

# The Half Century Trojans Newsletter

***"Still Fighting On!"***

Fall 2020



## President's Message

Who are the Half Century Trojans (HCTs)? We're a vibrant community of all USC alumni (including bachelor's, master's, doctoral and professional degree holders) who earned a bachelor's degree from any college or university at least 50 years ago. As caretakers of USC history and tradition, HCTs are uniquely positioned to promote the Trojan Spirit and strengthen the bonds that connect USC alumni lifelong and worldwide.

This mission is especially poignant today. As we face one of the greatest challenges in recent memory, we are reminded of the resilience and strength of our USC family. Trojans worldwide continue to give back, from serving as essential workers keeping their

communities healthy to agents of change working for equality and justice.

While programming and events in 2020-21 will be different from years past, we remain committed to creating dynamic engagement opportunities to help you stay connected with your alma mater and fellow Trojans. Though we can't be together in person, the Trojan Spirit is stronger than ever. We look forward to when we can safely come together in person and celebrate once more. In the meantime, read on for news on how to stay connected.

Take care and Fight On!

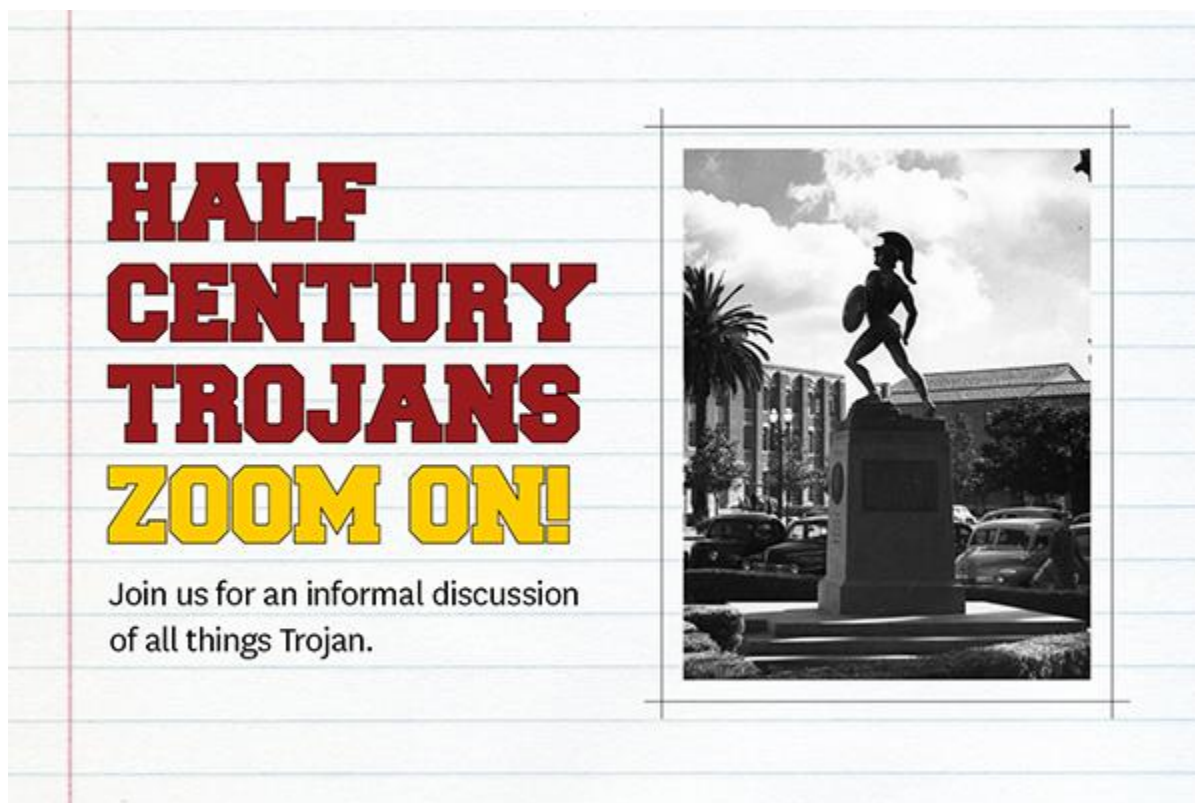
***Janet Tonkovich '64***



USC Half Century Trojans Salute Dr. Art Bartner

Each fall, the Half Century Trojans highlight individuals who exemplify the ideals of the Trojan Family and who have had a significant impact in their particular fields. This year, on **Wednesday, October 28**, we will feature a very special guest, Dr. Art Bartner, director of the USC "Spirit of Troy" Trojan Marching Band. Enjoy a glimpse into Trojan history as Dr. Bartner reflects on his 50 years transforming a novice music program into the greatest marching band in the universe! This is an exclusive and virtual event, but register today as space is limited.

