
Cap and Gown News

Fall 2010

Glimpses of the Past



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Inner Quad



More Than A Century of
Women Leaders



The Stanford Family



From the President of the Alumnae Board



Dear Cap and Gown members across the ages and the world,

I feel blessed to live close enough to Stanford to experience what Cap and Gown actives are up to these days. I will try to share a tiny glimpse for you.

On November 18, 2010, Cap and Gown tapped 40 new members into our society.

The new actives, whose brief bios you will see in this newsletter, are amazing. Yes, I know, that word is over used. But just look at what they are doing! How many of these activities were even a gleam in an eye during my era or yours? Our new actives founded new services, are leaders of ASSU, clubs or teams and study international health and business issues.

Here are a few of the accomplishments by what looked like normal young women:

- Founded a tutoring program for children of Stanford employees
- Planned the annual Stanford Powwow
- Launched Stanford Women In Business mentorship program
- Engaged in the Forum for American/Chinese Exchange at Stanford (FACES) to bring together the future leaders in US-China relations
- CEO of Stanford Consulting
- Director of Stanford African Drum Ensemble
- Founder of Association of Students Promoting Innovation in Real Estate (ASPIRE)
- Captain of the Stanford women's rugby team
- Manager of DreamCatchers, serving under-privileged middle school youth in Palo Alto, founded by a Cap and Gown active two years ago
- Founded Everybody Dance Now!
- Officer of the Society of Women Engineers
- Head horse manager and women's captain of the Stanford Polo Club
- Researched disease and sanitation issues in Tanzania

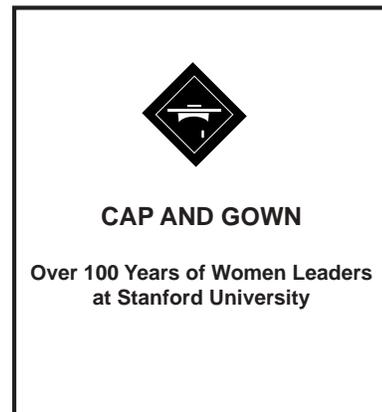
And this is just a portion of what our "normal young women" are doing. My goodness, the world has changed. We can learn a lot from our actives. And yes, we can share with them experiences we've had that will help them as they continue to grow.

I heard a comment from an alumna at the Tapping Tea, "The actives are doing service work. In a room full of young men, we would have heard far different bios." Ok, so is this a good thing? I have to say yes. We are growing women who are looking out for the world, to make it a better place. I want to be on that side.

I know you are all doing amazing things in your own lives, which undoubtedly includes nurturing your family, friends, business and society. The world is definitely a better place having Cap and Gown women like you continuing to contribute to society.

I invite you to write us and tell us the amazing things you are doing.

Warmly,
Ellen Merrick Pettrill, '77, MS '78
President, Cap and Gown Alumnae Board





	Market Value	Book Value
Rosamond Clarke Bacon	\$385,719.08	\$254,444.47
Bettye Luhnaw Bailey	\$440,085.86	\$389,291.59
Margaret C. Barr	\$774,190.17	\$186,894.00
Cap and Gown	\$1,823,015.46	\$709,919.26
Cap and Gown Centennial	\$491,615.04	\$436,784.75
Sandra Day O'Connor	\$516,530.46	\$203,046.40
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All recipients of the Cap and Gown Scholarships share one common trait — an excellent academic record in keeping with Cap and Gown’s purposes. However, the following descriptions show that this year’s recipients also represent Stanford’s women by not being alike in almost every other way, as evidenced by their diversity of backgrounds and their widely varied goals for the future. In the words of a letter from Karen Cooper, the Associate Dean and Director of Financial Aid, “Your [Cap and Gown] funds are enabling these students to take full advantage of the wide range of opportunities at Stanford . . . Thank you for helping today’s students become tomorrow’s leaders.”

Scholarship Recipients, 2010-2011

Rosamond Clarke Bacon Scholarship: For junior or senior women. Established 1993.

Recipient: **Sarah Gillette.** Sarah is a senior majoring in English with a minor in modern languages. She grew up in Dallas, Texas. Her passion for writing “has become the bedrock of [her] studies at Stanford.” She also loves to travel and has studied French and Chinese. In addition she is involved in Testimony A Cappella, the only Christian a cappella group on campus. One day she hopes to publish a novel “that brings awareness of the social injustice, especially that of human trafficking, throughout the world.”



Bettye Luhnaw Bailey Scholarship: Established 2002.

Recipient: **Nicole Skau,** a junior, was born in Malaysia, but moved to the US at age 2. She is majoring in Chinese and minoring in Management Science and Engineering. She volunteered in orphanages in Beijing this past spring and would like to spend time abroad in China further continuing her language studies. She likes to hike, camp and plays the piano and saxophone.

Margaret C. Barr Scholarship: For women who participate in sports. Established 1985.

Recipients: **Karyn Haitz and Alyssa Kristen Hope Wisdom.** **Karyn** is a junior pre-med majoring in Human Biology with a concentration in A Biological Basis for Human Performance. On campus she works at the Human Performance Lab. She enjoys playing violin and piano. She’s from Long Beach, CA where she began rowing in 8th grade, continuing her participation on campus as a member of the Stanford Women’s Lightweight Rowing team.



Alyssa is a sophomore from Coral Springs, Florida. She plans a double major in Psychology and African and African American Studies. She’s an active member of the Varsity Track & Field team and throws the shot put and is in the process of learning how to throw the hammer. She is active in the Stanford community, participating in an annual concert initiative to raise money for East Palo Alto youth in a program called the Mural, Music and Arts Program. This next summer she will be working on humanitarian efforts by helping orphans in Ghana through an organization called KaeMe.



