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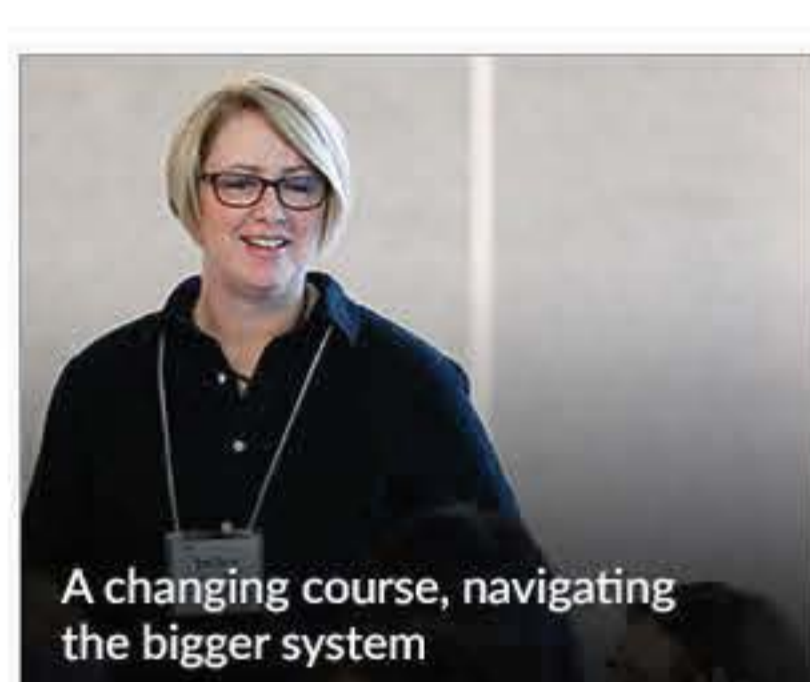
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**Kate McKnight (1997, 2003)** is the co-proprietor of the recently opened Republican Restaurant, formerly known as the Downtown Club. The name of the new establishment comes from the original uses of the historic building built in 1919 – Fresno Republican Printing and "Fresno Morning Republican" newspaper. [Read more](#)

**Anthony Aiello (2004)** has joined DiBuduo & DeFendis Insurance as a producer in its Fresno office. He brings more than a decade of commercial real estate experience.

**Rama Paudel (2015)** and Shankar Tiwari were recently married. Paudel works as a research officer at Strengthening Adaptive Farming in Bangladesh, India & Nepal (SAF-BIN).

**Monica Cuevas (1994)** serves as the Interim Dean of Student Services and Counseling at Fresno City College (FCC). She also serves on the FCC Management Council.

**Matthew Navo (1993, '96)** serves as superintendent for Sanger Unified School District.

**Nathan Alonzo (Alumnus)** has been named the new governmental affairs manager for the Greater Fresno Area Chamber of Commerce.

**Stephen McVay (2007)** and **Jessica Choy (2003, '10)** were married on October 16, 2015 in Fish Camp, California.

**Rory Appleton (2015)** has landed a job as the Metro Reporter and Video Game Columnist for "The Fresno Bee." Yes, his father is KMJ Radio Host Ray Appleton. [Read more](#)

**Anthony Pokorny (1981)** has been appointed by BerkleyNet, a W. R. Berkley Company, as Assistant Vice President of Business Development. He has been with BerkleyNet since 2009 and previously served as the Director of Business Development. Pokorny has more than 25 years of experience in the insurance industry.

**Stephanie Pearl (Alumna)** and Erica Lane have opened [Lot 96 Curiosities](#) in Fresno's Tower District. The shop offers vintage, handcrafted, and salvaged home goods, as well as a selection of local artisans work.

**Erik Wakefield (2005)** married Josh Fecht on November 4, 2015 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The couple met in 2010 and make their new home together with their two dogs: Vegas and Howard.

**Dennis Hart (1972, '77)**, a veteran news journalist of 40-plus years, is now appearing weekdays on AM1680 The Answer with a new feature called "Viewpoint." It airs daily on the local talk radio station at 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

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By ESRA HASHEM, Student Writer

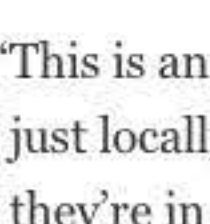
Fresno State alumni can share their expertise and offer career advice to a new generation of Bulldogs through a recently-launched online platform, [Fresno State Career Connections](#) (FSCC).

Launched through the Fresno State Alumni Association, FSCC offers alumni the chance to give back to their alma mater by connecting them with students who want their help.

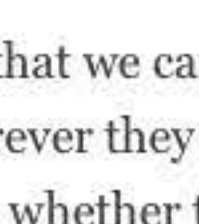
Through FSCC, alumni serve as [Advisors](#). Alumni create an online profile—which can be imported from their LinkedIn account—indicating their education and experience. Students then connect with alumni based on their career interests.

*“It’s our alumni who are in the marketplace, they’re the experts, so they can provide more depth of insight to our students about their post-college career and those first steps,” said Matthew Schulz, who oversees FSCC.*

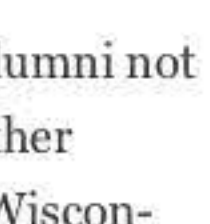
Advisors share their expertise in three ways—through having career conversations, offering resume critiques, and through holding mock interviews with students.



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Because Fresno State Career Connections is web-based, alumni can participate from wherever they are, at whatever time they are available. Schulz said FSCC is sensitive to alumni’s accessibility and the time they have to offer.