[Register Now](#)



## Announcing Zoom On! ... Monthly Virtual Discussions with USC Guest Speakers

We are excited to announce a brand-new program: Half Century Trojans Zoom On! Each month, we will feature a special guest for an informal discussion of all things Trojan. Our inaugural session, on **Monday, October 19**, will feature **Claude Zachary**,

university archivist for USC Libraries. On **Monday, November 16**, we'll welcome **Patrick Auerbach**, associate senior vice president for alumni relations. **Click on the dates to register today!**



## HCT Scholarships - A Trojan Family Legacy

HCTs strengthen USC's legacy by sponsoring the Half Century Trojans Scholarship Program, which annually confers scholarships of \$10,000 to descendants of HCTs. The scholarships are awarded to continuing USC students, based on academic achievement, leadership potential and community service. This year we presented scholarships to 22 exceptional students, representing a broad spectrum of disciplines, with each recipient receiving \$10,000.

Here are some words of appreciation from recent HCT Scholarship recipients:

"I am a rising senior studying global health with minors in public relations and consumer behavior. I will also be pursuing a progressive degree in the Master of Health

Administration program through the Price School of Public Policy. My grandfather, Tsukasa Saneto, completed his degree at USC in 1949, five years after his release from the Japanese-American internment camps during WWII. For my family, my grandfather's USC degree held the key to re-starting his life and recovering from the turmoil of the war. Although my ojisan passed when I was a baby, receiving the Half Century Trojan scholarship allows me to feel connected with my family's history and celebrate my grandfather's accomplishments." — **Justin Kawaguchi, Class of 2021 (Keck)**

"From start to finish, my experience with the Half Century Trojans has been remarkable and extremely rewarding to my career aspirations and personal development. Being a graduating senior with a BS in human development and aging, I look forward to helping create a world where everyone can age with dignity, autonomy and retained individuality. I know that my studies at USC have prepared me to accomplish this, and I could not be more thankful to the Half Century Trojans for allowing me the financial leverage to pursue this passion in an incredibly important field. Four generations of my family are Trojans, and we all thank you so much for allowing me this privilege; you are truly a testament to the Trojan Family!" — **Shannon Hennessy, Class of 2020 (Gerontology)**

Visit our [website](#) for more words of appreciation from our scholarship students. Consider making a fully tax-deductible gift to grow our endowment so we can continue providing scholarships to deserving USC students for years to come. You can make a gift (online or by mail) below. For more information about the HCT Scholarship program, please email [Tanya Moran-Adolph](#).

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## Stay on Top of Technology by Attending These Workshops!

Do you find technology intimidating? Then join us for these free technology workshops and learn how to navigate today's popular social media programs in a fun and friendly atmosphere. Before you know it, you'll be connecting with friends on Facebook and Zooming doctor appointments.

We'll focus on **Facebook** on **Wednesday October 21**, and on **Instagram** on **Sunday, December 6**. **Click on the dates to sign up today!**

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## Stay Connected with FightOnline!



Explore our redesigned alumni portal, **FightOnline**, where you can: customize your profile and communication preferences, access the alumni directory, request a lifelong alumni email and register for alumni events.

## Half Century Trojans Are on Facebook!



Follow us on [Facebook](#) to keep up with all our fun and engaging activities!



## USC Visions & Voices

USC Visions and Voices is a university-wide arts and humanities initiative that was launched in 2006 and features a spectacular array of events, many conceived and organized by diverse USC faculty and schools. Most performances and presentations by acclaimed artists and distinguished speakers are offered free for USC alumni; check out the calendar and [register today!](#)

## More Virtual Events

**Thursday, October 8**

**[Election R&D Dialogues: Vice Presidential Debate, Pence vs. Harris](#)**

**Monday, October 19**

**[HCT Zoom On! - Claude Zachary, University Archivist](#)**

**Wednesday, October 21**

**[HCT Technology Workshop: Facebook 101](#)**

**Friday, October 23**

**[Election R&D Dialogues: Third Biden vs. Trump Debate](#)**

**Wednesday, October 28**

**[HCT Salute to Dr. Art Bartner](#)**

**Thursday, October 29**

**[Election R&D Dialogues: Election Day Preview](#)**

**Monday, November 16**

**[HCT Zoom On! - Patrick Auerbach, Associate Senior Vice-President for Alumni Relations](#)**

**Sunday, December 6**

**[HCT Technology Workshop: Instagram 101](#)**

Visit the USC Alumni Association [events calendar](#) for additional programs and experiences. And remember to visit our [website](#) for the latest news and information.

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Questions? Please email the [USC Alumni Association](#).

Update your contact information and connect with other Trojans by logging in to [FightOnline](#).