Cap and Gown Scholarship: For senior women. Established 1924
Recipients: **Anne Loggins, Stephanie Morrison and Sophia Tsai.**

Anne is a senior, majoring in Earth Systems with a focus on the Biosphere Track. She hopes to pursue wildlife biology in the future. She loves performing theatre and music, participating in a variety of theatre groups and productions; she's a member of the Stanford Savoyards, the Stanford Improvisors and the Stanford Student Activist Mobilization Project. She takes voice classes and is involved in the social dance community. She's worked in Mexico on ant/plant interactions in dry tropical forests, spent a quarter abroad in Australia studying forest and coral reef ecology and has conducted a research project in Colorado studying butterfly behavioral ecology.



Stephanie is a senior from New Jersey. Her passion in life is philanthropy. She's been involved in the Stanford Dance Marathon, a 24 hour dance-a-thon to promote the fight against HIV/AIDS. She's also the president of Stanford Beyond Bars, a group which works with a group called The Beat Within and helps run weekly writing workshops at the Santa Clara County Juvenile Hall. She is involved with JusticeCorps, helping litigants who are unable to afford attorneys navigate through the criminal justice system. She plans to work in the non-profit sector after graduation, eventually attending law school. She hopes to practice in the field of public interest law or children's rights advocacy.

Sophia, a senior from Plano, Texas, is majoring in East Asian Studies, minoring in Economics. After working a few years she hopes to obtain an MBA. She is passionate about music, and plays the piano, flute, piccolo and marimba. She is part of Stanford's chamber music program with the St. Lawrence String Quartet and soloed with the Stanford Philharmonia Orchestra. She's the Vice President of Marketing for the Stanford Women in Business.



Cap and Gown Centennial Scholarship: Established 2005

Recipient: **Cristina Gorrino**, is majoring in International Relations with a minor in Creative Writing. She studied French and spent two quarters abroad with the Stanford program in Paris. She's an English tutor for the student group Habla la Noche and is now president of Derechos (Stanford's Latino Pre-Law Society). She and friends have started a company to provide the tools for better financial literacy to first-generation Latinos. She's now applying to Teach for America and plans on attending law school in the future.

Sandra Day O'Connor Scholarship: For women from towns of less than 25,000 who "exhibit a sense of respect for, and love of, the land" and "who would bring diversity to the student body because of their race, religion, home town, aspirations, physical limitations, outlooks, etc." as well as Cap and Gown qualities of leadership and contribution to the community. Established 1989.

Recipient: **Amy Nichole Harris**, a freshman from western Nebraska, plans to study International Relations. She hopes to assume roles both in and out of government in order to create effective policy change. She's a Frosh Council (a branch of ASSU) representative for her dorm and also a Student Services Division Frosh Intern and a Stanford Service Ambassador. She's an active member of Circle K and partners with a group on campus called FLIP (First Generation and Low Income Partnership).





Tapping: November 2010

Cap and Gown welcomes the following new members who were tapped in November, 2010

Stacy Elizabeth Aguilera
 Allison Sarah Bayani
 Avery Lee Brown
 Jennifer Lee Casebeer
 Anne Taylor Cherniss
 Elizabeth Wu Yun Chang
 Evelyn Ruth Danforth
 Sarah Jude Flynn
 Regina Getz-Kikuchi
 Natalie Joelle Goodis
 Taylor Allison Goodspeed
 Cindy Guan
 Laura Hollis Hansen
 Rebecca Ann Johnson

Emily Allison Jones
 Christine Kang
 Madison Hisa Kawakami
 Marlene Helen Kennedy
 Ariana Tae Koblitz
 Victoria Natelia Lai
 Catherine Thuy Khanh Le
 Jaclyn Hien Le
 Kristin Mary Lin
 Alyssa London
 Nruthya Kavadichanda Madappa
 Neveen Hany Mahmoud
 Alexandra Leigh McKinney
 Riddhi Mittal

Katherina Huong Ngoc Nguyen
 Eva Jacqueline Forrester Orbuch
 Nguyen Thao Pham
 Adrienne Hunyi Pon
 Jacqueline Claire Rotman
 Sara Rachel Silberstein
 Reagan Thompson
 Sophia Wen-Hsuan Tsai
 Jessica Noelle Ming Uno
 Frances Ruth Wehrwein
 Elizabeth Anne Wong
 Pilar Andiana Wong

Returning Actives

Ellen Kristine Cerf
 Shelley Gao
 Alryl Agnes Koroma
 Samantha Warren Lasarow
 Janice Mau
 Astasia Shamar Meyers
 Janise On
 Lauren Renee Swartz
 Isabella Tang
 Janelle Lim Tiulentino
 Stephanie Werner

Cap and Gown Actives Board 2010-2011

President, Samantha Lasarow
Vice President, Ellen Cerf
Vice President, Janice Mau



On November 18, 2010, at Tresidder on the Stanford campus, Actives, new and returning, and Alums gathered for the annual Tapping Tea. After opening remarks and introductions, Ellen Petrill, Alumnae President, and Jean Coblentz, Alumnae Board member, outlined the history of Cap and Gown and explained the original tapping ceremony. Wearing caps and gowns, and in a re-enactment of the original tapping, alums Nancy Sharp, Jean Leonard, Charlene Hsu-Winges, Kathy Chou and Mary Skougard introduced and “tapped” each new inductee. It was an inspiring evening; the future of Cap and Gown is in good hands with these capable young women.



