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## The Half Century Trojans Newsletter

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

Spring 2020

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello Half Century Trojans! Welcome to the spring edition of our semi-annual *Still Fighting On!* e-newsletter. Spring is the perfect time to return to our beautiful campus and see the dramatic changes that have taken place over the last 50+ years!

Who are the Half Century Trojans? Half Century Trojans are a vibrant community that includes all USC alumni (including bachelor's, master's, doctoral and professional degreed alumni) 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 to strengthen the bonds that connect USC alumni across generations. Be sure to continue checking your email periodically for exciting HCT news, as we celebrate our Half Century Trojan pride with even more dynamic programming this year!

In fact, our first event of 2020 is just over a week away. Don't miss our [12th annual Going Back to College Day](#) on Thursday, February 6. At this annual

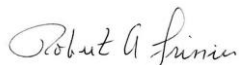
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event, Half Century Trojans return to campus, reconnect with former classmates and experience the exciting USC of today. You will hear from transformative faculty and administrators, all while reminiscing with old friends. We will also celebrate the 55th anniversary of the Class of 1965 and the 60th anniversary of the Class of 1960—a commemoration not to be missed! Then, on Sunday, April 5, join fellow Half Century Trojans for the USC School of Dramatic Arts spring musical, [The Secret Garden](#), and attend an exclusive post-show reception with the student cast and crew in Associates Park. Also, please mark your calendars for the [137th USC Commencement](#) on Friday, May 15, and join us by participating in the treasured tradition of Half Century Trojans leading the Commencement procession.

These events are wonderful opportunities to reunite with former classmates and reconnect with our alma mater. We hope you'll feel renewed pride in being a member of our great Trojan Family.

Read on for more news, and I hope to see you on February 6th at Going Back to College Day!

*Still Fighting On!*



Bob Frinier '63, MBA '69

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**COME BACK TO COLLEGE WITH US AT THE [HCT GOING BACK TO COLLEGE DAY](#) ON FEBRUARY 6!**

We invite you to join fellow Half Century Trojans for our 12th Annual Going Back to College Day on the USC University Park Campus. Be part of this memorable and spirited Trojan Family occasion, where you will reconnect with classmates and learn all about the exciting USC of today!

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This year, following a continental breakfast, you'll head to the Ronald Tutor Campus Center for workshops presented by distinguished university faculty. After the workshops, you'll enjoy an engaging lunch program at the historic Town and Gown Ballroom. Lastly, we will close out the day with an optional tour of the newest University Park Campus addition: USC Iovine and Young Hall, home of the Jimmy Iovine and Andre Young Academy: Arts, Technology and the Business of Innovation.

For more information and to register today (online registration closes tonight, January 30), please click [here](#).

Workshop options include:



### **The Science of Happiness**

#### **John Monterosso**

*Associate professor of psychology; faculty member, Brain and Creativity Institute; director, Addiction & Self-Control Lab; deputy director, neuroscience undergraduate program, USC Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences*



### **The Stem Cell Revolution: Future Therapies for Bone Diseases**

#### **USC Amy Merrill PhD '05**

*Associate professor of biomedical sciences, Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry of USC and Keck School of Medicine of USC; faculty member, Center for Craniofacial Molecular Biology, Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry of USC*

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## **Sustainability, Climate Change and the Oceans of Tomorrow**

**David Hutchins**

*Professor of biological sciences, USC Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences*



## **Fact or Fiction: Human Emotion in Artificial Intelligence**

**Jonathan Gratch**

*Research professor of computer science and psychology, USC Viterbi School of Engineering; director for virtual humans research, USC Institute for Creative Technologies; co-director, USC Computational Emotion Group*



## **Luncheon Keynote and USC Student Athlete Panel Discussion**

Denise Kwok MS '02, PhD '04, director of Student-Athlete Academic Services, discusses ways in which USC student athletes are prepared for a successful future upon graduation.

Join us for this special event — [\*\*REGISTER TODAY!\*\*](#)

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**RECAP: Half Century Trojans Hall of Fame Luncheon.**

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On November 13, the USC Alumni Association recognized five remarkable individuals, each of whom exemplify the ideals of the Trojan Family, and who have had a significant impact on the fields of business, medicine, architecture and art, respectively. We also presented the Distinguished Service Award to a dedicated Half Century Trojans board member Jim Childs '61.