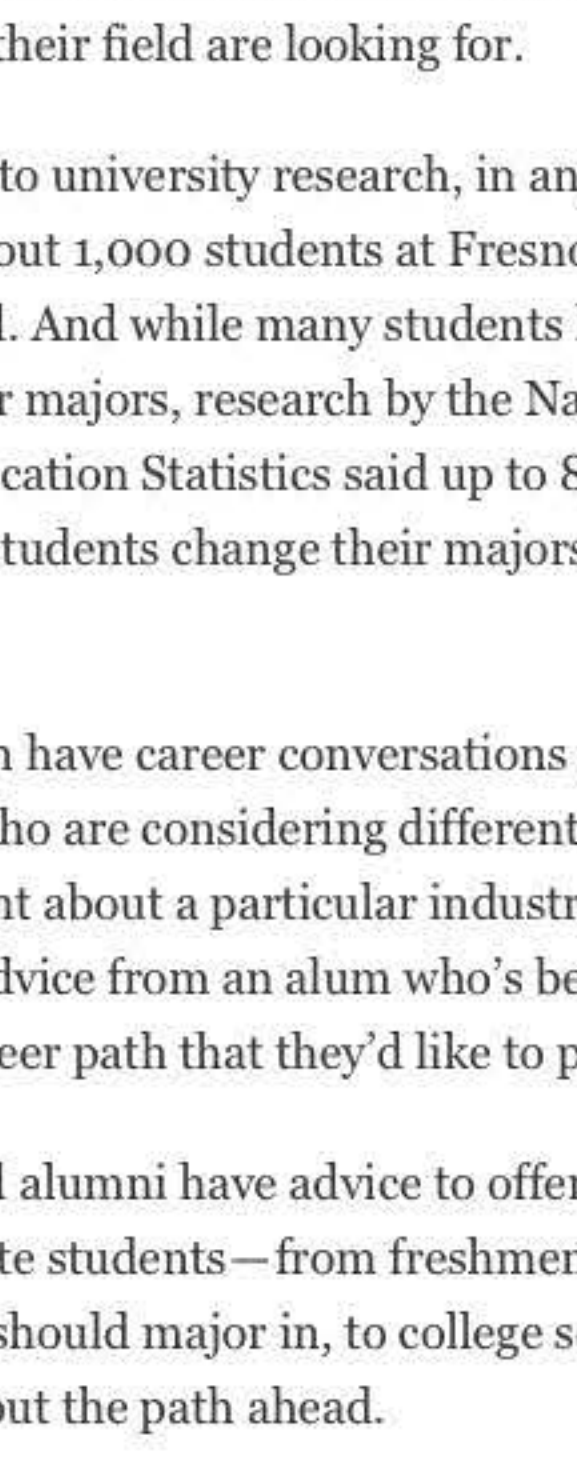
Through the platform, alumni and students connect to have online phone conversations, which are free of charge to everyone. Because the interactions aren’t face-to-face, it enables alumni living in any time zone to make themselves available to students.

“This is another way that we can enable alumni not just locally, but wherever they are—whether they’re in California, whether they’re in Wisconsin, whether they’re in Malaysia—to connect with a student,” Schulz said. “And in that regard, they’re able to give back to our alma mater utilizing their time and their talents, things they already have.”

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Alumni may review resumes and hold mock interviews with students as they begin to job hunt and apply to internships—increasingly important tasks for undergraduates, as 90 percent employers want some level of work experience right out of college. Alumni can also provide insight about which types of internships or job experiences employers in their field are looking for.

According to university research, in any given semester, about 1,000 students at Fresno State are undeclared. And while many students have declared their majors, research by the National Center for Education Statistics said up to 80 percent of college students change their majors at least once.

Alumni can have career conversations with these students who are considering different majors, want insight about a particular industry, or simply want advice from an alum who’s been on a similar career path that they’d like to pursue.

Schulz said alumni have advice to offer a range of Fresno State students—from freshmen unsure what they should major in, to college seniors uncertain about the path ahead.

*“We’ve all been a student,” Schulz said. “College is a time when we start to see that the opportunities really are limitless, but that we have to make certain choices now that will influence the direction that we take as students and after college. If students are accessing our alumni to help them make a more informed decision, they can feel greater reassurance in the decision they’re making. That they’re heading in the right direction.”*

Debbie Young, interim director of the Career Development Center, said that oftentimes, students hear about the importance of networking and building professional relationships, but that they do not know where to start or who to connect with.

*“While students spend a lot of time focusing on their classes and getting their degrees, oftentimes there’s not a lot of time spent thinking about careers,” Young said. “And I think the best place to get the most accurate information as to what’s going on in industries today is through our alumni, and through connecting with people that are actually out there in the industry doing the job.”*

She added that for alumni, “[FSCC] is this whole idea of giving back to the community that raised you. A lot of times, alumni want to give back and stay connected to the university—and it isn’t always financial giving back. Students want to hear from alumni, and it’s a very positive feeling for an alum to advise a student.”

To learn more about Fresno State Career Connections, visit [fresnostatealumni.com/careerconnections](#). To sign up as an Advisor, [click here](#).

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# Change of plans: Helping people while doing the unimaginable

By MARISA MATA, Student Writer

Growing up as a first-generation minority, traveling was never something that Vanessa Carrillo (2013) imagined she could afford to do.

