceparent.org).

To learn the history of Poly's enduring legacy and esteemed alumni and to renew your school spirit, I encourage you to read, "**The History of Long Beach Poly Scholars and Champions**" by PACE alumna, Tyler Hendrickson, and CIC alumna, Mike Guardabascio. Anyone interested in purchasing a signed copy of the book can email them at [ScholarsAndChampionsBook@gmail.com](mailto:ScholarsAndChampionsBook@gmail.com) and delivery is included.



We are so convinced that parents and students alike will enjoy the read that we want to send you your own signed copy for free with your tax deductible donation of \$500+ to PACE.

To sum up the spirit of the book, one of Poly's esteemed alumni, Long Beach Vice Mayor and Poly All-American football player Dee Andrews likes to say, "There's two kinds of people in the world. People who went to Poly, and people who wish they did." I fall in the latter group.

All the best to your student/s this year for making the most of a challenging situation. To quote another famous Poly alumna, Billy Jean King, "pressure is a privilege and champions adjust!"

For any questions I can be reached at 562-810-0737 or email me at [paceparent@gmail.com](mailto:paceparent@gmail.com).

Thank you!  
Kelly  
PACE Parent Group President



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# PACE FUNDRAISING

Faraneh Chamran, PPG Board Member

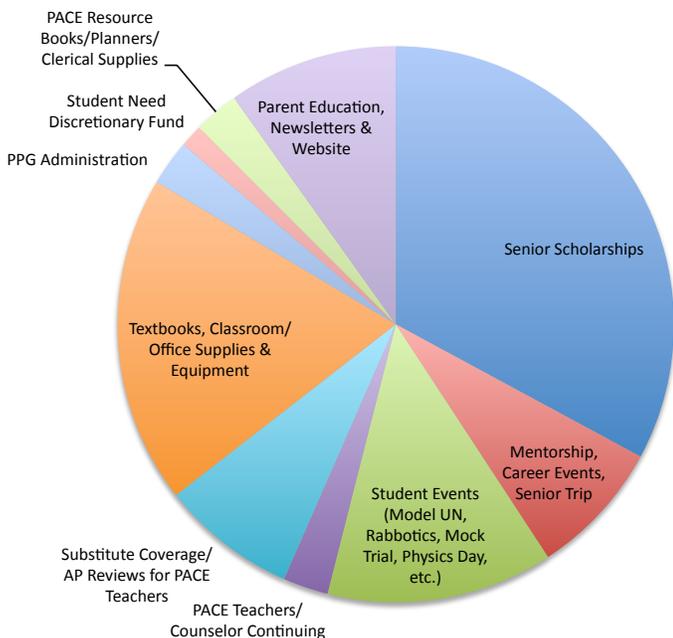
Dear PACE parents, families, and friends,

First and foremost a big WELCOME to our freshman students and parents! The PPG Board values your decision to be part of the PACE community. COVID or no COVID, you're in for a great four- year experience in Poly PACE. I can tell you first-hand as a mother of a PACE freshman last year, I was impressed by how the PACE instructors navigated on-line teaching, stayed on course and followed standards you and I value and expect from PACE.

As PPG fundraising chair, my focus is to ensure we have the funds necessary to make programs like the following possible: SAT and ACT prep, Model UN and Robotics, Parent Education, and Merit-based scholarships for Seniors just to name a few. It takes \$150 per student per year to fund these efforts which are not covered by LBUSD. The PACE Parent Group counts on your tax-deductible donation (Tax ID #20-1801993) to bring this experience to our scholars in PACE. We welcome and appreciate any amount.

Please include your donation in the self-addressed envelope included in this newsletter or donate online at [www.paceparent.org](http://www.paceparent.org). Don't underestimate the power of corporate matching as you might be working for a company that has a dollar-for-dollar gift program, matching contributions made by its employees to educational institutions.

2020/2021 PACE Parent Group Budget



# CELEBRATING

Class of 2020 PACE Parent Group Scholarship recipients

**Clark Boyce**  
**Michael Chhay**  
**Peter Donovan**  
**Emily Hardesty**  
**Alex Lam**

**Jude McCarthy**  
**Kaelyn Moses**  
**Julian Pearce**  
**Thisun Udagedara**  
**Laura Yontz**

Look for their stories in the next issue of the Harebrain where we'll read about their first college experiences, unprecedented in more ways than ever before.

## The Happiness Lab with Dr. Laurie Santos

Yale professor Dr. Laurie Santos has studied the science of happiness and found that many of us do the exact opposite of what will truly make our lives better. Based



on the psychology course she teaches at Yale-the most popular class in the university's 300-year history-Laurie will take you through the latest scientific research and share some surprising and inspiring stories

that will change the way you think about happiness. For a deeper dive into the research and to sign up for her newsletter visit: [happineslab.fm](http://happineslab.fm). September 14 begins a brand new mini-season of Dr. Laurie's podcast *The Happiness Lab*.

## BUILDING OUR COMMUNITY

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Your PACE Parent Group (PPG) is a non-profit board consisting of PACE parent volunteers who raise and manage donations in order to provide additional support to the PACE academic and scholarship program.

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