Greetings from Dr. Jacqueline Elliot, President & CEO

An excerpt from “Within My Power” by Forrest Witcraft reads, “One hundred years from now it will not matter what kind of car I drove, what kind of house I lived in, how much money was in my bank account nor what my clothes looked like. But the world may be a better place because I was important in the life of a child.” As another school year comes to a close and you take time for some relaxation before winding up for the next, please pause to reflect on and appreciate the long-lasting effect of the work you do every day. Whether you work at a school site or in the office at PUC National, as a teacher, tutor, campus aid, office clerk, office manager, inclusion assistant, accounting assistant, recruiter, IT specialist, or in any other role your contribution will have a rippling effect for decades to come. Consider a PUC student who is a first-generation high school graduate and then becomes a first-generation college graduate and becomes a successful professional committed to uplifting his/her community (Commitment #3). That student will pass on and share his/her commitment to the importance of higher education and commitment to engaging in activities that will uplift his/her community to other family members and to his/her children, grandchildren, etc.

The rippling effect will be everlasting and never ending. In addition, for those of you who work directly with students at the school site, your power is tremendous and can have a profoundly positive impact on so many lives. Your respectful, positive, and encouraging interactions with our students help them realize that they are intelligent and important, have great potential, and can achieve their dreams with the tenacity, determination, and grit that you help build and inspire in them. Congratulations and thank you for completing another successful school year and for inspiring our youth with the confidence and values to be the best they can be. In so doing, you are also contributing to our communities and society at large becoming one in which we can all feel safe, secure, and proud.
PUC CCECHS Hiking Club Goes on Annual Camping Trip

PUC CCECHS Hiking Club had its annual camping trip at the end of the year to Harwood Lodge in San Gabriel Mountains in Angeles National Forest. It was a 2-night, 3-day fun adventure at 6000 feet above sea level elevation for our students to enjoy each other's company, hike together to 75-foot tall San Antonio Falls in Mount Baldy area, cook and bake together, make s'mores as well a lifetime of memories. This camping trip was the perfect closure to our successful hiking adventures this year to several different locations which was made possible by volunteer experienced hikers from Sierra Club and hiking club leaders at PUC CCECHS: Mrs. Simonian and Ms. Neary. All expenses were paid by Sierra Club.

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PUC Parents Volunteer at Monica Garcia’s Inauguration Ceremony

Monica Garcia has been a champion for charter schools in Los Angeles. Parents recognize her long-standing commitment to quality public education. Parents helped in her reelection campaign and were happy to be part of the set up for her inauguration ceremony on June 29 to her fourth and last term as LAUSD Board Member. PUC Mothers feel especially connected to Monica for her strong leadership role as a female of color in our communities.

Our very own Dr. Ref Rodriguez sees Monica as an ally through which public education can improve to meet the needs of all children in Los Angeles.

PUC Parents understand that board members cannot do this on their own, nor can anyone else. PUC Parents continue to show leadership and determination as they call more parents to get involved in the ongoing growth of public education in Los Angeles. Parents throughout Los Angeles worked very hard to get the new board elected, one parent said, “We now need to show what we can do as charter schools with our new board.” As long as kids are first, adults will unite and continue to move education forward.

*Parents taking a water break after setting up tables and chairs for the event*

*Monica Garcia’s team took pictures of volunteers in front of her campaign banner, “Kids First! 100% Graduation.”*
Summer Dreams...Make Me Feel Fine

By Dean Mucetti (PUC CCMS/LCA Music Teacher)

When each school year comes to an end, I play a little mental game with myself and try to approximate the number of students I have taught over my teaching career at PUC Schools. After 9 years as the middle school music teacher for both Community Charter Middle School and Lakeview Charter Academy, the number is somewhere around 2,160 students. That’s 2,160 students that have learned to play percussion and keyboard. That’s 2,160 students that have experienced how to play in time with a metronome, read treble clef, put on a performance, play in ensembles, cooperate with each other, create with one another, and hopefully use music to alleviate some of the inherent challenges in becoming more of the persons they are becoming from their pre-teen years to teenage years.

I am aware that the 9 years I have teaching is not a bragging point, as I have met many a teacher that have been in the game for much longer a time than I. Neither a bragging point is the number of students that I have taught, as I have met plenty of teachers that have served many a more students than I have. But what I do find treasureable for myself is my own story within it, as well as the opportunity that teaching here has offered me to fulfill my own dreams. Dreams that I had believed in when I was busy using music to alleviate some of those inherent challenges in becoming a young adult myself long ago.

These opportunities as a musician-teacher run a wide spectrum from sharpening my piano skills, to learning how to play multiple instruments, to working closely with Los Angeles music hero Todd Simon, and most unbelievably; to having my main inspiration musical Muse-MacArthur Genius Grant recipient-world renowned jazz saxophonist Steve Coleman come in to workshop with our students not once but twice over the past couple of years. Add to this, coming to tears on a weekly basis during the school year due to an overwhelming sense of awe that I am able to witness the talents of young people come into fruition year after year, class after class; I must say this is quite a dream.

Not to say that there are not challenges, and some days are difficult, and sometimes I have wondered how I was going to continue on. But then I think of my most prized opportunity, which is emblematic of what I think would be a musician-teacher dream for many; to play in a band, like a real band, with students you had taught when they were 12 years old, who are now young adults, still using music to alleviate some of the inherent challenges of becoming. I built a band called JamesJazz around a few PUC alumni to keep their interests growing, continue to sharpen their musicianship skills, better prepare them for college music programs, and provide them with more performance opportunities. It takes a village to raise a musician and a village they had. I wanted to build on the work that so many of our PUC music teachers had invested in: Sam Robles, Scott Farr, Jeremy Bonsall, Drew Jorgensen, and most recently over a few years and perhaps the most influential, Todd Simon.

JamesJazz is a workshop band where the older and newer meet to work together in hopes of facilitating a creative music-making experience. We’ve played numerous clubs in Los Angeles, most notably the world famous Baked Potato in Studio City. Our alumni have been able to work with a string of amazing and experienced talent that I have been able to bring in over the past couple of years. We’ve worked with musicians from award winning CSUN Jazz bands, horn players currently working on Master’s degrees at California Institute of the Arts, professional legends of the LA jazz scene scene like Chuck Manning, contemporary stars with legendary New York status like Jason Colby and our very own Todd Simon, and even Stevie Wonder/Janet Jackson guitarist Errol Cooney. This has been done to create music making opportunities where they may not have been able to flourish previously, and connect a couple of PUC alumni with people they may not usually get to be able to play with in a unique in the moment environment. And in service of what. Why do it? Why put in the time and effort? Simply to dream, and work on continuing to become what we hope to be.

Check out the band at the links below, and when you can, come say hi at one of our shows in the Los Angeles area. Thank You and Happy Summer Dreaming,

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