She envisioned her life involving getting her degree, the feeling of never making enough money, marriage, kids, and the “daily adult grind”—but this began to change right before graduation, when she received \$5,000 for her totaled car. This money, along with her passion for learning, would change the course of her life—allowing her to do the unimaginable.

“Originally, I planned on being a probation officer,” says Carrillo, who received her degree in criminology. “I interned at the federal probation office downtown and really liked the career option. The officers told me...that having experience in police work or social services would help. I applied to become a mentor and teacher to troubled youth because it sounded like a good start.”



Carrillo pictured in Japan in 2011

When Carrillo applied for the job to work with troubled youth, she was turned down; she was told that she didn’t have enough experience working with children, and having experience as a teacher would be beneficial.

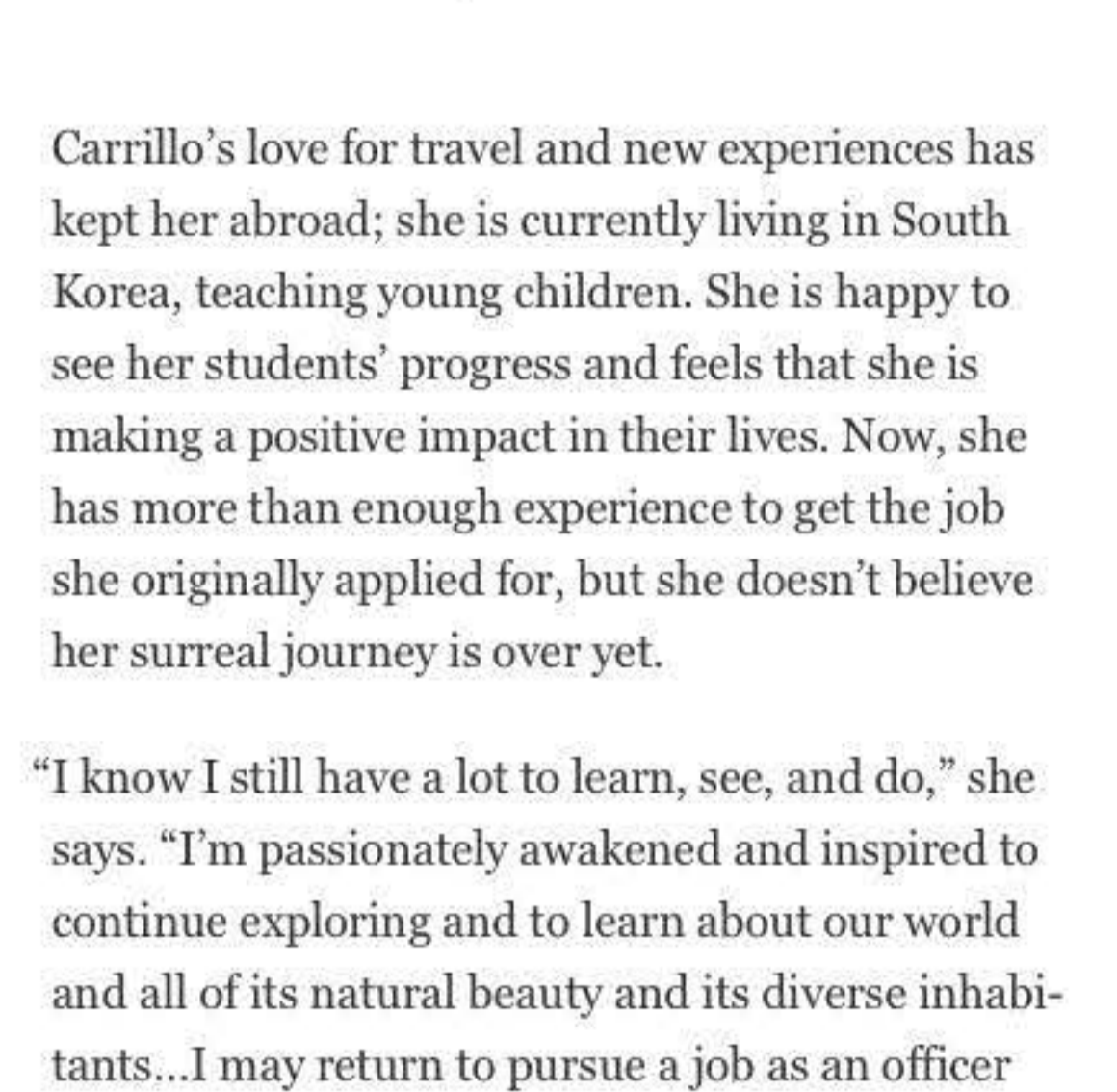
A couple of years earlier, while studying abroad in Japan, she heard about opportunities to teach English to children abroad, and figured this would be the perfect way for her to begin teaching. She took the money she received for her car and went to Prague, becoming certified to teach English as a foreign language.

“The original plan was to stay in Prague only for the [certification] and then head out to South Korea to enjoy all of their perks for teachers, but I ended up loving Prague so much that I stayed a full year while teaching elementary school children,” Carrillo says.

*“When I packed up again and set off to tropical Thailand for a teaching job, I realized how amazing this lifestyle was and I felt so thankful for everything I was experiencing. I couldn’t see myself parting ways with this awesome life anytime soon, so I’ve made it my mission to find my meaningful career abroad.”*

Carrillo has documented her time in Prague and Thailand on her blog, [SF Girl Abroad](#), along with other travels and experiences.