Cap and Gown New Inductees, November 2010

Stacy Elizabeth Aguilera, Major in Biology (Marine Biology), Class of 2011



My time at Stanford has been full of wonderful experiences and opportunities. I have met many amazing people and have enjoyed many activities and events. Through Chi Omega, I have been able to use my efforts in helping my fellow sisters as Assistant Sisterhood Chair and Career and Personal Development Chair. I have found groups interested in my passions and have spent multiple quarters at Hopkins Marine Station in Monterey and have encouraged prospective students and donors to visit the campus. I also currently serve as the Campus Environmental Liaison for the Stanford Chapter of The Coastal Society and work on involving Stanford students in ocean related issues and topics. My involvement on the Stanford EDF Ecomarkets team is just one of the opportunities helping me reach my goal of becoming a leading marine scientist and ocean advocate, similar to my idol, Dr. Sylvia Earle.

Allison Sarah Bayani, Major in American Studies (Civil Rights), Minor in Creative Writing, Class of 2011

I spent the winter and spring quarters of my junior year studying in Cape Town doing comparative work. While I was there I also engaged in field research and worked intensively with Home Street People's Ministry, a local NGO. I am now the student advisor with BOSP, and I continue to work with the Cape Town program. I spent the past summer in New Orleans working for the Orleans Public Defenders' Office conducting investigative work, which added another lens to my understanding of and engagement with civil rights. As a Filipino-American student, I am a member of Stanford's Filipino American Student Union. I interned with the Issues committee as a freshman and acted as Social Committee co-chair my junior year before going abroad. I am also a Creative Writing minor with a passion for American literature, in particular Mark Twain and William Faulkner.



Avery Lee Brown, Major in International Relations, Minor in Economics, Class of 2011

Since freshman year I've been involved with FACE AIDS and the Stanford Association for International Development (SAID). This year I'm serving as Co-President of SAID and with FACE AIDS as a member of the Steering Committee and as an Education Co-Director on the National Team. I spent two of my college summers working on development issues in Africa, and last summer I interned with Consultative Group to Assist the Poor (CGAP) in Washington, D.C. In the future, I hope to study international law and focus on human rights, democratization and development in Africa. In my free time, I enjoy talking with friends, reading the newspaper, being outside, running and doing yoga.



Alums Ruth Cronkite and Jean Coblentz at tapping



Jennifer Lee Casebeer, Major in French, Minor in English, Class of 2011

I always try to approach Stanford with a positive, balanced attitude. There's more to life on campus than just academics, and I love to take advantage of all of it. While I definitely try to encourage myself and my friends to maintain this attitude, I especially like sharing it with prospective students. As a campus guide, I like to think that in some small way, I'm helping to shape our community. I'm always excited to talk about my time spent abroad in Paris, my favorite classes, our traditions and even the best places to get coffee on campus. I've enjoyed my Stanford experience so much thus far and am excited to join a community that will continue to be a part of my life even after I graduate.

Elizabeth Wu Yun Chang, Major in Economics, Minor in Chemistry, Class of 2011

Though involved in several organizations throughout my career at Stanford, I have remained primarily committed to Stanford Consulting, where I have served as a project director and now CEO. This opportunity has allowed me to provide real world opportunities for fellow students to put their academics and personal experiences to the test while solving strategic challenges for Fortune 500s and start-ups both locally and internationally. After a summer of investment banking in New York, I immediately returned to the Bay Area to launch Stanford Consulting's Nonprofit Initiative pilot program with a national 501(c)3 focused on education and entrepreneurship. I hope experiences like these will bring together service- and business-minded people and skill sets in a world with an increasing emphasis on corporate responsibility and public service.



Anne Taylor Cherniss, Major in Economics, Class of 2011

My primary leadership experience has been through WYSE (Women and Youth Supporting Each other). This non-academic, mentoring organization pairs undergraduate Stanford women with middle school girls in East Palo Alto. In Spring 2010, WYSE received the Stanford Dean's Award for an organization that engages in exemplary service to the community. I am also a Chappell-Lougee fellow, and I designed a community-based research project that studied the qualitative impact of microfinance training programs in the Dominican Republic in 2009. When I'm not chatting with middle school girls or interviewing Dominican loan recipients, I enjoy ballroom dancing, cooking and chatting. I am hoping to pursue a career in education.



Evelyn Ruth Danforth, Major in History, Class of 2012

I am pursuing a bachelor's degree in history and interdisciplinary honors through the McCoy Family Center for Ethics in Society. My advisor is Professor Richard White; he sponsored my summer research grant through Stanford's Woods Institute for the Environment on sustainable ranching in the American West. I am the Stanford Daily's restaurant critic, I'm a research assistant at the Bill Lane Center for the American West, and I begin an internship with the Environmental Defense Fund in January. I have also volunteered extensively with Breakthrough Collaborative and the Jewish Family and Children Services of San Francisco. My interest in the intersection between gastronomy, the environment and ethics began when I was a student at San Francisco University High School, where I won a scholarship to attend Slow Food Nation and was featured on Nourish, a PBS documentary educating youth about sustainable food.





Sarah Flynn, Major in Human Biology, Minor in Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity, Class of 2011

My coursework, research and academic interests at Stanford have focused on the health of disadvantaged populations. I am also a member and Captain of the Varsity Women's Lacrosse Team here at Stanford. Initially frustrated with the lack of service opportunities for athletes, I have worked to partner with local organizations and have planned various community service projects for my team. I have also taken many leadership positions within the Athletic Department. I am currently the President of Cardinal Council, the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, and I have previously served as the Community Service Representative. Additionally, for the past three years I have been a mentor in the Partners in Academic Excellence Program. With

this program I mentor freshmen athletes during weekly meetings and focus on helping them adjust to college academics and athletics.

