

## April 2023 Newsletter Faculty Affairs Department



*Photo: Rami Frankl (PKE MBA – '18), Amanda Auciello (Current Student - FTMBA), Erick Jensen (BSM – '17 & FEMBA – '21), Dr. Brian McGilvray (Practitioner of Business Law)*

Wake up with gratitude and joy  
Tell a joke that makes people laugh  
Take time to wind down before bed  
Spend time on a hobby  
Do a brain dump for mind clarity

~ Unknown

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## Faculty Calendar Highlight

**APR**  
15      **Spring 2023 Commencement Ceremony**  
Alumni Park, Malibu Campus  
10:30 AM

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## Reminders

**APR 1 -  
JUL 31**

[Development Funds](#): Based upon the discretion of the Senior Associate Dean, remaining funds *may* be allocated to other departments or school-wide.

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[Summer 2023](#) Term Details

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## Important Information

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### Key resources for Graziadio faculty

- [Graziadio Academic Catalog](#)
- [Graziadio Faculty Handbook](#)
- [Graziadio Faculty Service Assignments](#)
- [COVID-19 Planning and Preparedness](#)
- [Faculty COVID-19 Protocols](#)
- [How To Review and Approve Faculty Contract](#)



## Summer 2023 Course Creation

Course site creation for the Summer 2023 term occurred on March 15, 2023. Are you looking to import your course content into your Summer 2023 course shell? Are you looking to enhance your course site materials and design? Do you want to learn more about ChatGPT and strategies you can utilize to limit this tool in your class?

Now is the time to reach out to eLearning for support! [Schedule a time](#) to meet with the eLearning team today. We look forward to hearing from you!

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## 2023 Faculty Awards and Upcoming Retirements





Congratulations to our Faculty who were presented with awards at the 2023 Faculty Retreat. Please show them your excitement for this great accomplishment via email or if you see them around.



**John Nicks Service  
Award**

Dr. Abraham Park

**CTLE Teaching  
Award**

Heather Boren

**Supporting Faculty  
Award**

Michael Cusumano

## Tenured

Dr. Jillian Alderman

Dr. Jared Ashworth

Dr. Jennifer Franczak

Dr. Rick Walton

## Promotion

Dr. Jillian Alderman, Associate  
Professor of Accounting

Dr. Jim DiLellio, Professor of  
Decision Sciences

Dr. Jennifer Franczak, Associate  
Professor of Organization Theory  
and Management

## Upcoming Retirees

Dr. Bill Bleuel (May 31, 2023)

Dr. Teri Tompkins (December 31,  
2023)

Dr. Nikolai Wasilewski (March 31,  
2023)



## Congratulations to Dr. Nikolai Wasilewski on his Retirement

*Retirement effective March 31, 2023*

“ Nikolai has been an exceptional contributor to PGBS and, more specifically, to the Strategy discipline. I have been blessed by his example of attending to the needs of others and being slow to speak and quick to listen. His intellect, wit, and kindness are cherished by those around him and will be missed. I wish Nikolai the very best!

- **Cole Short**

“ Nikolai was a true gentleman. He warmly welcomed me to Pepperdine and was the consummate professional, providing me with insights that helped my teaching and research. He is a colleague that I will certainly miss.

- **Mark Tribbitt**

“ Dr. Nikolai Wasilewski is a sincere and devoted educator with deep and broad mastery of his subject. He earnestly serves his students and is committed to the vision and mission of Pepperdine University.

Nikolai earned his M.Ph. and Ph.D. from New York University's respected Stern School of Management. He also earned two additional masters in chemical engineering and international management. At Pepperdine, he has been a resourceful contributor in caring for his students' development and educational needs. He is a distinguished contributor to his field. He has published in top journals, presented at national and international conferences, and serves on editorial boards and as a referee/reviewer.

His colleagues value and respect his insightful views, advice, and quiet and thoughtful contributions.

I am grateful for his care and support of our students, and his contributions to the strategy field and the university. His long collegial friendship has been profoundly valuable to me.

My sincere wishes are for his joy and continued contributions to our field and community.

**- Kurt Motamedi**

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## Cheers for Peers

We invite you to submit a ["Cheers for Peers"](#) to acknowledge a colleague that has gone above and beyond the call of duty. In the spirit of "giving each other flowers" continuously, we hope that you consider expressing your gratitude with "cheers!"

We look forward to highlighting these submissions!

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