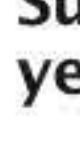
*“Traveling makes my life more exciting. Everyday feels like a new adventure and I’m always being pushed out of my comfort zone. I’ve meditated with a monk in Japan, gotten lost in the Czech mountains, snorkeled and swam with fish in Thailand, ridden horses through a jungle in Mexico, and more. Many of my experiences feel surreal, and it’s amazing to have the surreal be my reality.”*



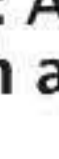
Carrillo pictured in Thailand

Carrillo’s love for travel and new experiences has kept her abroad; she is currently living in South Korea, teaching young children. She is happy to see her students’ progress and feels that she is making a positive impact in their lives. Now, she has more than enough experience to get the job she originally applied for, but she doesn’t believe her surreal journey is over yet.

“I know I still have a lot to learn, see, and do,” she says. “I’m passionately awakened and inspired to continue exploring and to learn about our world and all of its natural beauty and its diverse inhabitants...I may return to pursue a job as an officer one day, but my interests have changed since 2013. My overall goal is to help people, and I’m finding that there are many ways to do that.”

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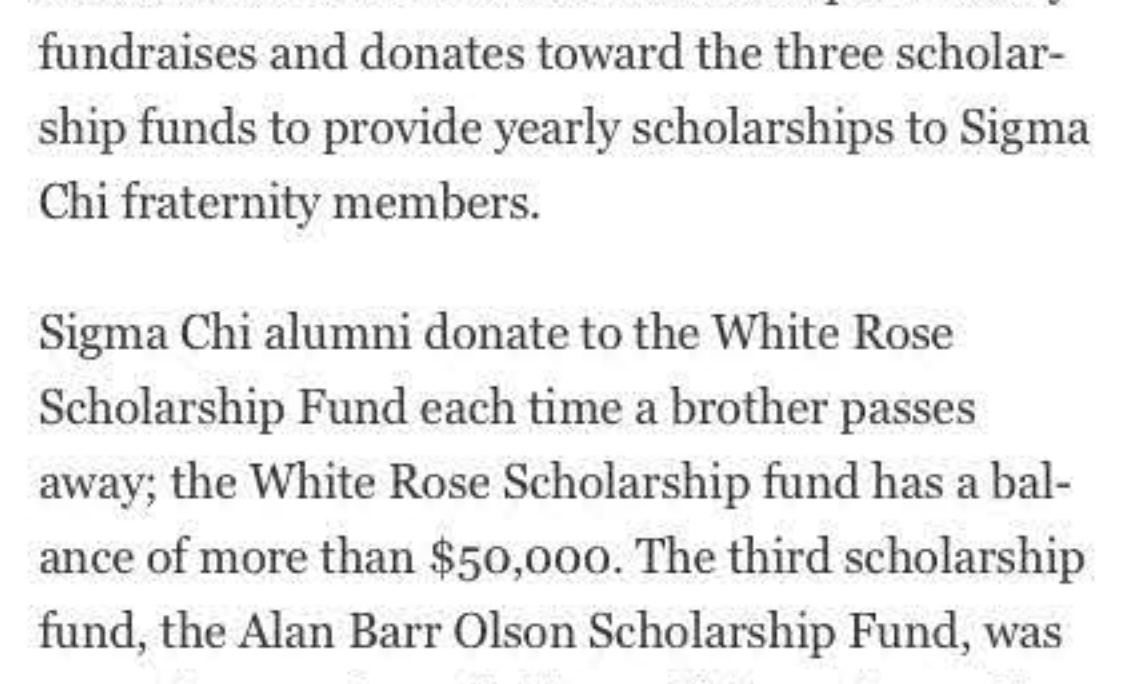
By ESRA HASHEM, Student Writer

The Sigma Chi Alumni Club endowed a new scholarship with the Fresno State Alumni Association in support of fraternity members living in the Sigma Chi chapter house.

The Sigma Chi Scholarship Fund was endowed after a \$40,000 gift from the alumni club in 2015.

“We understand that probably three-fourths of the kids living in the house, they have to work,” said John “Tony” Flores, vice president of the Sigma Chi Alumni Club. “Some of those students have two jobs. They need to be helped.”

The Sigma Chi Fraternity has had a presence at Fresno State since 1921 and is known as the largest fraternity on campus. There are 250 members in the Sigma Chi Alumni Club, and about 1600 Sigma Chi alumni who have graduated from Fresno State.



“Students develop a wealth of friends and brothers through Sigma Chi that will open doors for them and help them along the way,” Flores said. “We’re just trying to help those who are trying to help themselves. We certainly want their families to be proud of them for their success.”

The Sigma Chi Scholarship Fund is the club’s third endowed scholarship with the Fresno State Alumni Association. The alumni club periodically fundraises and donates toward the three scholarship funds to provide yearly scholarships to Sigma Chi fraternity members.

Sigma Chi alumni donate to the White Rose Scholarship Fund each time a brother passes away; the White Rose Scholarship fund has a balance of more than \$50,000. The third scholarship fund, the Alan Barr Olson Scholarship Fund, was set up by a mother of a Sigma Chi member and has a balance of more than \$115,000.

Some student eligibility requirements for Sigma Chi scholarships include maintaining a GPA of 3.0, being involved in community service or volunteer work and being involved with the fraternity in some capacity.

“We want to develop their leadership abilities,” Flores said. “Part of that ability will be gained by working with others and coordinating with others —making decisions that will not only help the fraternity, but the community as well.”

