

# PARENT CONNECTION

## CLAREMONT MCKENNA COLLEGE



### *Summer Internships: What a Parent Needs to Know*

*By members of the Parent Network Board Communications Committee*

Summer internships and experiences are a critical part of every student's personal and professional growth. They allow students to learn what they may or may not want to do before committing to a career, and provide invaluable learning experiences. Finding an internship can also be stressful for both students and parents. We hope to ease that stress by sharing some insights based on our experience as parents—and highlighting internship resources available to students.

#### **The Internship Situation: From Freshman through Junior Year**

[Career Services](#) works tirelessly to help all students who request assistance to identify and secure summer internships. That said, the process is very different for a freshman versus a junior. In simple terms, the Career Services Office encourages first-year students to spend their summer exploring a broad range of interests, including work, travel, and education. Sophomores and juniors are counseled to be aware that internships can provide important opportunities to test out tentative careers by working in fields or industries that they find interesting. Juniors are actively recruited for formal internships, and Career Services will work closely with them through every step of the process. [Read more.](#)



### *CMC Strengthens the Student Wellness Safety Net*

*By Lotte de Silva P'18*

As we continue to hear heartbreaking stories of student suicide across the country, parents and educators are grappling with how to address and combat this phenomenon that is a leading cause of death among teens and young adults today. Confronted with these sobering statistics, all of us are forced to honestly and openly face this difficult issue.

CMC, along with the other Claremont Colleges, has joined [The JED Campus Program](#). The JED Foundation is a nonprofit national organization that exists to promote emotional health and prevent suicide among college students. The JED Foundation was founded in 2000 by Donna and Phil Satow, who lost their youngest son, Jed, to suicide in 1998. Their goal was to provide a blueprint for prevention programs, which would help campuses to evaluate and strengthen their mental health programs, and implement substance abuse and suicide prevention strategies. [Read more.](#)



### *Student Spotlight: Where Is Your Major?*

*By Ryan Sung '18*

"So what are you majoring in?" is probably the most popular question extended family likes to ask when I come home from school, especially after my first year of college. "I'm majoring in media studies with a focus in digital/electronic media and a computer science sequence," I answer. "Oh I didn't know CMC had a media studies major," they reply. "They do," I say, "but it's a 5C major housed at Pitzer." This answer is usually met with blank stares.

To set the record straight, I am a senior at Claremont McKenna College and I major in media studies through Pitzer College. No, I do not attend Pitzer now. Yes, students attending any of the Consortium schools can take classes and major at any of the 5Cs. And no, not everyone who goes to CMC majors in economics or government. CMC also has creatives! [Read more.](#)



## *The Parents Fund: Your Gift Matters!*

By Kristin Baker P'20

With the start of each new school year, CMC kicks off its

annual Parents Fund drive. The Parents Fund provides a vital source of revenue for CMC and is one of the most important ways that parents can support the College.

The Parents Fund has two attainable goals: to raise \$900,000 and to achieve 100% parent participation. From this perspective, every gift of every size matters. [Read more.](#)



## *Claremont Village: Some of Our Favorite Things*

By KK Streator P'18 P'21

As parents, we're lucky that the village of

Claremont is so charming. Here are some tips for making the most of your visit(s) and an overview of our "favorite things" in the village.

**TRAVEL:** One word: traffic! (Definitely not one of our favorite things!) Whether you're driving or flying into the area, time your travel around the dreaded Southern California traffic. CMC parents have strong opinions on the best way to get to campus, but try to avoid rush hours at all costs! [Read more.](#)



## *Teaching Teachers to Teach in the 21st Century*

By Heidi Friedlander P'19

Claremont McKenna College faculty members are renowned academics and experts in their chosen fields. They are also highly regarded educators, known for their accessibility to and collaboration with students. [The Claremont Colleges Center for Teaching and Learning](#) (CTL) is designed to support scholars at all five undergraduate colleges as they grow their capacity to create a welcoming and effective learning environment for all students.

Institutions of higher education have the opportunity to capitalize on the increasing diversity of their communities. Students, faculty, and staff each bring unique insights and experiences to college. The goal, through the CTL, is to continue to build a robust, student-centered

instructional setting at CMC that provides equitable access to learning. Through the CTL, our professors are offered evidence-based strategies and resources in support of their growth as educators. [Read more.](#)



## *Grateful for CMC's Support during Hurricane Harvey*

By Michelle Cash P'20

The week of August 21, 2017, started off like any August week in Houston—hot and humid, with a storm in the Gulf named Harvey. Local meteorologists were concerned that two high pressure systems might trap Harvey over the Houston area for several days, causing extraordinary rainfall.

Our son, Cameron Cash '20, planned to return to Claremont on Saturday, August 26. On Monday, my husband suggested we move the flight to Thursday to ensure that he got out before the storm. As an optimist, I thought that the storm wouldn't interfere with his travels—and I didn't want my son to leave any earlier than he had to! As the week went on, however, it became clear that my husband was right. The airline waived change fees, and we booked him on a Friday flight. [Read more.](#)

## *Chapter and Regional Events*

## Asia Chapter

Monday, November 20

[Reception and Dinner with President Chodosh](#)

Hong Kong

Saturday, January 6, 2018

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Alumni and Parent Reception  
New Delhi, India

Wednesday, January 10, 2018

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Alumni and Parent Reception  
Bengaluru, India

Friday, January 12, 2018

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Alumni and Parent Reception  
Mumbai, India

## New York Chapter

Saturday, December 2

[Brunch and A Clockwork Orange](#)

New York, NY

## Orange County Chapter

Wednesday, December 13

[Holiday Boat Parade](#)

Balboa Island, CA

## Seattle Chapter

Saturday, November 18

[Athenas Basketball Gathering & Game](#)

Tacoma, WA

## Campus Event

February 17-19, 2018

[Family Weekend](#)

Claremont, CA

## Athletic Events

Saturday, January 27, 2018

[Women's Lacrosse Alumni Game](#)

Claremont, CA

Saturday, January 27, 2018

[Men's Lacrosse Alumnae Game](#)

Claremont, CA

Saturday, January 27, 2018

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Men's Baseball Alumni Game  
Claremont, CA

## Travel

April 4-11, 2018

[Rediscover Cuba:](#)

[A Cultural Exploration](#)

Cuba

June 15-17, 2018

[Euromet XXIX](#)

Lisbon, Portugal



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