Regina Getz-Kikuchi, Major in Psychology, Class of 2011

I am passionate about helping to shift the culture at Stanford towards one that is more supportive of students' holistic wellness, including physical, mental and spiritual well-being. I am actively involved with Project Compassion, Project Love, a new umbrella initiative with the ASSU, Health Promotion Services at Vaden and other like-minded student groups to promote wellness across campus. As co-founder of Project Feedback, I hope to help other universities to reduce food waste from dining halls by redistributing prepared food to local homeless shelters and food banks, based on the current model of Stanford Project on Hunger. I also love my role as a Residential Assistant in Mirrielees, an upper-class apartment-style dorm. After graduation, I hope to pursue a career in the emerging field of social entrepreneurship.



Natalie Joelle Goodis, Major in Feminist Studies (Gender, Sexuality and Representation in the Middle East), Class of 2011

I have enjoyed exploring my interests in women's issues, local politics and social justice advocacy. I spent the summer of 2009 in Ramogi, Uganda, volunteering with the Uganda Orphans Rural Development Programme on the American Jewish World Service Volunteer Summer Program. Last summer, I interned at the City of San Francisco Department on the Status of Women. I currently serve as the President of the Jewish Students Association, I am a former rower on the Lightweight Women's Crew Team, and I am a proud resident of the Chi Theta Chi Co-operative House. I was born and raised in LA, and though I don't know where life will take me next year, I could never imagine living far from the ocean.



Taylor Allison Goodspeed, Major in Classics, Major in Human Biology, Class of 2012

I am a Classics and Human Biology double major, and my academic interests range in medical ethics and genetic law, as I am very interested in bioethics. I'm still figuring out what this means for my career path after Stanford, but it will probably be Law School. This past year I was Sophomore Class President on a slate of four, and was re-elected with them this year to continue serving as Junior Class President when I return to campus in the winter. Currently I'm studying in Moscow, learning Russian and traveling around Eastern Europe after finals week.





Cindy Guan, Major in Public Policy, Minor in Political Science, Class of 2011
 I have been blessed with the chance to meet and work with some truly inspirational colleagues and have spent the last three years giving back to that community through meaningful work and leadership positions. I am currently the VP of Recruiting for the Forum for American/Chinese Exchange at Stanford (FACES), where I work with the team to bring together future leaders in US-China relations. I also enjoy working with SEE College Prep's strategy team to tackle the achievement gap in minority education. I am a student representative on the University Board of Trustees' Development Committee, I'm a Public Policy Peer Advisor, and I have also taken leadership positions in the Nominations Commission and Stanford Women in Business. I am incredibly excited to join Cap and Gown and meet the passionate and accomplished women in the community.



Laura Hollis Hansen, Major in English, Minor in Classics, Class of 2012
 I serve as Head Horse Manager and Women's Captain of the Stanford Polo Club, a job which involves taking care of the 23 polo ponies owned by the club, organizing and running practices, teaching skills to new members and general club and team development. I am an active member of Chi Omega sorority, and I am this quarter completing my term as vice President, where I was in charge of scholarship and rules for the chapter. If I could be any woman for a day, I would be the writer Isak Dinesen.



Actives President, Samantha Lasarow, with tote bag presented to new inductees

Rebecca Ann Johnson, Major in Psychology, Minor in Economics, Minor in Religious Studies, Class of 2011
 I have had the opportunity to serve in a wide range of student groups, united by the common thread of economic empowerment as a tool for social change. I am the current co-president of Stanford Women in Business, a Conference Director for the Stanford Association for International Development and the Executive Director of the Stanford Undergraduate Psychology Conference, an international undergraduate research symposium. Academically, I have pursued stipend-funded research in the Psychology department studying adaptive and maladaptive responses to bullying, have worked on a project studying occupational goals and life satisfaction and am currently pursuing an honors thesis in mental illness stigmatization. Eventually, I hope to make an impact advocating for mental health issues in the developing world. In my free time, I love backpacking, music festivals and exploring new countries.





Emily Allison Jones, Major in Urban Studies, Class of 2011

I am primarily interested in commercial real estate development and housing equity. Last summer, I interned with Mid-Peninsula Housing, an affordable housing developer based in the Bay Area. I am the Founder and President of the Association of Students Promoting Innovation in Real Estate (ASPIRE), and a recipient of the 2010 Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW) Network National Scholarship. I am also a resident Assistant (RA) in Branner Hall and the Sisterhood Director of Chi Omega Sorority. I am also passionate about anything and everything related to animals. In my spare time, I volunteer with Riley's Place, a non-profit that allows children experiencing health challenges to experience the joy and healing of animals.



Christine Kang, Major in Economics, Minor in Management Science and Engineering, Class of 2011

Having been involved with SWIB's leadership since my freshman year, I helped launch SWIB's mentorship program with the Stanford Graduate School of Business. Currently the VP of Finance, I feel honored to have had the opportunity to grow this organization from its first members to a community of over 500 women on campus. Outside of SWIB, I enjoy serving as CFO of Stanford Finance and helping undergraduates as a Peer Counselor at the Career Development Center. I am passionate about guiding other women interested in finance, and I was recently selected as the J.P. Morgan Winning Women Ambassador for Stanford in recognition of my performance. I am so excited to be a member of Cap and Gown and meet and learn from other women leaders from across campus.



Madison Hisa Kawakami, Major in English, Class of 2011

I have enjoyed working with Vox Clara, a Christian issues focused journal on campus. This year, I am the Designer in Chief, and I have loved helping to create a forum of religious thought that fosters creativity and intellectuality through faith-based works. Since freshman year, I have been involved with a program that meets once a week on Friday mornings to cook and serve breakfast to the homeless at Palo Alto's Opportunity Center. Currently I am leading this program with another student. Through Menlo Park Presbyterian Church, I became the leader of a High School small group in which I have the opportunity to mentor a group of girls. Last, I love to write. This year I am pursuing my passion for writing through a Creative Honors Thesis in the Feminist Studies Department.



