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*Engaging Minds,
Improving Lives*

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From the Office of Alumni Relations

Greetings Alumni and Friends,

The Office of Alumni Relations is excited to welcome Palo Alto University Alumni and Friends as a part of the PAU growing community. The Alumni Relations team strives to provide support and alumni services while PAU graduates continue on their path after completing their degree.

Stay connected with PAU's alumni, faculty, staff, and current students through the Alumni Newsletter, email list, and upcoming events.

We are pleased to partner with alumni networking platform 'Graduway' to connect a global community of Palo Alto graduates and students and provide a place to post and view employment opportunities.

Contact (kmitchell@paloaltou.edu) the Office of Alumni Relations to:

- Join the PAU Alumni Association- it's free!
- Submit Alumni events
- Get involved with the Alumni Council.
- Connect to Graduway. <http://paloaltouconnect.com>

The Office of Alumni Relations and the Alumni Council welcomes your involvement and participation!

Best Wishes,

Kemper Mitchell
Director of Alumni Relations

Sharam Hassan, Class of 2015 ***BS in Business Psychology***

"Palo Alto University really took care of me as a student and person during my time in the undergraduate program. The lessons I learned, in and out of the classroom, from PAU are still applied to my life today."



Teresa Lee, Class of 2014 ***BS in Business Psychology***

"In 2014, I graduated from the Business Psychology program and found the curriculum to be a great learning experience. It was interesting to learn about organizations and the behavior of people; this combination of study focuses on the person and their work role, which creates a successful organization. I have learned to be mindful of situations, which enhances a productive organization. My cohort was diverse and contributed to my education by working in teams. Overall, I enjoyed the Business Psychology program."



Madison Steele, Class of 2014
BS in Business Psychology

“What attracted me to PAU was the small classes and a real sense of community.



The Business Psychology program allowed me to peruse my passion in psychology while exploring my curiosity in business. The cohort model also allowed me to better my interpersonal skills while working with a diverse population”.

Melanie M Morrison, Class of 2011
BS in Business Psychology

“In the Business Psychology program at Palo Alto University, I formed lasting bonds with my classmates and immersed myself in learning. The cohort model and smaller class sizes allowed for greater support and more personalized feedback from the professors. I graduated from the program with the skills and knowledge to be successful in the next chapter of my life.”



Michael Hara, Class of 2011
BS Psychology – Business Psychology

“I was a long time Foothill College student who was looking to transfer to complete my bachelor’s degree. I found my fit in Business Psychology with Palo Alto University where I had the privilege of being part of the inaugural class. After acceptance to the program, I was faced with ample opportunity to gain valuable professional experiences. I supported the programs’ recruitment my senior year and was elected graduating class President, Student Speaker for the 2011 Undergraduate Commencement, and recipient of the Outstanding Student Service Award. This great experience has provided me wonderful connections and opportunities well beyond my imagination.”



PAU alums at APAPO Practice Leadership Conference in DC



J Wong (Past President California), Paul Korte, PhD (Past President Missouri) & Dr. Fernando Pastrana (Diversity Delegate Louisiana).

PAU reps with CPA & APAPO advocating for MH & SUD parity in newly introduced American Health Care Act & Medicare Mental Health Access Act.



Dear Palo Alto Community

PAU is very proud to announce a number of significant faculty/staff accomplishments this year which recognize the high quality of our faculty and staff and our strong contributions to the field of psychology.

California Psychological Association (CPA) and American Psychological Association (APA)

- Dr. Paul Marcille, our Undergrad Programs Director, has been elected President-Elect of the California Psychological Association (CPA)
- Dr. Jorge Wong, our , current professor and trustee, is the outgoing President of CPA and has just been appointed to APA's Committee for the Advancement of Professional Practice
- Dr. Kimberly Balsam, Professor, PAU's Co-Director of the Center for LGBTQ Evidence-Based Applied Research (CLEAR), and the Co-Director of the LGBTQ Emphasis Area, is President of the APA's LGBT Division
- Our President, Dr. Maureen O'Connor, is the Chair of the APA Human Rights Task Force Council of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS):
- Dr. Ricardo F. Muñoz, Professor of Clinical Psychology and Founding Director of i4Health, was elected this November to the rank of Fellow by the Council of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (aaas.org), the world's largest general scientific society. Dr. Muñoz is being honored: For distinguished contributions towards the prevention of major depression and the development of Internet interventions to improve mental health worldwide.

Western Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (WACES):

- Dr. Margaret Lamar, Assistant Professor in the Master Degree program, is currently the WACES treasurer and is on the ballot for WACES President, voting in December.
- Dr. William Snow, our Master Degree Program Director, received the Outstanding Mentor Award from WACES this month. The award is testament to the hard work and commitment of Dr. Snow and was the result of many professors and students submitting sincere and heartfelt nominations and letters on his behalf. Dr. Snow is a true inspiration to all at PAU and a former WACES President, who had the task of reviewing all the submissions admitted it was an emotional and even tearful task. Danny Robbles, current MA counselling student put it, "I will be a better therapist because of knowing Dr. Snow."

Our gratitude goes to all at PAU who go above and beyond in their commitment to both the university and the field of psychology. We look forward to continuing working together to make positive social change in improving lives.

Upcoming Events

**PAU Alumni Mixer-
APA Convention**
August 4, 2017
6PM – 9PM
Cambria Hotel & Suites,
Washington D.C.

PAU Alumni Mixer
Los Angeles, CA
October 21, 2017
6PM – 9PM
Location TBD