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Annual Prytanean Alumnae Brunch
Saturday, April 8th, 2017
9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Buffet Brunch and Coffee Service

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Joining: Old Friends and New by Our Beautiful Campus
Featuring: Dr. Sarah Anzia, 2016 Faculty Award Winner, Who will give a presentation on her research
Honoring: The Class of ’67, 50 Year Membership Milestone
Announcing: The 2017 Faculty Award, Campus Project Grants, and Student Award Recipients
Congratulating: The 2017 Graduating Seniors
Including: The Annual Business Meeting and Election of Board Members

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Prytanean Honor Society: 80 Years of Female Leadership

This year has been an exciting time to be a Prytanean at UC Berkeley - I’ve been honored to work with our active members throughout the semester. In a tumultuous election year, Prytaneans gathered together in our meetings to discuss how, as Berkeley students, we can demonstrate active leadership and promote our values. For example, on our first week back on campus in 2017, Prytaneans gathered at University Hall for the School of Public Health Teach In. We reflected on Prytanean’s historical dedication to student healthcare, as demonstrated by our founders Adele Gerard Lewis and Agnes Frisius, as it applies to today’s society. The event discussed the importance of health as a human right, and how to continue to protect that right.

Last fall, the Prytanean Society welcomed in nearly 30 new members during our initiation ceremony. We now boast 60 active members, upperclassmen whose majors range from Political Economy to Biochemical Engineering. Three members graduated this past December: Michelle Nie, our former chapter vice president, Mehek Sethi, and Jennifer Hwang. Michelle recently began working at Salesforce in their Treasury department. Mehek, named both a Pickering Foreign Affairs fellow and Rangel International Affairs scholar, will pursue her Masters in Foreign Service next fall before beginning her career as a Foreign Service Officer. Jennifer joined Perella Weinberg Partners, where she will work as an investment banker. They all became a part of Prytanean’s cohort of accomplished alumnae, women reading this newsletter today.

We will also have approximately 20 active members graduate this spring, including myself. As seniors, we will be attending the Prytanean Annual Meeting on April 8th and hope to meet you there. Outside of Prytanean, our active members are campus tour guides, Daily Californian columnists, peer tutors, Cal athletes and student researchers, among other projects. At the brunch, we look forward to sharing stories about our undergraduate experiences, as well as hearing about yours.

—Isabella Brandes ’17, Prytanean President
Public Policy Professor Receives Award at a Morrison Room Reception

The Faculty Award presentation and reception took place at the Morrison Room in Doe Library at the center of campus on October 25, 2016. Sixty alumnae, students, and guests relaxed on comfortable sofas, armchairs and ottomans and feted the new award winner, Professor Sarah Anzia, the Michelle J. Schwartz Assistant Professor of Public Policy at the Goldman School.

The Morrison Room is a warm, large wood-paneled room with the ambiance of an old-fashioned 1920’s parlor. It was designed to give students an escape from academic rigors, and encourages leisurely reading. Before the room’s fireplace and near marble busts of Dante and Goethe, Prytanean President Gail Duffala introduced Professor Anzia who spoke gratefully about how the award will support her work.

Within the field of American politics, Professor Anzia specializes in state and local elections, interest groups, political parties, and government policy. Her book, *Timing and Turnout: How Off-cycle Elections Favor Organized Groups*, examines how the timing of elections can be manipulated to affect voter turnout and the composition of the electorate. Her work has been published in the *American Journal of Political Science*, the *Journal of Politics*, the *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, and *Studies in American Political Development*. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in economics from Santa Clara University, a Masters of Public Policy from the University of Chicago, and a Doctorate from Stanford University.

The Faculty Award is an unrestricted $25,000 grant that Prytanean Alumnae Inc. gives yearly to an untenured woman professor at the University of California, Berkeley. The recipient is selected for her outstanding teaching, distinguished scholarship, and stellar student encouragement and advisement. The award is funded through the generosity of Prytanean members.

—Maria Protti ’79 Programs, Events, and Prizes Chair

Message from the President

The past two years have flown by as I reflect on my term as President. Prytanean Alumnae has moved forward by the strength and volunteerism of its active members. I have overseen the initiations of 75 new members and 6 honoraries made special by the rich Prytanean history delivered by Elaine Anderson. I would like to thank all of our dedicated volunteers for their exceptional service to the University of California and to Prytanean. I am happy to report that Prytanean is made stronger by each and every one of you.

Prytanean has sent representatives to several of the many programs at the University. One such program is the leadership conference with CAA. At this conference our members learned how to ensure we are an effective chapter on campus and hone their leadership talents. We also sent representatives to the CAA Leadership Luncheon in which four Mary Wiley Stecker awards are given as well as to the Athletic Scholarship Dinner.

We are pleased to report that we now give four leadership awards. Cloey Hewlett (CAA Executive Director) confirmed the acceptance of our fourth leadership award to be given to a woman in the field of architecture and technology at our annual meeting last year. I wish to thank Helen Marcus for her dedication to seeing this through to fruition.