Marlene Helen Kennedy, Major in Human Biology (Infectious Diseases and Health in Developing Countries), Class of 2011

Having spent the past two summers researching diarrheal disease and sanitation issues in Tanzania, I am passionate about finding low cost, sustainable solutions to the infectious challenges of the developing world. On campus I love working as a Teaching Assistant (TA) and having the opportunity to inspire students to use their talents to combat disease in poor countries. As a leader, my priority is to draw the creative powers and varied knowledge of communities together to uncover solutions to the most pressing problems that those in under-resourced settings face.





Ariana Tae Koblitz, Major in Product Design, Class of 2011

I was born and raised in Berlin, Germany, and my family currently lives in Beijing, China. Product Design combines for me all the different aspects of my childhood growing up in different countries, my love for the aesthetic eye and a drive to meet the most interesting people. The most important activity, and the one that has shaped much of my work on campus, began much earlier than Stanford, developing an immersion program for junior high students at my high school in Berlin, Germany. This was a growing moment for me, and showed me the importance of articulating vision in the context of multiple stakeholders. I have dedicated myself to finding ways to connect student groups not through their issues, although there may be overlap and possible collaboration between those as well, but rather through strategies surrounding these issues.



Victoria Natelia Lai, Major in Human Biology, Minor in International Relations, Class of 2011



I am interested in studying the development of healthcare systems around the world and completed a tutorial focused on Comparative Health Policy my junior year at Oxford University. Additionally I am committed to public service and am involved with a variety of service organizations at Stanford. I helped to co-found the Stanford chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union to encourage discussion regarding domestic civil liberties. Additionally I am a student representative on the National Advisory Board for the Haas Center for Public Service, where I work alongside university officials, alumni and community leaders to discuss the direction and development of the center. I have also been active in Stanford in Government and was the recipient of the organization's Fellowship opportunity in the Office of San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom my freshman year.

Catherine Thuy Khanh Le, Major in Biology, Minor in English, Class of 2011

As Co-editor-in-chief of Stanford Service in Global Health, I co-manage a publication that functions as an outlet for personal narratives of global health volunteering experiences. I also devote a large portion of my time as the Fall Semester President of Alpha Phi Omega, a co-ed community service fraternity. This year I also have the privilege of working as a college assistant (CA) – the equivalent of Resident Assistant (RA) in most dorms – in the dorm Freshmen and Sophomore College. I hope to spend my gap year doing public service before heading to medical school. I enjoy reading science fiction, painting in watercolor and learning tango.



Jaclyn Hien Le, Major in Political Science, Minor in Education, Class of 2012

In my time at Stanford, I have devoted my time to development and management positions with DreamCatchers, an organization serving underprivileged middle school youth in Palo Alto. I also work as a student staff member of the Haas Center in the post-graduate and alumni programs office. Over the summers, I have furthered my commitment to public service as a participant of the Haas Center's Community Service Work Study program and have contributed to nonprofits in Dallas working with urban education and homeless families.



Kristin Mary Lin, Major in Product Design, Class of 2011

Throughout my time at Stanford, I have enjoyed being a part of various organizations and groups on campus. Since freshman year, I have been a member and leader of SWE (Society of Women Engineers). During my time in SWE, I have been an Elementary Outreach Officer as well as Vice President of Internal Relations. In these positions, I planned math and science events on campus for elementary schools in East Palo Alto and I have also encouraged members and other Stanford students and faculty to get involved with philanthropy and community service events. This year, combining my passion for social service and design, I am also a leader in an Alternative Spring Break Program entitled Design for Social Change. In my free time, I enjoy singing with my funk band, playing piano or jamming with others on my guitar.



Alyssa London, Major in Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity, Class of 2012

I am from Bothell, Washington, a suburb of Seattle, and I am Tlingit (a tribe from Southeast Alaska). I am the President of three groups on campus: the Alaska Native Student Association, Tutoring at the San Jose Native American Community Center and Natives in Business. I am in the leadership core that plans Stanford Powwow annually, and I am the alumni liaison for the Stanford American Indian Organization. I work for my Alaska Native corporation Sealaska in Marketing and Corporate Development. In the next 10-15 years I aspire to become president of a subsidiary company of Sealaska and ultimately to become the CEO of the company one day. I am also an active member of the Chi Omega sorority, I am on the Ultimate Frisbee team, and I enjoy running frequently.



Alum Jean McCarter Leonard



Alums Charlene Hsu-Winges, Nancy Sharp, Kathy Chou and Mary Skougard

Nruthya Madappa, Major in Electrical Engineering, Class of 2012



I am a 19 year-old girl from a small town in India who was told to dream but never to dream too big. I dreamt huge and am here at Stanford today on a full scholarship. I love to learn and my engineering courses coupled with the odd sociology, philosophy or biology courses keep me learning constantly! However, I have my heart set on ultimately channeling my expertise in the field to create affordable technological solutions, like reliable electricity, health, education and communication facilities, to problems faced by developing nations of the world. At Stanford, I am an officer in several student groups like BASES, Brainstorming India, Society of Women Engineers, and the OJF committee. Besides communicating through science, I love to express myself through my dance and music. I have been a member of, or captained, several performing arts groups at Stanford in the last three years. I also sail and play tennis whenever I have a spare moment.