Flores said the idea of specifically supporting students living in the fraternity house came to him after years of fundraising to renovate the house. The chapter house is the largest fraternity house on campus and is home to 41 members.



The club raised a half-a-million dollars to renovate floors, ceilings, rooms, the patio, expand the dining room and kitchen, and make the bathrooms ADA accessible.

“When we finished raising the half-a-million dollars, all of the sudden, our goal was over. So we needed a new goal,” Flores said. “I said, ‘Why don’t we try to raise money so we can have at least a \$1,000 scholarship for every student living in the chapter house?’”



In order to do this, the Sigma Chi Alumni Club would need to have a balance of \$800,000 between the three scholarship funds: The Sigma Chi Scholarship Fund, the White Rose Scholarship Fund and the Alan Barr Olson Scholarship Fund.



Flores said he is looking forward to growing the club’s endowments through fundraising and donor generosity.


“We formed the Sigma Chi Alumni Club to be involved in raising money for a good cause, and that’s scholarships for kids,” he said. “We’ve had a very successful run as far as alumni support and alumni being involved. A lot of people are involved and make this happen. A lot of people have helped Sigma Chi and continue to help Sigma Chi, and we look forward to that continuing forever.”

*To donate toward the Sigma Chi Scholarship Fund, or other FSAA student scholarships, visit <http://bit.ly/ScholarshipSupport>.*


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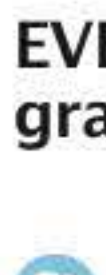
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# A changing career course, navigating the bigger system

By MARISA MATA, Student Writer

Holding multiple degrees and credentials from Fresno State, JoDee Marcellin (B.S. 1992, M.P.H. '97, Ed.D. 2011) has been able to navigate the “bigger system” of education.

Starting as an athletic trainer at Sanger High School, Marcellin was able to move up and become an administrator, and later work with a nonprofit organization that aims to better California’s education system. Each step in her journey has allowed Marcellin to do more of what she is passionate about — positively influencing students.

As an athletic trainer, Marcellin worked with the United States’ Women’s Volleyball “B” Team, traveled with them internationally on occasion, and later went on to teach at Sanger High School. At Sanger, Marcellin put to use the skills of “networking and taking advantage of opportunities” that she learned while at Fresno State.

“As an athletic trainer, I met many people in athletics, but it also gave me the opportunity to get to know the school administration. It was at a Sanger High School basketball game that an administrator first said I should get my [administrative] credential,” Marcellin states.



Marcellin decided she would, and after completing her credential, she was asked by the school’s principal to try out being an assistant principal. She went into administration, and became the director of grants and program improvement for Sanger Unified School District.

During her last year with Sanger Unified, Marcellin began working with [California Education Partners](#), a nonprofit organization that works to create collaboration between school districts, working through Common Core and helping students succeed.



*“I work with a dynamic team to facilitate and empower educators...to work together and learn from each other in transformative ways,” she says. “The joint work will strengthen their understanding and implementation for continuous improvement for all students.”*

With the changing course of her career, Marcellin has been able to expand her influence on students — going from 150 students in her classroom to now impacting more than 100,000 students.

“I love being a part of a creative team who is innovative and passionate about success for all students. We are doing fresh, amazing work that is going to have a major impact on thousands of California students who need it the most.”



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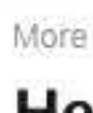
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With one of the largest Hmong populations in the nation located in the Central Valley, Fresno State is developing a new minor program in Hmong Studies that will be the fifth such program in the nation and first in the western United States.

The minor, which would be offered through the [Linguistics Department](#) in the [College of Arts and Humanities](#), is in the final stages of the approval process with a decision due in the spring. The target date to launch is the fall 2016 semester.

The proposal calls for 18 units in Hmong culture, history and language. Linguistics faculty member Dr. Kao-Ly Yang, who is coordinating the proposal process, said the minor is designed to connect or reconnect students to Hmong heritage that comprises 4,000 years of history.

“Students will learn to read, write and speak Hmong from beginning to advanced levels, which will also provide a better foundation in academic writing,” said Yang. “They will also acquire knowledge of the Hmong culture, literature and traditions to enhance their capability and understanding of the challenges that face Hmong communities and expand their experience in the Hmong world.”

She said this opportunity to develop and enhance language proficiency can be applied in several professions.

Dr. Saúl Jiménez-Sandoval, dean-designate of the College of Arts and Humanities, said such a program is significant to this region where Hmong New Year is celebrated every December by more than 100,000 people from throughout California.

“The Hmong minor is significant to our region and our state because it manifests Fresno State’s focus on cultural diversity and dialogue, and our commitment to educating world citizens who act and think locally to find innovative solutions,” said Jiménez-Sandoval, who last month was [named dean](#) of the college, effective Jan. 1.

This year, Hmong New Year celebration participants will also be able to view another community activity that Fresno State supports, the [Hmongstory 40 Project](#) that runs Dec. 12-Jan. 2 at the Fresno Fairgrounds. Jiménez-Sandoval will join Fresno State President Joseph I. Castro at the opening ceremony at 10 a.m. Saturday. The public exhibit will be open daily from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. including the [Hmong International New Year](#) celebration Dec. 26-Jan. 1. It will be free except during the [celebration](#) which has a general admission of \$4 (free for certain groups – see [website](#)).

Fresno State presently offers minors in Asian American studies and Asian Studies, and a minor and certificate in Southeast Asian Studies.

For more information, contact Dr. Kao Ly-Yang at 559.278.6437 or at [kayang@csufresno.edu](mailto:kayang@csufresno.edu).

