

## Diversity

PAU is committed to providing an educational environment that respects cultural and individual differences. It seeks both to foster a diverse student body and to support the aspirations of all of its students. It supports the kind of critical debate over important ideas that are central to the academic enterprise. At the same time, it encourages the respect and cooperation that are also central to an academic community. PAU's commitment to diversity requires a commitment on the part of all members of this academic community to acknowledge the range of human variability and to respect differences. PAU's success in carrying out the above commitment has been recognized for the last two years by Insight Into Diversity's, Higher Education Excellence in Diversity Award in recognition of the quality of PAU's higher education diversity programs.

As psychologists, an understanding and appreciation for human diversity is especially critical. PAU sponsors two student organizations that are committed to cultural awareness and diversity: Students for Ethnic and Cultural Awareness (SECA) and Student Association for Sexual Orientation (SASO). These organizations are designed to build community, and to provide education and outreach with the goal of furthering awareness and appreciation of diversity. Representatives from the Ph.D. program, the PGSP-Stanford PsyD Consortium, and the PAU Masters and Undergraduate programs are members of these organizations. (pg 19)