Neveen Hany Mahmoud, Major in Psychology, Minor in Arabic, Class of 2011



I currently serve as the ASSU Service Chair. Under ASSU, my favorite project is undoubtedly Stanford Service Ambassadors, a leadership development program focused on cultivating collaborative leaders in the social sector. In prior years, I have also served as President and VP of the First-Generation Low Income Partnership (FLIP), a group created to support and connect an emerging demographic of self-identified first-generation and/or low-income students at Stanford. As VP, I created FLIP Going Home, the organization's first service initiative that is continuing to grow even today. This past summer, I also worked as a Housing Development Intern to UNITY, the lead agency addressing homelessness in New Orleans, where I played a strong role in overturning a discriminatory legal ruling. Post-graduation, I hope to continue working in the social sector before attending Law School.

Alexandra Leigh McKinney, Major in Public Policy, Class of 2012

At Stanford, I've tried to make a positive impact through public service. Working on the ASSU Service Team for three years, I helped plan the Service Summit, a speaker and panel event introducing students to different areas of service and facilitating discussion about the future of Stanford service. Last year, I helped coordinate and served as a mentor in the Frosh Service Ambassadors Program for freshmen interested in service and worked on a project to highlight alumni involved in service-oriented careers on department Web sites. I also serve on the Pre-law Society Board, coordinating panels to introduce students to law careers, and tutored the children of Stanford staff in Tutoring for Community. After Stanford, I hope to attend law school and study areas of law reflecting my interest in economics and public policy.



Riddhi Mittal, Major in Computer Science (systems), Class of 2011

I am an international student at Stanford, from New Delhi, India, studying Computer Science (systems track) both as an undergraduate senior and as a first-year co-terminal masters student this year. I have been a Section Leader for the CS introductory classes since my freshman year, have led the CS sophomore college and am now an RCC at Storey. I was Co-Chair of Technology for the ASSU Executive Cabinet last year and was one of two people to code up the Old Union room reservation system, and I feel tremendously happy every time I see someone use it. I also started a biweekly CS student Tech Talks event last year. I am equally interested in the business world, having had participated in SWIB, ASES and SPBA, and I hope to lead my own company some day. When not coding or thinking about the next global problem, you can catch me dancing to Salsa or Bollywood tunes.



Katherina Huong Ngoc Nguyen, Major in Science, Technology, and Society, Class of 2011

I hail from San Jose, CA, and I am currently pursuing honors in Science, Technology and Society. During my time at Stanford, I have been an active member of several campus communities where I feel fortunate to have met many inspiring peers and mentors. As I believe that being a leader is the best way to learn from people, I have served as board member of the Asian American Student Association, Vice President of Sigma Psi Zeta and Alpha Kappa Psi business fraternity, BeAVC Case Competition director and Kimball staff member. I also enjoy working with social entrepreneurs and non-profit consulting projects, and I am passionate about graphic design and studying organizational work culture. My favorite summer blockbuster quote is "You mustn't be afraid to dream a little bigger, darling." I hope never to forget to have big dreams.





Eva Jacqueline Forrester Orbuch, Major in Urban Studies, Minor in Education, Class of 2011



I have loved my time at Stanford and have taken advantage of some amazing opportunities, such as the Structured Liberal Education Program, studying abroad in Cape Town and spending the past two summers doing field research on microfinance organizations, both in South America and in San Francisco. I am extremely interested in public service, social entrepreneurship and philanthropy. During my sophomore year, I helped found the Stanford chapter of Challah for Hunger chapter, a national student group that bakes bread and sells it to raise hundreds of dollars weekly to anti-genocide, hunger and development initiatives, both globally and locally. I have also spent several years directing the Stanford African Drum Ensemble, which represents one of my biggest passions: world percussion. I have lived in the Synergy cooperative house for two years and am

a big fan of communal living. I have loved being a member of Alpha Epsilon Phi sorority, and I look forward to being part of another wonderful women's group.

Nguyen Thao Pham, Major in Human Biology (Social Interaction and Justice), Minor in Modern Languages (Spanish and Vietnamese), Class of 2011

I have served as chair of the Asian American Students' Association (AASA), an umbrella organization for 14 Asian Pacific American Student groups and piloted AASA's mentoring program at a local high school. I have been Vice President of Alpha Kappa Delta Phi Sorority. I have also worked at California Rural Legal Assistance in Gilroy, assisting primarily low-income minority clients with legal cases and developing my interest in law. This past summer, I took my passions for civil rights and human services to work on homeless veterans programs at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. I am now a Resident Assistant in the row house Jerry. I hope to take my experiences with me to pursue law and business school and a future in corporate social responsibility or social entrepreneurship.



Adrienne Hunyi Pon, Major in Public Policy, Class of 2012

I am currently participating in Stanford in Washington this quarter and I am excited to travel to Stanford in Cape Town this spring quarter. My biggest passion is in education equality, and I have worked in education policy at the state and federal level. I have been involved in a number of activities, including founding and directing a tutoring program for the children of Stanford employees (Tutoring for Community) and working in a variety of ASSU leadership positions.



Jacqueline Claire Rotman, Major in Public Policy, Class of 2011



At the age of 14, I founded Everybody Dance Now! (EDN!) in Santa Barbara, CA to provide free hip-hop dance programs to underprivileged youth. Since 2005, EDN! has served more than 1,000 children, been featured on America's Best Dance Crew and expanded to 7 cities throughout the US and Canada. In 2010, I became a Chappell-Lougee Scholar, through which I researched a nonprofit in Uganda called Educate! I have served as Co-President of Right to Education for All Children (REACH), participated in a Haas Impact Abroad trip to India, and been a TA for the Social Entrepreneurship Collaboratory. I am also a Haas Public Service Leaders Fellow and participated in the "Changemakers" ASB trip. I enjoy dancing currently with Dv8 and formerly with Urban Styles dance groups. I look forward to meeting incredible women in Cap & Gown who share common values, and I look forward to finding a community within the organization.