This fall at our Homecoming Lecture, Dr. Valerie Shapiro our 2014 Prytanean Faculty Award winner presented a wonderful program titled “Ensure Healthy Development for All Youth: Unleash the Power of Prevention.” Many of you were present to support her and applaud her work.

Professor Sarah Anzia from the Goldman School of Public Policy, was honored at the 31st Prytanean Faculty Award Reception. This was held in the beautiful Morrison Reading room. One of her books, *Timing and Turnout: How Off-cycle Elections Favor Organized Groups*, examines how the timing of elections can be manipulated to affect voter turnover and the composition of the electorate, is particularly relevant in this past election year. She will be giving a presentation at the Annual Meeting.

The Honor Student Society is active under the leadership of Isabella Brandes. We are a strong supporter of their campus projects and extremely proud of their accomplishments. A wonderful group of outstanding women and we are looking forward to their joining our alumnae organization.

Please join us at the Prytanean Annual Meeting on April 8th, where you will be able to connect with classmates, honor our 50 year members and meet our outstanding graduating seniors. Don’t miss a chance to learn about all of our exciting events and activities and please don’t forget to indicate on your response card any ways in which you would like to become more involved with Prytanean.

—Gail Duffala ’83, Prytanean Alumnae President

A Year of Young Alumnae Social Events

Last year we kicked off a series of social events for recent alumnae in the Bay Area, and we were very happy to continue those this year, hosting three events throughout the year. Our first event was a Wine Down Wednesday at the Palo Alto Wine Room last spring, followed by a summer weekend brunch in San Francisco and another Wine Down Wednesday in Oakland this winter.

Both actively involved alumnae and alumnae looking to re-connect with Prytanean came out for the events, and it has been amazing to see the diversity of paths our women have taken post-graduation. Catching up and getting to know these women (either better or for the first time) has been incredibly interesting and a lot of fun. We are excited about the new energy that’s coming out of our expanding network of local, active alumnae.

We’re looking forward to more social events in this new year, starting in March, and we hope to see you there! Check out our facebook group for upcoming announcements or contact kristenlee89@gmail.com with any questions.
Prytanean Awards Eight Student Awards

In April 2016 Prytanean honored three women who uphold Prytanean’s ideals of community service and leadership. The Prytanean and Ritter prizes recognized women whose service to Cal is also consistent with Prytanean’s historic missions of supporting women and student health.

The Prytanean Prize was awarded to Isabella Brandes who has been a leader in the effort to combat sexual violence and to reduce the negative impact of campus “party culture” on women. She initiated and wrote the ASUC Alcohol Accountability Bill and has served on the Party Safe at Cal team, educating thousands of her fellow students about alcohol risk reduction.

In addition, she has served the community beyond Cal through her work with the City of Berkeley to develop policy focused on eliminating alcohol-related mortality rates and by participating in a mentorship program for high school students. This year Isabella is Prytanean’s President.

The Ritter Prize recognizes a member of Prytanean who is a senior for her service to Prytanean, the campus and the community.

Courtney Sarkin took on a leadership role in promoting and coordinating the Empower Me Gallery event last year and was a Program Assistant in the Gender Equity Resource Center, where she was involved in developing programs to create a safe, equitable and inclusive experience for all Cal students. Courtney was a member of the ASUC Sexual Assault Commission, a Fellow in Cal in Sacramento, completed an independent research project on LGBTQ breast cancer patients, and served as a Health Advocate Volunteer at Highland Hospital.

The Rowena Hamilton Award is for a female undergraduate who is active in Cal Athletics. Cara Bohmann, a member of Women’s Crew, was recognized for her community service and academic performance, as well as her athletic ability. She was part of the varsity 4 that won the Sydney International Rowing Regatta and on the First Team Pac-12 All Academic Team.

In November, Prytanean provided Mary Wiley Stecker - CAA Leadership Award scholarships to four women students. These scholarships were created from a bequest from Mary Wiley Stecker, Class of 1938. The recipients were Asha Culhane-Husain, a junior majoring in Business; Angela Lin, a senior majoring in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science; Bhavna Gopal a senior majoring in Engineering and Julie Liu.

Prytanean Campus Projects Initiative 2017

Every year, the Prytanean Campus Projects Initiative offers financial support to women in activities they lead that align with Prytanean’s commitment to community service and resolving social issues. This year, the following four active Prytanean members were awarded in their pursuits to help fulfill this mission.

Nazineen Kandahari serves on the Diversity, Inclusion, Community, and Equity Committee in the School of Public Health. Nazineen, inspired by her personal experiences, the committee’s values, and love for TED Talks, initiated a TED-famous speaker event. In light of recent political and social changes, Nazineen selected a speaker to discuss the value and need for diversity, being at the intersection of multiple identities, disability issues, and LGBTQ+ issues. The award will contribute to the speaker’s honorarium.

Allison Reichl serves as the Vice President of Communications for the Sage Mentorship Program, UC Berkeley’s largest one-on-one mentorship organization. Allison will use the funding to initiate a summer camp for underprivileged students associated with Sage. The award will be used to partially fund the costs of books, food, outdoor game supplies, field trips, transportation, and other educational supplies like whiteboards, markers, and paper for the children.