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Three generations of a Bay Area family joined together to establish an endowment that will help Fresno State students facing food insecurity. Michael Treviño, University of California director of undergraduate admissions, has established a \$25,000 charitable gift annuity in honor of his aunt, Ermelinda Treviño, who he affectionately calls “Tia Linda.” The annuity will provide support of the Student Cupboard, which provides free food and hygiene products for Fresno State students in need.

*“I am very grateful for the generosity of Michael Treviño who has provided an inspirational gift on behalf of his Tia Linda,” said Fresno State President Joseph I. Castro. “Their gift will help support the Student Cupboard and make sure our students get the nutrition they need to be successful here at Fresno State.”*

President Castro and First Lady Mary Castro supported the establishment of the Student Cupboard in response to a 2012 study that showed 31 percent of Fresno State students were experiencing food insecurity. More than 3,300 students visit the Student Cupboard each month, totaling 15,720 visits in the past year. When the families of those students are factored in, more than 48,000 individuals benefit from the service.

*“These are kids who have done all the right things,” Treviño said. “They’ve gotten the grades, they are at the University and their future is bright. Now we just need to invest a little bit and make sure that they’ve got enough food to help them get through.”*

Treviño learned about the Student Cupboard from Castro, who he has known since they were undergraduates at UC Berkeley. “When he shared the news about the impact it was having, about all of the students that were lining up before finals week to get food at the cupboard, I thought it was amazing.”

Treviño brought his wife and two daughters to Fresno State to visit the Student Cupboard. The family shared stories of the project with his Tia Linda, who resides in an assisted living facility in Bakersfield.

The annuity they established with Fresno State is a planned gift that will provide annual income to Ermelinda Treviño for the remainder of her life. At the time of her death the remaining assets will stay with Fresno State and provide a funding source to the Student Cupboard.

Treviño said his aunt is passionate about education and was delighted with the legacy she could leave. “Tia Linda isn’t a wealthy woman, but this gift vehicle provided a way for her to use her estate to make a meaningful difference in the lives of students for many, many years to come.”

A family, inspired.



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(December 8, 2015) -- California State University's CalStateTEACH program, which offers prospective teachers the opportunity to study and earn credential credits online, has won the coveted national Apple Distinguished Program (<https://www.apple.com/education/apple-distinguished-schools/>) Award for the third consecutive time. This year, the CSU is the only university to be named among the six school recipients.

In announcing the 2015-17 award, John Couch, vice president of education for Apple, said "the administration and faculty at California State University have shown that they demonstrate the five best practices of an Apple Distinguished Program – visionary leadership, innovative learning and teaching, ongoing professional learning, compelling evidence of success and a flexible learning environment." He noted that more than half of all K-12 teachers in California are CSU graduates.

"This award is further validation of our success in our continuing quest to innovate and push the edge of teacher preparation," said Loren Blanchard, CSU

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CalStateTEACH uses online technology to prepare teacher candidates for the Preliminary Multiple Subject Credential, which qualifies them to teach in California's K-8 general education classrooms. The online platform makes earning a teaching credential more accessible to those from underserved areas of California. Through the program's website, students are engaged in self-study with access to online materials, E-texts, videos, web-based "classroom discussions," and on-site coaching. Each student is assigned a CSU faculty member for support and ongoing interaction via email, videoconferencing, and face-to-face on campus. They also receive on-site support from a site mentor or a master teacher.

Apple's Couch added that "our education mission is to provide a learning environment that supports the way students live and how they want to learn. We applaud programs such as this one that advance this mission, ensuring that all students are prepared for future success in work and life."

Last year, CalStateTEACH won the Best Practice Award for Innovative Use of Technology from the American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education. CalStateTEACH is a cornerstone of the CSU's distinguished teacher preparation program, which is nationally recognized as a leader in preparing educators to teach the new national and statewide K-12 standards. The CSU is the largest producer of K-12 teachers in the state and nation, graduating an average of 6,500 new teachers annually. Moreover, the CSU leads the nation in producing the largest number of STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) teachers with more than 1,500 new teachers graduating annually.



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## AUTHOR ALEX ESPINOZA TO KEYNOTE CHICAN@ YOUTH CONFERENCE

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**(UPDATE Jan. 7, 2016: *CYC registration closed*)**

**(UPDATE Jan. 29, 2016: *Fresno State T.O.R.T.I.L.L.A. to perform “Chicano Crisis Hotline.”*)**

Fresno State English professor and award-winning author [Alex Espinoza](#) will be the keynote speaker at the 43rd annual [Chican@ Youth Conference](#) on Saturday, Jan. 30.

The conference will be from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. in the Satellite Student Union (2485 E. San Ramon Avenue). It is sponsored by the Office of Outreach and Special Programs and co-sponsored by student organizations and campus programs.



ALEX ESPINOZA

Middle school, high school and college students from across the Central Valley are invited to attend the event free of charge by [registering online](#). The deadline is Jan. 15. Lunch is provided.

The theme for this year’s conference is “Crossing Borders/Building Bridges — Empowering Students through Education and Conciencia.” Workshops will be held on the topics of cultural awareness, leadership and career guidance, pursuit of higher education and social justice.

Fresno State performance groups Los Danzantes de Aztlan, Teatro TORTILLA and the Aztec Dancing Club will provide live entertainment.