Please enjoy the event photos [here](#).

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## **RECAP: Half Century Trojans Orange County Lecture**



On January 15, Half Century Trojans were invited to start off the new year learning about cognitive and behavioral issues such as Alzheimer's and dementia. Dr. John Ringman, Helene and Lou Galen endowed professor of clinical neurology, Keck School of Medicine of USC, shared the most recent advancements in neurological and neurodegenerative diseases at USC.

Please enjoy the event photos [here](#).

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## **KEEPING UP WITH THE 12TH PRESIDENT OF USC, CAROL L. FOLT**

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The Trojan Family came together this past September to give an enthusiastic welcome to Carol L. Folt as she was formally inaugurated as USC's 12th president. Between meetings with university leaders and getting to know the current student body, Folt has been on the go these past few months.

Read the latest news about President Folt [here](#).

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"I am a junior majoring in health promotion and disease prevention and also currently working towards a master's degree in global medicine. I come from a long line of Trojans—my great-grandfather graduated from USC in 1923; both of my grandparents met at USC and graduated in 1951; and I have two uncles who graduated from USC in the '70s. As a transfer student, I am incredibly

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humbled and grateful to have been chosen for the HCT scholarship, and I feel so lucky to be at such an amazing institution which has quickly grown to be my home."

**—Elizabeth Moeser, Class of 2020 (Keck)**

"I am a junior studying business administration and economics. Becoming a Half Century Trojan scholarship recipient has allowed me to further develop a special Trojan connection to my grandfather, Edward "Ted" May (class of 1955). Your generosity has helped my family significantly in meeting the financial obligations of the university, and has even allowed my younger sister, Samantha, to attend USC as well. I look forward to giving back in the future, to benefit students just like myself. I am deeply thankful for your generosity. Thank you for all you do!"

**—Nick Basch, Class of 2021 (Marshall)**

"Because of the generous support of the Half Century Trojans at USC, I have the opportunity to pursue my dream of becoming a marriage and family therapist without fear of student debt after graduation. As a senior studying psychology with a double minor in forensics & criminality and individuals, societies, & aging, I feel incredibly grateful to study such fascinating subjects as a 4th generation Trojan. Whether leading tours with the USC Admission Center or conducting research on campus in the Gould School of Law, I have loved every moment of this USC experience, made possible by your gift. Truly, I cannot express how thankful I am to the HCT scholarship committee and the organization as a whole. Thank You, and Fight On Forever!"

**—Samantha Hardy, Class of 2020 (Dornsife)**

"Before coming to USC, I had no idea what I wanted out of a career. Through the help of the Half Century Trojans scholarship, I have been able to pursue business, accounting, and even web technologies. This last year, I committed to a full-time job at Deloitte, which wouldn't have been possible without the generous support from this organization. I am constantly reminded of how amazing and giving the alumni of USC are."

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—*Zachary Ishimoto, Class of 2020 (Leventhal)*

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## THE PROPOSED SLATE OF NEW 2019-2020 HALF CENTURY TROJANS BOARD OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Officers:

President: Janet Tonkovich '64

President-Elect: Sally Edwards '65

Past President: Bob Frinier '63, MBA '69

Recording Secretary: Patti Poon '65

Corresponding Secretary: Patricia Foley Vick '67

Directors from the Class of 1969:

Elizabeth Carr

Diana Geosano

Gary Iseminger

Diane Wallace

We will vote on the slate at the annual meeting during lunch at Going Back to College Day on February 6.

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### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**Thursday, February 6 - [Going Back to College Day](#) @ USC University Park Campus**

Feel the energy and excitement of USC today during our 12th Annual Half Century Trojans Going Back to College Day! Attend presentations by our top faculty on a wide range of topics, including the science of happiness, human emotion in artificial intelligence and the stem cell revolution. Sign up [here](#)!

**Saturday, March 14 - [USC Alumni Day of SService](#) @ various locations**

Show your Trojan pride and become and volunteer for a project during the Alumni Day of SService! The Half Century Trojans will be assembling care

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packages for USC Norris Cancer Center patients. Join us or another project by registering [today](#).