Brillant Hua is part of 100 Strong, a female mentorship and leadership development organization that pairs middle school girls from disadvantaged background with UC Berkeley female student mentors. Mentors are taught to support their mentees through designing and delivering projects that positively impact the greater community. The award will be used to fund a healthy catered lunch for the mentees and mentors to celebrate their accomplishments at 100 Strong’s end-of-the-year banquet.

Elizabeth Harb created and co-facilitates Meditation and Materialism, a DeCal undergraduate course seeking to increase mindfulness in the UC Berkeley student body. Elizabeth will use the funding to expand her mission to the rest of campus: 1 organizing public mediation events during the most precarious times for student mental health. Her ultimate goal is to demonstrate to the student body that each individual is enough, that they have the power to help themselves, and that they can succeed without sacrificing emotional health.

— Nazineen Kandahari ’17, President

Vice-Chancellor Catherine Kosland Becomes a Honorary Member

Most women initiated into Prytanean spend their time at CAL writing papers, studying for the next test, and scoping the best weekend parties. One fall initiate has a different focus, and sees the university from another vantage. Her name is Catherine P. Kosland and she is the Vice-Chancellor of Undergraduate Education.

The position of Vice-Chancellor for Undergraduate Education began in 2014 with a charge to work to ensure that undergraduate teaching and student activity remain at the core of university life. Vice-Chancellor Kosland works to strengthen undergraduate advising, faculty teaching development, enrollment efficiency, and mentor connections. Among many other endeavors, she oversees programs regarding the summer session, study abroad, and the student learning center. (continues on page 4)
Prytanean Financial Comments  

At year-end 2016, Prytanean Alumnae had total assets of $1,214,306. Of this total, $706,255 is our primary investment fund managed since April 1999 by a professional investment firm, Aspiriant, under the guidance of fellow Prytanean, Linda Fitz. As Linda is retiring, we interviewed three other firms and selected Fisher Investments to manage this fund which is exclusively earmarked for our annual Prytanean Faculty Enrichment Award. The remainder of our investment assets of $457,246 is dedicated to various student scholarships which are managed as endowment accounts by either UC Berkeley Foundation or UC Regents. These investment funds are sufficient to continue our mission of awarding the annual $25,000 Faculty Enrichment Award and other student scholarships for the foreseeable future.

2016 donations and membership dues rose slightly to $8,730 and $6,874 respectively, increasing Total Income to $17,161 in 2016 from $16,813 in 2015. This year we have a large number of collegiate initiatives and hope to build a life-long relationship with them with wine-tastings and other local events while they are on campus.

At year-end 2016 about $30,000 was held at Wells Fargo for use by the Alumnae organization itself. Membership dues and donations comprise our annual revenue of $17,161. This revenue supports the following operating expenses: the newsletter, the Faculty Award Reception, the Annual Brunch, CPA fees, data base maintenance, plus the colleagues’ Prytanean Honor Society operating budget and Campus Projects. Lastly, there is $20,000 in a separate account reserved for the Oral History project which is being revived by Bari Cornet.

We also wish to thank Linda for her 17 years of fine service to Prytanean Alumnae as our financial advisor and wish her a long and happy retirement.

Respectfully submitted,

—Janet Contreras ’75, Chief Financial Officer

Vice-Chancellor Catherine Koshland (continued)

In a recent talk with UC interviewer Michael Emerson Dirda, Koshland shared her high expectation for undergraduates: “My goal would be for every student to have some sort of integrating experience as a senior. It might be an honors thesis. Or getting enrolled in scholarship through your fifth American cultures courses. It could be a performance or curating a show at the art museum. It could be a project with real-world impact through the Blum Center and the global poverty minor. I would love to see each student find a way to pull his or her education together in a meaningful way before graduating from Berkeley.”

Besides serving as Vice-Chancellor, Koshland is a professor in the School of Public Health, and in the Energy and Resources Group. She was a Vice-Provost for ten years, and holds a Bachelor’s Fine Arts degree from Haverford College, and Master’s and Doctorate Mechanical Engineering degrees from Stanford University. She studies toxic substances and combustion generated air pollution.

Please welcome Cathy when you see her at a Prytanean event. We are honored to have Catherine Koshland as a member, and appreciate her work in enhancing and elevating the CAL undergraduate experience.

—Submitted by Maria Protti ’79, Program Events and Prizes Chair

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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 Kristen Lee, Prytanean Alumnae President, kristenlee89@gmail.com.

**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.

**Review Faculty Award Applicants.** This is a great opportunity to get some insight into the fantastic young faculty on the Berkeley campus. If you are interested, please contact Marilyn Morrish, Faculty Award Chair, mmorinda@aol.com.

**Web related activities.** Help to manage the website, including updating content. Those interested should contact Jessica Tiao, Webmistress jesstiao@gmail.com. Jessica 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 Kristen Lee kristenlee89@gmail.com.

**Class Representatives.** We would like to identify a representative (or 2) for each decade to outreach and provide communication for their era of students. This is a new focus for the Board and we can use your help. If interested, contact Kristen Lee, Prytanean Alumnae President, kristenlee89@gmail.com.

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