Espinoza is the author of two novels published by Random House: “Still Water Saints” (2007) and “The Five Acts of Diego León” (2013). He received a 2009 Margaret Bridgeman Fellowship in Fiction to the Bread Loaf Writers’ Conference, a 2014 Fellowship in Prose from the National Endowment for the Arts and a 2014 American Book Award from the Before Columbus Foundation for “The Five Acts of Diego León.”

Born in Tijuana, Mexico, and raised in Los Angeles, Espinoza earned his bachelor’s degree from the University of California, Riverside, and his Master of Fine Arts from the University of California, Irvine. Espinoza is also a visiting professor at California State University, Los Angeles.

He serves on the board for non-profit organization [California Humanities](#) and mentors first-generation college students in their transition to a university as part of the [Puente Project](#).

The conference was started in 1973. The first planning committee included then-student Frances Pena-Olgin, who is now the director of the sponsoring office, University Outreach Services. She also served as conference chair in 1979, the first year the event received institutional support and funding from Associated Students, Inc. Pena-Olgin will retire this month after a 36-year career at Fresno State.

*“The Chican@ Youth Conference has become a Fresno State tradition that Chicano students throughout the Valley anticipate each year,” Pena-Olgin said. “Many students who have graduated and embarked on successful careers credit the conference and its many speakers with motivating them to get a higher education. Many of them also return as speakers to give back that motivation to new students every year.”*

Among those who have attended over the years include a Hanford High School teen in the early 1980s, Joseph “Joey” Castro, who went on to earn a bachelor’s degree in political science, a master’s degree in public policy and a doctorate in higher education policy and leadership from Stanford University. In 2013, past CYC participant Dr. Joseph I. Castro became the [first Latino president](#) of Fresno State, appointed by the California State University Board of Trustees.

The CYC is co-sponsored by student organizations MEChA, Teatro TORTILLA, Lambda Theta Phi, Club Austral, Aztec Dancing Club and Chicano Writers and by University programs the Dream Outreach Center, Upward Bound, the Graduate Studies Division, College Assistance Migrant Program, Women Studies Department, Chicano and Latin American Studies Department, the Pathways/MEP Program and the Latina/o Faculty Staff Association.

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(Participating students are encouraged to post their photos with #CYCfresno. The public can follow social media coverage on Twitter [@FresnoStateCYC](#) and on the [Latina/o Faculty and Staff Association at Fresno State Facebook page](#): [bit.ly/LFSA-CYC16pics](http://bit.ly/LFSA-CYC16pics)).

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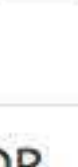
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## TOP 15 FRESNOSTATENEWS.COM STORIES FOR 2015

### 1) LOPEZ NAMED FRESNO STATE'S FIRST GATES CAMBRIDGE SCHOLAR

Fresno State senior Stephanie Gabriela Lopez was awarded the Gates Cambridge Scholarship, a full-ride graduate scholarship to University of Cambridge University. She is the first Fresno State student to receive the scholarship, which is considered one of the world's most prestigious.

### 2) ARMENIAN GENOCIDE MEMORIAL DEDICATION

More than 4,000 gathered on the Maple Mall to witness the dedication of the Armenian Genocide Monument at Fresno State. The dedication coincided with the 100th anniversary of the start of the Armenian genocide.

### 3) GRADUATE ART STUDIO OPENS IN DOWNTOWN FRESNO

Graduate art students have a new studio and gallery in the M Street Arts Complex in downtown Fresno, thanks to a creative collaboration between the College of Arts and Humanities and Granville Homes.

### 4) NEW U.S. POET LAUREATE JUAN FELIPE HERRERA PRAISED AS HUMBLE, CHAMPION OF VOICES

For the second time in five years, a former Fresno State professor earned the nation's highest poetry honor when Juan Felipe Herrera was named the 21st Poet Laureate Consultant in Poetry for 2015-2016.

### 5) VICTOR E. BULLDOG III MAKES FRESNO STATE DEBUT

Fresno State welcomed its new live mascot, Victor E. Bulldog III, who was three months old when he was introduced to the community in June.

### 6) BULLDOG STADIUM RENOVATION PLANS

Director of Athletics Jim Bartko announced a vision to modernize the 35-year-old Bulldog Stadium. The first wave of enhancements came in the summer with the installation of a new HD video board and LED ribbon board at the north end of the stadium.

### 7) DREAM OUTREACH CENTER OPENS FOR UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS

A new center was established to address the unique needs and challenges faced by undocumented students who desire a college education.

### 8) SATELLITE LOCATION FOR FRESNO STATE AUTISM CENTER OPENS AT VALLEY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

The Autism Center @ Fresno State opened its first satellite location at Valley Children's Hospital, serving children ages 18 months to five years.

### 9) THE SQUARE AT CAMPUS POINTE OPENS

Located across from the Save Mart Center, The Square at Campus Pointe is a new urban street retail center featuring restaurants, shopping and Maya Cinemas.

### 10) FRESNO STATE REVIVES TRADITION, WELCOMES THOUSANDS OF NEW STUDENTS AT CONVOCATION CEREMONY

The University breathed new life into a classic tradition with the New Student Convocation ceremony, which officially marks the start of the academic journey for new students.

### 11) UNIVERSITY RESEARCH UNCOVERS SIGNIFICANT DROUGHT IMPACTS IN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

A Fresno State study produced valuable new information on the impact of the drought, including as much as \$3.3 billion in losses to agricultural revenue, public health impacts and a potential increase in mental health issues.