**Sunday, April 5 - *The Secret Garden* with USC School of Dramatic Arts and USC Associates @ USC Bing Theatre**

Join fellow Half Century Trojans for the USC School of Dramatic Arts spring musical, [The Secret Garden](#), and attend an exclusive post-show reception with the student cast and crew in Associates Park. Details to follow.

**Saturday, April 25 - The USC Alumni Awards @ InterContinental Los Angeles Downtown**

Join us as we continue the tradition of honoring outstanding Trojans for their professional achievements and legacy of service at the 87th Annual USC Alumni Awards. To learn more, [click here](#).

**Monday, May 4 - USC Day of SCupport**

Join thousands of Trojans worldwide to support academic and research programs at USC that advance important issues and positive outcomes. Details to follow.

**Friday, May 15 - Half Century Trojans Commencement Procession @ University Park Campus**

Once again, the Half Century Trojans will proudly march in the academic procession for the University of Southern California's 137th Commencement. Details to follow.

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with this year's dynamic programs.

In fact, our first event of the 2019-20 school year is quickly approaching. Please join us as we honor a talented group of HCTs at our annual Hall of Fame Luncheon set for Wednesday, November 13. This year's honorees are among our most esteemed, so please join me and your fellow HCTs in recognizing these accomplished Trojans.

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**2019 Hall of Fame Honorees:**



**Byron "Red" Cavaney '64 (Dornsife)**

*Retired and immediate past chairman of the  
Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation*



**John House '64 (Dornsife), MD '67 (Keck)**  
*Past President of the House Research Institute;  
Clinical Associate Professor, Department of  
Otolaryngology, Keck School of Medicine of USC*



**David C. Martin '66 (Architecture)**  
*Co-Founder, MADWORKSHOP - The Martin  
Architecture and Design Workshop*



**Faith Zink Porter '64, MA '66 (Roski)**  
*Ceramicist and Jewelry Designer;  
Member, USC Roski School of Art and Design  
Board of Councilors*

**2019 Distinguished Service Honoree:**





**Jim Childs '61 (Marshall)**

*Past President, Half Century Trojans*

Join us for this special event—[\*\*REGISTER TODAY!\*\*](#)

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## **A NEW CHAPTER: USC INSTALLS CAROL L. FOLT AS THE 12TH PRESIDENT OF USC**



Thousands of faculty, students, staff and alumni crowded Alumni Park on Friday, September 20, to watch Carol Folt be sworn in as the 12th president—and the first female president—to lead the university. To the strains of the USC “Fight Song,” Folt, sporting a cardinal robe, made her way from the Bovard Administration Building to the steps of Doheny Memorial Library, all the while high-fiving students.

Read the *Daily Trojan's* coverage of President Folt's inauguration [\*\*here\*\*](#).

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—**Marissa Anderson, Class of 2021 (Keck)**

"I am a junior studying business and economics at USC. My Trojan connection is through my grandfather, Edward "Ted" May, who received his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from USC in 1955, as well as his master's degree in science and engineering in 1967. The HCT Scholarship has truly helped create a 'Trojan Family,' as my earning it has allowed my parents to afford sending my younger sister to USC as well—she is beginning her Trojan journey this fall."

—**Nick Basch, Class of 2021 (Marshall)**

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**Saturday, October 19 - [Homecoming](#) @ USC University Park Campus**

Join thousands of USC alumni, family, parents and friends on campus for the ultimate Trojan Family get-together! Click [here](#) to register for the HCT-USC Associates Football Luncheon today.

**Wednesday, November 13 - [Half Century Trojans Hall of Fame Luncheon](#) @ USC Town and Gown**

Celebrate five outstanding Half Century Trojans for their accomplishments and service to USC.

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**Sunday, November 15 - USC Men's Basketball @ USC Galen Center**

Cheer the USC Men's Basketball team to a preseason victory over Long Beach State. Enjoy a pre-game meal in the Galen Center's Founders Room and an exclusive chalk talk from USC coach Andy Enfield. Sign up [here!](#)

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