

# The PDK-USC Kappan

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### MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of Phi Delta Kappa shall be to promote quality education, in particular publicly supported education, as essential to the development and maintenance of a democratic way of life. This purpose shall be accomplished through research, service, and leadership in education.

*From the Constitution of  
Phi Delta Kappa International*



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*Join us for our next Dinner Meeting*

## Presentations by USC Ed.D Students

*Listen and learn about exciting  
new research going on here at USC*

**Friday, March 24, 2006**

6:00 p.m.

USC Upstairs Commons Garden Room

**Inspiration by Dr. Stuart Gothold,  
Clinical Professor, USC Rossier School of Education**

*To RSVP, see page 3*

## Meet the Advisor...*Dr. Stuart E. Gothold*

Clinical Professor,  
*Ed. D., University of Southern California*

*P*rior to joining the university, Stuart Gothold served for over 20 years as school district and county superintendent. He teaches Ed.D. courses in organizational and instructional leadership and in governance, including restructuring and strategic planning. He also serves as liaison to state and national educational organizations. Dr. Gothold currently coordinates the LA Urban Cohorts, groups of Ed.D. students specializing in urban school reform.



## Meet the Ed.D. Students...

### Patricia Traynor-Nilsen

*P*atricia Traynor-Nilsen is currently the principal of Wells Middle School in the Alford Unified School District in Riverside. Prior to this position, she was an assistant principal at King High School in the Riverside Unified School District and at Portola Middle School in Orange Unified School District. Her dissertation topic is "The Teacher Evaluation Process: Impacts and Implications on Teacher Behavior in the Classroom."

### Sharon Nordheim

*S*haron Nordheim is currently Assistant Superintendent of Business Services for the Westminster School District. She has held many leadership positions in various public school districts over the last 35 years, with an emphasis on student counseling and human resources. Her dissertation topic is, "Beating the Odds: Does the Formal Teacher Evaluation Process Make the Difference in Teacher Performance?"

### Gullermina Jauregui

*G*uillermina Jauregui is currently the assistant principal for instruction at Alain Leroy Locke High School in Los Angeles. She also held this position at nearby Fremont High School. A former high school French and Spanish teacher in LAUSD, she has also held positions supporting and coaching new teachers. Her dissertation topic is "Teacher Evaluation and Effective School Practices That Improve Student Achievement: An Urban High School Case Study."

# Accent on Access

## Get the most of your PDK membership with valuable publications

By Bill Wright, Research Representative

Are you regularly connecting with the resources of PDK? Be aware of the PDK resources for Research, Service and Leadership available in print and from the website. In the multiple assignments in and around education held by Kappans, our needs and interests vary. Often we become quite specialized and it is important to maintain perspective of the big picture. The PDK resources contribute to that broader frame-of-reference. They stimulate, support, and sustain your roles in search, service, and suasion/sphere of influence—all part of the PDK mission of Research, Service, and Leadership.

Each PDK member receives the *Phi Delta Kappan* journal (10 per year) and the *PDK Connection* newsletter (quarterly). Be sure to place these print references on the top of your “intend to read” stack of important items—avoid covering them up!

Resolve for 2006 to visit the PDK website: <http://www.pdkintl.org/> for free access to a variety of publications. Access your free member benefit by logging in to the website with your member ID to set up your personal password. You will find your ID number just above your name on your *Phi Delta Kappan* or *The PDK-USC Kappan* mailing label (followed by 0029, the chapter number). There you will find:

1. *Topics & Trends* (monthly) for research summaries.
2. *Classroom Tips* (5 per year) for topical and timely classroom advice.
3. *Edge* (5 per year) new bimonthly magazine, each issue on an important topic for educators. Print edition available by subscription.
4. *Practitioner* (5 per year) for cutting edge information for teachers and administrators.

## 2006-07 PDK-USC Election of Officers

The 2006-07 slate of officers for the PDK-USC Chapter will be announced at the March 24<sup>th</sup> PDK Dinner Meeting. It's not too late...if you wish to nominate yourself or another PDK-USC member, please send your nomination to Dr. Marilyn Fukuda at [pdkuscchapter@aol.com](mailto:pdkuscchapter@aol.com). The election and initiation of officers, in accordance with Article IX, Section 903 of the Chapter Bylaws, will be at the May 5<sup>th</sup> Dinner Meeting by simple majority of those present and eligible to vote. The vote shall be by secret ballot. All current PDK-USC members in good standing are encouraged to participate in the election process. If you did not volunteer to serve on the Board this year, think about expanding your role in PDK-USC next year. If you have any questions about participating as a Board member, feel free to ask one of them at the next meeting! ☺



Longtime PDK member Dr. Emery Stoops celebrated his 103<sup>rd</sup> birthday at the annual PDK-USC Stoops Lecture on January 20. Dr. Bill Bushaw, executive director of PDK, was the night's speaker and stopped to pose with Emery.

## 2005-2006 PDK-USC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### March

- 24** PDK-USC Dinner Meeting  
*USC Ed.D. Student Presentations*  
USC Upstairs Commons Garden Room, 6:00 p.m.
- 30** PDK-USC Board Meeting, WPH 900, 5:30 p.m.

### May

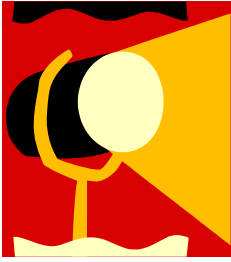
- 5** PDK-USC Dinner Meeting  
*Installation of Officers and Awards Ceremony*  
USC Upstairs Commons Garden Room, 6:00 p.m.

