



Corporate and Foundation Relations News

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Pepperdine University's Natural Science Division Awarded \$1M for Summer Research Program

The Natural Science Division at Pepperdine University has received a \$1 million challenge grant from the John Stauffer Charitable Trust. This grant will establish the John Stauffer Endowment for Undergraduate Summer Research in Chemistry, an intensive 10 to 11 week research program for chemistry majors at Seaver College. The \$1 million challenge grant is to be matched one-to-one by new contributions from donors, giving Pepperdine the opportunity to establish a \$2 million endowment.

The undergraduate research program provides students a strong and modern foundation in chemistry through a laboratory-rich curriculum, which is the overall goal of the chemistry program. Over the past five years, the number of student participants in undergraduate research in chemistry has nearly doubled, with 90% of chemistry majors taking part in the program before graduation. During the program, students work one-on-one with faculty members to develop independence, expertise, and project ownership. Recent research projects have focused on the synthesis of biodegradable polymers, indoor air pollution, the detection of metals in marine waters, and the quantification of neurotoxins in animal species. Members of the chemistry faculty believe that the success of the undergraduate research program has contributed to the vast number of Pepperdine graduates who pursue advanced degrees in chemistry, which far exceeds the national average.

The Trust was established in 1974 through the will of John Stauffer, the founder of Stauffer Chemical Company, and has been an avid supporter of Pepperdine since then. Among its many gifts to the University, the Trust has contributed to laboratory equipment, telecommunications, the John Stauffer Administrative Center at the School of Law, and the Stauffer Greenhouse on the Malibu campus. The Stauffer name is most recognizable to the Pepperdine community from the Stauffer Chapel, which was funded through a gift made by the John and Beverly Stauffer Foundation in 1973. The University remains deeply grateful to the Stauffer family for their support of nearly 40 years and looks forward to building upon their legacy here at Pepperdine.

GSEP's Mark Chen Receives \$16,000 Grant from Hewlett-Packard

Dr. Mark Chen, Adjunct Professor at the Graduate School of Education and Psychology, has received a \$16,000 HP Catalyst Academy Fellow award from Hewlett-Packard. This award is to be used to develop free, online professional development mini-courses for teachers to accelerate STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) education.



Dr. Chen's mini-course, "Crash Course on Games (for Learning) and Game Design," will introduce educators to current issues in games and learning while placing particular emphasis on examining the rich cultural contexts of gaming. While most games for learning designs focus on games for specific content learning, this course will concentrate on making games that gamers would want to play. Dr. Chen's project directly aligns with the priorities and research directions of GSEP and its doctoral program in learning technologies.

We'd like to congratulate the following grant awardees:

Drew Billings	Diane and Guilfurd Glazer Institute for Jewish Studies	Jewish Community Foundation
Mark Chen	Crash Course on Games (for Learning) and Game Design	Hewlett-Packard
Lincoln Hanks	The Mary Pickford Music Project	The Mary Pickford Foundation
Rodney Honeycutt	Chemistry Summer Research Endowment	John Stauffer Charitable Trust
Rodney Honeycutt	Science and Engineering Scholarship Program	The Rose Hills Foundation
Greg McNeal	Inside America's Targeted Killing Policy	The Carthage Foundation
Duncan Wigg	Pepperdine University Mental Health Collaborative	Orange County Community Foundation
GSEP	Board of Visitors	The Wood-Claeysens Foundation
Seaver	Ahmanson Collegiate Scholarship	The Ahmanson Foundation
Seaver	Raleigh Runnels Scholarship	Lewis A. Kingsley Foundation
University	Center for Entertainment, Media and Culture	Robert A. Day Foundation
University	In Memory of Grant Adamson	Willametta K. Day Foundation
University	Savvy Chic	TOLD Foundation
University	University Events Center	The Wood-Claeysens Foundation
		The Kenneth T. & Eileen L. Norris Foundation

Corporate & Foundation Grant Proposals Recently Submitted:

Jeff Baker	Assessment of Veterans' Needs	The Wood-Claeysens Foundation
Drew Billings	Internship Program in Israel	The Brenden Mann Foundation
Anthony Collatos	CCF Education Collaborative Initiative	California Community Foundation
Vanda Collins	Palmer Center's Microenterprise Program	US Bank Foundation
Bob deMayo	Perinatal Mental Health Program	Walgreens
Lou Drobnick	Chris Sangster Memorial Scholarship	The Nicholas Endowment
Melanie Emelio	Theatre Music Program	Helen K. & James S. Copley Foundation
Lincoln Hanks	The Mary Pickford Music Project	Peter & Masha Plotkin Foundation
Susan Helm	Diabetes Prevention for Latinos in Ventura County	Adams-Mastrovich Foundation
Janet Lockhart	Pierre P. Claeysens Endowed Scholarship	Aetna Foundation
Donna Nofziger-Plank	Scholarship Support for Students from Colorado	The Wood-Claeysens Foundation
Pete Peterson	Pepperdine Mobile Science Laboratory	The Anschutz Foundation
Tom Reilly	Davenport Institute Program Support	Amgen Foundation
Gary Selby, Rick Gibson, & Mike Cope	The YMCA, Chinese Protestants, & Shanghai Urban Elite	The James Irvine Foundation
Regan Schaffer	Pastoral Leadership Program	Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation
Tom Stipanowich & Craig Detweiler	Nonprofit Leadership Collaborative	Lilly Endowment, Inc.
	Women in Hollywood	The Wood-Claeysens Foundation
Margaret Weber	Women's Struggles for Work-Life Balance	The Carsey Family Foundation
University	Stauffer Chapel Maintenance	Egg Productions
		The L. and R. Donner Foundation
		Home Box Office, Inc.
		The Screen Actors Guild Foundation
		Sony USA Foundation
		Margo and Irwin Winkler Charitable Foundation
		The Wood-Claeysens Foundation
		The John and Beverly Stauffer Foundation

Corporate & Foundation Letters of Inquiry Recently Submitted:

Thema Bryant-Davis	Daughters of Destiny Empowerment Zone	Crail-Johnson Foundation
Bob deMayo	Perinatal Mental Health Program	Max Factor Family Foundation
Melanie Emelio	Theatre Music Program	The Plum Foundation
Rodney Honeycutt	Undergraduate Summer Research in Chemistry	Ann Peppers Foundation
	Science Division STEM Disciplines	Southern California Edison
Donna Nofziger-Plank	Pepperdine Mobile Science Laboratory	Harriet S. Samuelsson Foundation
Dana Zurzulo	Art Tablets	Knapp Foundation
		Richard & Jean Coyne Family Foundation

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