Prytanean Funds First Place Team in International Competition

A UC Berkeley team won first place in the 2015 Emory International Global Health Care Competition. Prytanean Alumnae, Inc. partially funded the team through our campus projects awards program with a $350 award. This was UC Berkeley’s first time entering the competition. Thirty-eight universities from all over the world competed. Teams included undergraduates, medical, business and graduate students.

The test case called for creating a sustainable and simple solution to the problem of crime in Honduras. The CAL team developed a threefold detailed solution that involves the promotion of public safety, job production, economic development, and community building. They also analyzed the reasons for the violence.

Prytanean active Ashley Kim ’15 was one of the team members who traveled to Atlanta to take part in the competition. Ashley thanked us and told us without funding the group would have not been able to participate. Ashley did a fine job, and her whole team did us proud.

—Maria Protti ’79, Former Campus Projects Chair
2015 – Prytanean Faculty Award winner
Professor G. Cristina Mora

Monday, October 26, 2015, at University House, the Prytaneans awarded their 30th faculty award to Professor G. Cristina Mora, Sociology. Cristina’s current research project compares Latino migration to Spain and the U.S. Spain has recently witnessed a six-fold increase in Latin American migration and Dr. Mora is interested in uncovering how this community has integrated politically, culturally and socially. She is also analyzing how Spanish political leaders have devised policies and laws to aid Latino communities. Cristina hopes her research on Spain can help shed light on the patterns of immigrant mobility more generally.

Cristina is married and has two small children: a 2.5 year old named Adela and a 9 month old named Camilo. She spends her free time taking her children to play-groups, the petting zoo, and hoping that they take their nap so that she can catch some much needed shut-eye.

—Carolyn Capps-Broshar ’76, Former Faculty Award Chair

Message from the President

As I reflect on the past year I would like to thank all of our dedicated volunteers for their exceptional service to the University of California. I am happy to report that Prytanean is made stronger by each and every one of its members, and I look forward to working with you as we move forward together. Please do not hesitate to volunteer; we would love to have you in leadership positions, reading applications, assisting with small tasks, or serving on committees—whatever you fancy.

Summer started with the traditional leadership conference with CAA. There are many changes with the University, including a new CAA Executive Director and personnel, and Prytanean is embracing them.

This fall at our Homecoming Lecture I am pleased to report that our attendance was “Standing Room Only”. Dr. Daniela Kaufer, our 2010 award winner, presented a wonderful program titled “Your Brain on Stress, It Is All About Plasticity”. Twelve new members of the undergraduate Honor Society were initiated and were enlightened by Elaine Anderson about the rich history of Prytanean; something we can all be very proud of.

Professor Cristina Mora, Department of Sociology, was honored at the 30th Prytanean Faculty Award Reception. I wish to extend a warm appreciation to Professor Janaki Bakhle for hosting this lovely event for dues paying members at University House.

Please join us at the Prytanean Annual Meeting on April 9th, where you will be able to connect with classmates, honor those 50 year members (what a milestone), and meet our outstanding graduating seniors. We will be putting together 10 year and 25 year class tables too. Don’t miss a chance to learn about all of our exciting spring activities and please don’t forget to indicate on your response card any ways in which you would like to become more involved in Prytanean.

— Gail Duffala ’83, President
Wonder what happened to all the fantastic Prytanean alumnae in the Bay Area after graduation?

So do we! In an effort to re-connect with our recent alumnae and get more women involved in local alumnae activities, we kicked off a series of casual events this past fall aimed at graduates of the last decade in Silicon Valley.

Our first event was a happy hour on October 27 at Joya restaurant in Palo Alto. The turnout was small, but it was a great evening catching up with old friends, and we’re very much looking forward to another happy hour on the peninsula this spring!

Our next young alumnae event will be March 30 in downtown Palo Alto. Look out for more detailed announcements via email and facebook or contact kristenlee89@gmail.com with any questions.
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- Contributions earmarked for Prytanean Faculty
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- Checks payable to Prytanean Alumnae, Inc. and mailed to P.O. Box 5006
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- Dues $35 for 2016 calendar year
  $15 for Classes of 2011–2015 only
- Contributions earmarked for General Fund, Faculty Award, and/or Oral History

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☐ The information above is new ☐ Yes, I could help the Board with Prytanean activities

Enclosed is my check, payable to Prytanean Alumnae, Inc., for:

☐ Yearly dues @ $35 due June 30, 2016 ☐ Yearly dues (Classes 2011–2015 only @ $15) $ __________

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New Opportunities to Volunteer
The Prytanean Alumnae Board is staffed by a wonderful group of committed volunteers. To fulfill both the traditional board roles and the emerging ones, we need to increase participation from our alumnae. Please consider the following and recognize that you don’t need to live locally to help thanks to electronic communication.

**Review/Interview student scholarship applicants.** This includes the Stecker awards, as well as other California Alumni Association Leadership awards. Assistance in reviewing applicants for the Prytanean Award and the Ritter Award is also needed. If you are interested, please contact Aviva Boedecker, Students Awards Chair, boedecker.a@gmail.com or Gail Duffala, Prytanean Alumnae President, g9duffala@comcast.net.

**Assist with Honor Society projects.** Not only does the Alumnae Board review/approve proposals from students to support activities, but also could provide guidance and mentoring as needed. If you are interested, please contact Joan Latta, Campus Projects Chair, joan.latta@yahoo.com or Cici Ambrosio, Honor Society Liaison, ambrosia@berkeley.edu.

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**Web related activities.** Help to manage the website, including updating content. Those interested should contact Leigh Genser, Webmistress leighmammen@comcast.net. Leigh is a great person to help those of us who are less than fully computer literate to understand.

**Assistance with helping to present students at Initiation.** Always fun! Contact Maria Protti, Programs, Events & Prizes Chair, dendron@earthlink.net or Gail Duffala, g9duffala@comcast.net.

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There are opportunities that are ongoing and those that are of very short duration. We’d like to hear any ideas you have.