Sara Rachel Silberstein, Major in Human Biology, Class of 2012

I was born and raised in the Bay Area. I am passionate about neuroscience and medicine, and I want to be a medical doctor. I am currently studying abroad in Australia, and I am a member of both Robber Barons Sketch Comedy and the Stanford Improvisers, and I love playing tennis. I enjoy the company of my family, whom I think would make a good traveling vaudeville troupe.

Reagan Thompson, Major in International Relations and Chinese, Class of 2012

This year I was the National Student Director for KaeMe ("Remember Me"), a 501(c)3 working to reform Ghana's orphanage system. In this capacity I was in charge of preparing for undergraduates to work in Accra during the summer documenting and interviewing orphans. On campus I am involved in leadership roles with Stanford in Government, class cabinet, Cornerstone Christian Fellowship and dorm government. I have a heart for service and have spent time teaching English in China and working at orphanages in Malawi and Ghana. For the past few summers, I have interned at the Department of State in Washington, D.C. I love exploring California, and I make sure to find time to swim in Stanford's wonderful outdoor pool!



Sophia Wen-Hsuan Tsai, Major in East Asian Studies, Minor in Economics, Class of 2011

My major focus in my studies is on Japanese culture, and I am writing an honors thesis about gender role change in Japan this year. Outside of academics, I am very active as a musician, taking private lessons for flute each quarter with Alexandra Hawley, doing recitals each year and participating in chamber music and orchestra as well. I additionally teach private music lessons to children and adults in the Stanford community, passing on my knowledge of flute and piano. At school, I am also very active in Stanford Women in Business. I am currently Co-Vice President of Marketing and this is my second year leading the team. During my time as Co-VP of Marketing, I have doubled the membership of SWIB. I am very passionate about promoting women in corporate America and gender equality.



Jessica Noelle Ming Uno, Major in Human Biology (Global & Community Health), Class of 2011

My childhood love for Spanish has led me to aspire to become a physician and advocate for expanding healthcare access to poor Latino communities and other underserved populations through policy-making and clinical practice. I work to achieve these ends in the Stanford community as Volunteer Coordinator at Arbor Free Clinic, co-president of Initiative Against Malaria and Vice President of the Asian-interest sorority Kappa Delta Phi. I have obtained hands-on experience through several community health service fellowships in Guatemala, Mexico, Argentina and Kenya, as well as by performing basic pharmaceutical research for anti-malarial drugs at UC San Francisco and teaching health education at the Day Worker Center in Mountain View. In my free time, I love the performing arts, especially Chinese martial arts and Taiko ensemble drumming.





Frances Ruth Wehrwein, Major in Psychology, Minor in Economics, Class of 2012



Originally from Minneapolis, attending here has provided me with so many wonderful opportunities, among them playing for the women's rugby team. As a sophomore, I was voted captain by the team, and was lucky enough to be named First Team All-American following our second place finish in the division one national championships. I've also trained with the US national 7's team and am currently enjoying playing for Oxford University during my study abroad quarter in the United Kingdom. Besides playing rugby, I serve as a manager and tour guide at Visitor Information Services, where over 100,000 tourists and prospective students come every year. Being able to communicate how wonderful Stanford is to those who wish to attend the university has been one of the most fulfilling parts of my undergraduate career.

Elizabeth Anne Wong, Major in Biology (Microbes & Immunity), Minor in Comparative Literature, Class of 2011

I have served as president/staff intern of Acts 2 Christian Fellowship (A2CF) since my junior year, which has undoubtedly been my most meaningful activity as a Stanford undergraduate. My greatest privilege as A2CF president has been to serve as the student mentor for new and younger fellowship members. I have also served as founding board member/financial officer of Right to Play at Stanford since my sophomore year. In this capacity, I helped organize the first college chapter of Right to Play in the United States. Since my freshman year, I have been a student researcher in the laboratory of Elizabeth Mellins, M.D., Professor of Pediatrics at the Stanford School of Medicine, where I am currently conducting an honors thesis project. I plan to pursue a Ph.D. in Biomedical Science/Immunology after graduation.



Pilar Andiana Wong, Major in Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity (Public Service), Minor in Education, Class of 2011

I have been able to combine my academic interest in people and cultures with my passion for service and education. In my free time I have served as Junior Class President where I focused on creating a public service initiative on campus, Event Coordinator of Student Affairs for the Cantor Museum which allowed me to interact with a large population of Stanford students and as Hospitalities Officer for Stanford Speakers Bureau which exposed me to prominent change-makers of today. To take advantage of Stanford's rich cultural community and have a little fun, I also danced on Dil Se, a Bollywood dance team, and performed in Zoot Suit, the Latino community's annual play.

Congratulations!





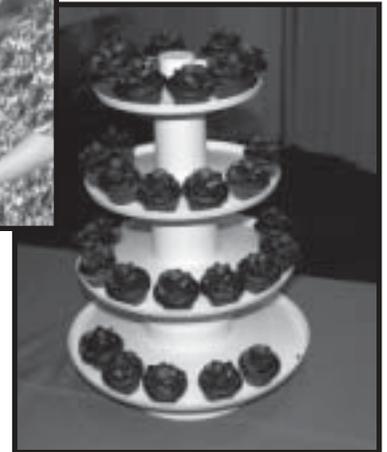
More photos from the tapping ceremony, November 2010



Checking in with Elyse Hope and Julia Gregory



Good food



Tapping chair,
Alum Karen Chan



Alums Mary Hill Skourgaard and
Adriana Duffy-Horling



Good conversation with Jean Coblentz



New members of
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Alumnae Board for 2010-2011

Ellen Petrill '77 '78, *President; Stanford Women Winter Welcome*

Michelle Galloway '86, '89, *Vice President; Chair, Nominating committee*

Kimi Narita '07, '11, *Treasurer*

Other Board members:

Elizabeth Burstein '10, *Co-Actives Liaison*

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Alicia Chan '07, *Stanford Women Winter Welcome, Website Committee*

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Athena Mak *Stanford Women Winter Welcome*

Ellie Mansfield '58, '60, *Newsletter, Graduation Tea, Photographer*

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Come Join the Board

Would you like a chance to reconnect with Cap and Gown alumnae and current students? When you join the board, you have an instant set of friends spanning eight decades! You have the opportunity to practice and grow leadership skills.