### June

- 8** PDK-USC Board Meeting, WPH 900, 5:30 p.m.

**Chapter Dinner Meetings are in Bold.** Everyone is welcome at the Board Meetings.

A map of the USC University Park Campus can be found at [http://www.usc.edu/about/visit/upc/driving\\_directions](http://www.usc.edu/about/visit/upc/driving_directions)



# Member Spotlight

Congratulations to PDK-USC members **Scott Forrest** and **Lisa Ireland** of Escondido High School presented their school's English language development program at the College Board's 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Western Regional Forum this February in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Their selection is the result of the English learners of the Escondido Union High School District exceeding state expectations on statewide tests. According to the California Department of Education, 77.5 percent of the English learners in their district were making progress last year and 57.3 percent were deemed proficient in English/language arts. The state's targets for their district were 51.5 percent and 30.7 percent, respectively. In 2005, Escondido High School was named a California Distinguished School and received the Title I Academic Achievement award, having surpassed their target API scores for five consecutive years.

In addition to teaching ELD classes, Forrest is the coordinator of Extended Year Programs. He earned his master of arts degree in education policy studies with an emphasis in language and cross-cultural studies from San Diego State University. Ireland is the high school's coordinator for AVID, a college-preparatory program that provides guidance and instructional support for students interested in post-secondary education. She earned her master of science degree in literacy education and TESOL from the University of Southern Maine.



PDK-USC members Scott Forrest and Lisa Ireland with their school's awards for academic achievement among English learners. Escondido High School has earned a Title I Academic Achievement award for surpassing API targets.

### 50/50 Raffle at Next Dinner Meeting

*Bring your dollars to win cash and raise money for the Phi Delta Kappa Educational Foundation. Details will be provided at the door!*

## Save The Date !!

PDK-USC DINNER MEETING @ THE USC UPSTAIRS COMMONS GARDEN ROOM  
(Located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Student Union Building – STU on Campus Map)

FRIDAY, MARCH 24<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.

**DINNER RESERVATION DEADLINE IS MONDAY, MARCH 20<sup>th</sup>.**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Total # Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

PDK Membership # (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Meal Choice:  Chicken  Salmon  Vegetarian

If you have already paid for all PDK-USC dinners this year, please e-mail your dinner choice to [swinn@usc.edu](mailto:swinn@usc.edu) or send your choice via U.S. mail.

Mail your check (made payable to *PDK-USC Chapter*) for **\$30.00\*** per person (NOT including parking) with this form before Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup> to:

PDK-USC Chapter  
c/o Stephenie Winn  
15529 S. Normandie Ave., Unit A-1  
Gardena, CA 90247

*\*This amount does not include parking. Parking on campus costs \$7.00. Parking is no longer available through Gate #2. Please enter through Gate #3 off of Figueroa Street and USC McCarthy Way to park in Parking Structure X.*

# Get Involved in Professional Development

*Spring is the time to learn about latest research, strategies, and innovations at education-related conferences in California and across the country*

For those of you thinking about furthering your professional development this spring, the following compendium of conferences, workshops, and meetings sponsored by local, state, and national education organizations should help you plan ahead. These notable groups present workshops, lectures, and panel discussions on a variety of topics and in formats ranging from large-group sessions to hands-on demonstrations. For more information, visit their Web sites.

Organization and Event	Dates and Location	For more information
California League of Middle Schools (CLMS) <i>Annual Conference</i>	March 9-12 San Jose, CA	<a href="http://www.clms.net">http://www.clms.net</a>
California Teachers Association (CTA) <i>Good Teaching Conference</i>	March 10-12 Hollywood, CA	<a href="http://www.cta.org">http://www.cta.org</a>
Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) <i>Secondary Literacy Summit</i>	March 27-29 Burlingame, CA	<a href="http://www.wested.org">http://www.wested.org</a>
Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD) <i>Annual Conference &amp; Exhibit Show</i>	April 1-3 Chicago, IL	<a href="http://www.ascd.org">http://www.ascd.org</a>
National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) <i>54<sup>th</sup> National Conference on Science Education</i>	April 6-9 Anaheim, CA	<a href="http://www.nsta.org">http://www.nsta.org</a>
American Educational Research Association (AERA) <i>Annual Meeting</i>	April 7-11 San Francisco, CA	<a href="http://www.aera.net">http://www.aera.net</a>
National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) <i>Annual Meeting and Exposition</i>	April 26-29 St. Louis, MO	<a href="http://www.nctm.org">http://www.nctm.org</a>
International Reading Association (IRA) <i>51<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention</i>	April 30-May 4 Chicago, IL	<a href="http://www.reading.org">http://www.reading.org</a>
California League of High Schools (CLHS) <i>School Safety Symposium</i>	April 30-May 1 No. Lake Tahoe, CA	<a href="http://www.clhs.net">http://www.clhs.net</a>
Adult Education Research Conference (AERC) <i>47<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference</i>	May 18-21 Minneapolis, MN	<a href="http://education.umn.edu/WHRE/aerc/">http://education.umn.edu/WHRE/aerc/</a>
Western Association for College Admission Counseling (WACAC) <i>Annual Spring Conference</i>	May 31-June 2 San Jose, CA	<a href="http://www.wacac.org">http://www.wacac.org</a>

Check out PDK International's new promotional video, *We Are PDK*, online at [www.pdkintl.org](http://www.pdkintl.org). Some of our chapter's very own members are featured in this video, including President Meg Palisoc, VP Programs Ed Robillard and his wife and fellow PDK-USC Chapter Member Rosa Robillard, and newly initiated member Teresa Miller.

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