

## Half Century Trojans News

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

Winter 2021

### President's Message: Thank You, Trojan Family!



Happy New Year and welcome to the winter edition of *Half Century Trojans News*, featuring updates and information for our vibrant Half Century Trojans community of more than 18,000 USC alumni.\*

As we approach the one-year mark of digital-only engagement, we are reminded that, as caretakers of USC history and tradition, Half Century

Trojans are uniquely positioned to promote the Trojan Spirit and strengthen the bonds that connect USC alumni across generations.

Truer words were never spoken. During these challenging times, we thank the many Trojans serving as essential frontline workers around the world. We salute our distinguished faculty, who deftly pivoted from teaching in campus lecture halls to virtual classrooms, and our students, who await the day when they can once again step foot on our beautiful campus (some for

the first time). The resilience and strength of our Trojan Family continue to inspire and raise hope for better days ahead.

In the meantime, we remain committed to creating virtual engagement opportunities to help you stay connected with your alma mater; please read on for news about those opportunities. And remember to take care and take heart—the Trojan Spirit remains stronger than ever!

Still Fighting On!

### **Janet Tonkovich '64**

*\*Half Century Trojans include all USC-degreed alumni (bachelor's, master's or doctorate) who earned a bachelor's degree from any university more than 50 years ago.*



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## Learn about Technology to Support a Healthier You

Get 2021 off to a healthy start with our annual Orange County Speaker Event to be presented virtually on **Tuesday, January 19!** Please join us as Stacey L. Schepens Niemiec, associate professor of research at the USC Chan Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy, shares recent innovations in technology-based interventions designed to support productive and healthy aging.

[Register Now](#)

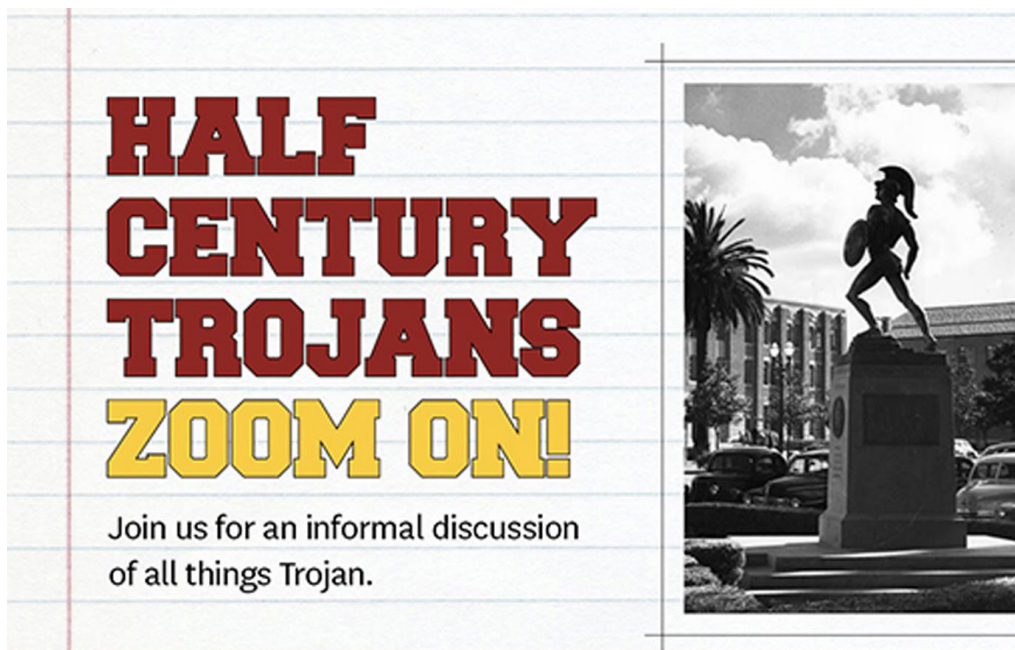


Join Us Virtually for Going Back to College Day

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Going Back to College Day is an annual opportunity for Half Century Trojans to return to campus, reconnect with former classmates and experience the exciting USC of today. Although the program will be virtual this year, it is not to be missed! Join us **Wednesday, February 3**, as we hear from **USC President Carol L. Folt**, transformative faculty and incredible students—all doing their part to make the Trojan Family proud! We hope that you will be “going back to college” with us this February.

[Register Now](#)



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

Our "Zoom On!" program regularly features special guests for informal online discussions of all things Trojan. Next up, on **Monday, March 15**, we'll hear from **Kim Thomas-Barrios**, associate senior vice president



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of USC Educational Partnerships. She'll share the great work taking place at the [USC McMorrow Neighborhood Academic Initiative](#), an academically rigorous and comprehensive, 7-year pre-college program designed to prepare students from South and East L.A. for admission to a university.

[Register Now](#)



## Half Century Trojans Scholarships: A Trojan Family Legacy

Half Century Trojans strengthen USC's legacy by sponsoring the Half Century Trojans Scholarship Program, which annually confers scholarships

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of \$10,000 to descendants of Half Century Trojans. The scholarships are awarded to continuing USC students, based on academic achievement, leadership potential and community service. This school year, we presented \$10,000 scholarships to each of 22 exceptional students, representing a broad spectrum of disciplines. Here are some words of appreciation:

*“I am entering my sophomore year as a USC Dornsife student. I am extremely proud to follow in the footsteps of my grandfather (USC Class of 1949), and I am so humbled by the support of the Half Century Trojans, who not only celebrate my family’s Trojan past, but are also actively nurturing my future.”*

— **Jordan Evans, Class of 2022**

Read more words of appreciation from our scholarship students [here](#). Please 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. For more information, email [Tanya Moran-Adolph](#).

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## Stay on Top of Technology by Attending a Workshop

Would you like to enhance your computer and internet skills so you can better access and enjoy the digital and virtual worlds? In partnership with the USC Emeriti Center, we invite you to join us on Saturdays for fun and friendly learning sessions on how to navigate today's popular social media programs. Click on the workshops below to sign up:

**[All About Twitter](#)** - February 20

**[Basic Cyber Security](#)** - March 20

**[Tips and Tricks for iPhones and iPad](#)** - April 17

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## Stay Connected!

**FightOnline**

Explore the **[FightOnline](#)** alumni portal, where you can personalize your

profile, access the alumni directory,  
sign up for events and more!



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all our latest activities and news!

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## More Virtual Events

**Tuesday, January 19**

**[Learn about Technology to Support a Healthier You](#)**

**Wednesday, January 20**

**[Colds, Flus and the Winter Blues](#)**

**Thursday, January 21**

**[The Health and Well-Being of U.S. Veterans during the  
COVID-19 Pandemic](#)**

**Wednesday, February 3**

**[Going Back to College Day 2021](#)**

**Saturday, February 20**

**[All About Twitter](#)**

**Friday, March 5**

**[Livewire: A Stimulating Night of Neurotechnology](#)**

**Monday, March 8 - Friday, March 12**

**[Diversity Equity and Inclusion Week](#)**

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**Thursday, March 11**

**[Infesting Rights: A Lecture by Kate Gilmore](#)**

**Saturday, March 20**

**[Basic Cyber Security](#)**

**Saturday, April 17**

**[Tips and Tricks for iPhones and iPads](#)**

**Friday, May 14**

**[138th USC Commencement](#)**

**Events throughout 2021**

**[USC Visions & Voices](#)**

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

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