As a board member, you commit to attend four board meetings per year. Events (Tapping Tea, Spring Luncheon and Graduation Tea among others) are held throughout the academic year.

If you are interested in learning more about serving on the board or helping on a special program, please contact us through our website or email Ellen Petrill at epetrill@stanfordalumni.org.

Cap and Gown History Booklet

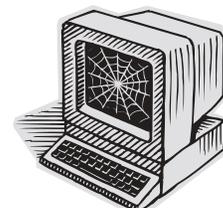
A new and expanded history booklet is now available. The booklet follows the history of Cap and Gown and contains some never-seen-before as well as familiar campus photographs.

After more than a year of revising and rewriting, Georgia Sutherland has compiled a new history booklet. It's available for \$10 (see page 23 to order).

Cap and Gown Website

<http://sites.google.com/site/stanfordcapandgown>

Are you looking to see what is going on with Cap and Gown? Our website is a wonderful way to see all the many things the actives and the Alumnae Board are doing. There are helpful links to pay dues or make scholarship donations and applications for Stanford undergraduates as well as a section on the history of Cap and Gown. Check it out!





Cap and Gown Spring Leadership Luncheon 2010

On a chilly and beautiful spring morning in May, 60 Cap and Gown members gathered at the Vidalakis Dining Room in Schwab Residence for the 2010 spring luncheon honoring our actives and special honorary, Jing Lyman.



Two of our actives spoke this year and each was fabulous. They gave us a glimpse of student life today, both delightful, both different and meaningful. Junior Ellen Cerf, Tapping President, Class of 2011, charmed us with poise, humor and truth, telling us touching stories about women who rock and have meant so much to her. Senior Sarah Mummah also spoke about her experiences. Sarah is the two-time winner of our Take Action scholarship, a Stanford Women Winter Welcome award, and founding executive director of DreamCatchers, a non-profit linking Stanford students to underserved middle school students and their parents in Palo Alto. Sarah talked about the path toward her vision, the difficulties of reality and the satisfactions of success.



Ellen Cerf and Jessica Mahler



Sarah (right) and Ana Mummah



Jing Lyman

We sang happy birthday to honorary Jing Lyman to honor her 85th birthday, who talked to us about how proud she is of Stanford women students. Senior Brindha Bavan introduced our newest honorary member, Dr. Ellen Porzig. Dr. Porzig was surprised and honored to join Cap & Gown.

Finally, we ended by giving each graduating senior an honor cord to set them apart at graduation, a fitting end to their Stanford undergraduate experience, but not an end to Cap and Gown!

Thank you to the luncheon committee who made this delightful event come true: Michelle Galloway, Jessica Mahler and Ellen Cerf.

May 8, 2010
Ellen Merrick Petril



Dr. Ellen Porzig (left) and Brindha Bavan

Spring Leadership Luncheon, 2011

Watch for your invitation to the 2011 spring luncheon and join friends and actives for a special time. Renew friendships and make new ones.



Alums and actives gathered at the Spring Leadership Luncheon





Cap and Gown Graduation Tea – 2010

The Tea is a tradition that began in the 1990s as a way to honor Cap and Gown Graduating Actives. The Tea, this year held on Saturday, June 12, 2010, gives all attendees a time of leisure to sit and visit and become acquainted in a comfortable atmosphere; families have expressed their appreciation in having this chance to understand more about their daughters' experience in Cap and Gown.



Cap and Gown graduating seniors and their families enjoyed a sunny afternoon the day before graduation.





Scholarship Donors

The following donations were made to Cap and Gown-sponsored scholarship funds from March 1, 2010, to October 15, 2010. Every donation, regardless of size, contributes to the success of our scholarship program.

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Roberta Burke Duffy

1940s

Betty White Andrews
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1950s

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1990s

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News From Alums

Virginia Sterry Hislop, '40, writes:

"I always enjoy reading the Cap & Gown letter. Your current activities are a far cry from from a weekend in the Santa Cruz Mountains or tea and cookies at Mrs. Treat's!"

Linda Hawes Clever, M.D., '61, '65, writes:

My news: (1) grandtwins (Mila and Graham) born Valentine's Day, 2010. Sarah Clever (Stanford '91) and Keith Gayler (MA Stanford '96) are capable and dear parents. (2) book published in February, too. "The Fatigue Prescription: Four Steps to Renewing Your Energy, Health and Life; www.thefatigueprescription.com. (3) 2 medals in 1 month: American Medical Women's Association: Elizabeth Blackwell medal and then the Stanford medal. Quite a year, humbling and joyous.

(Use the back page to send us your news.)

In Memoriam 2010

Nancy Jean Pennycook Arnold, '46
Sandra Rose Bull Biggs, '59

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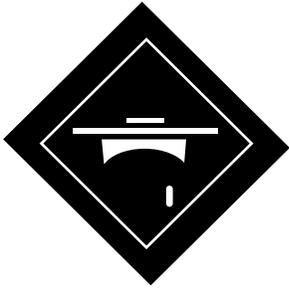
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