### 12) PHYSICAL THERAPY AND INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS BUILDING OPENS ON CAMPUS

A new 22,000-square-foot building opened in September to house the Department of Physical Therapy and offices for men's and women's basketball, softball and volleyball staff.

### 13) UNIVERSITY RESEARCHERS TURN FOOD WASTE INTO SUSTAINABLE FORM OF PLASTIC

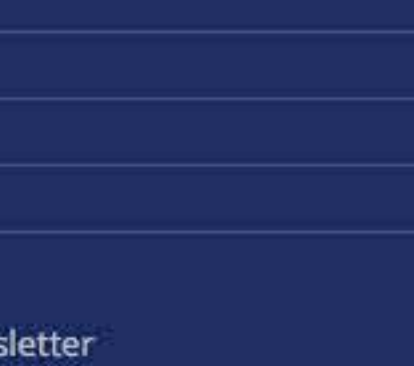
Dr. William Wright, a civil engineering professor in the Lyles College of Engineering, is working with students to produce bioplastic – a material derived from renewable resources, like food waste from food processing operations.

### 14) FRESNO STATE POLICE RESPOND TO SOCIAL MEDIA THREAT

President Joseph I. Castro reached out to the campus community following a campus threat posted on the anonymous social media site Yik Yak.

### 15) HMONGSTORY 40 EXHIBIT OPENS AT FRESNO FAIRGROUNDS

Hmongstory 40, a new multimedia exhibit depicting the culture and history of Hmong communities in California, opens Dec. 12 at the Fresno Fairgrounds. Fresno State serves as a presenting sponsor of the event.



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# A Guide to Historic Architecture in Fresno, California

## National Register of Historic Places

### Fresno Republican Printery (1919)

2130 Kern Street  
Edward Glass & Charles Butner, Architects  
Mediterranean Revival

#### Description

Located on Kern Street between L and Van Ness Streets in downtown Fresno, the Fresno Republican Printery building was designed by architects Edward Glass and Charles Butner to accommodate the job printing division of the *Fresno Morning Republican* newspaper. The building was essentially a large warehouse space, with six banks of northern exposure skylights to naturally illuminate over 8500 square feet of print shop. Structurally, the building was designed with two-story-high exposed brick walls on the east and west sides, as well as at the rear. A series of twelve exposed trusses spanned the print shop in pairs, which rested on six centrally-aligned posts. A small reinforced concrete basement at the rear of the building housed a boiler room, a small foundry, and two above-level lavatories. The 80' by 140' building was fronted by an office complex that, although only 25' deep, represented almost 3400 square feet of usable space, including a beautifully-conceived mezzanine work area. A 3000-square-foot storage basement was located beneath the formal offices, and was accessible both by stairwell and freight elevator.

From its sidewalk frontage on Kern Street, the Printery presents an elegantly symmetrical and carefully proportioned commercial facade of plastered brick, simple exposed-brick window sills and headers, painted window sash and door casements, repetitive diamond-shaped decorative tiles, and a long shallow canopy eave of red Spanish roofing tile that provides a wet weather shelter for the mezzanine windows. The central entrance survives with only one of an original pair of natural oak French doors. Flanking the formal entry doors and bilaterally-positioned showcase windows are two small office entrances with individual French doors, and double-hung sash windows to each side. Banner-sized Roman lettering over both the main office entrance and the street-level showcase windows indicates the building by name and craft.

Although the building's soft sandstone exterior color contrasts informally with the auburn tones of roofing tiles and bricked window details (a condition that suggests indebtedness to California's Mediterranean Revival tradition), the Printery's formally delineated elevation suggests Charles Butner's application of the classical visual vocabulary generally associated with the eastern academic and professional education that he had enjoyed. The office interior is detailed in solid oak, with a dramatic staircase leading to the mezzanine work area. The oak paneling, counters and floor remain entirely intact, and have taken on that subtle patina that only time can grant.

#### Historical significance

The Fresno Republican Printery building was originally planned when the job printing division of the *Fresno Morning Republican* newspaper outgrew its space in the publishing headquarters at Van Ness Avenue and Tulare Street in downtown Fresno. Published from 1876 until 1932, the *Republican* was a major force in the social, cultural, and publishing history of early California. In order to accommodate the expanding commercial printing business, an annex went into construction at the Kern Street address in late 1919. A significant amount of original press equipment, historical type, and print shop furniture that had been used by the newspaper since 1876 was relocated to the new building in early 1920.

Only a few years later, the *Fresno Morning Republican* was sold, and control of the printery was assumed by William Glass, former *Republican* business manager and father of architect Edward Glass. When Glass was appointed Commissioner of Finance for the City of Fresno in 1925, he relinquished control of the Printery to his son-in-law, Leon Camy, whose forebears had settled in the San Joaquin Valley as sheepherders in the early 1860s and became proprietors of Camy's French Hotel in Fresno in 1874. Leon Camy continued operating the commercial printing business well into the 1970s, when advanced technology finally caught up with the company, and the Republican Printery ceased to function as a major printing house in the San Joaquin Valley.

In 1982 the Fresno Republican Printery was converted into a private dining facility known as the Downtown Club. This five-year certified historic rehabilitation preserved the dramatic sawtooth skylight roof and incorporated a major nineteenth-century newspaper press in its design of the dining hall. A lounge separate from the dining area utilizes a historic back bar built in the late



1880s in San Francisco for the Sing Chong Lung Kan Kee Company. The company utilized the carved back bar surmounted by a bust of Bacchus in a Fresno Chinatown gaming establishment.



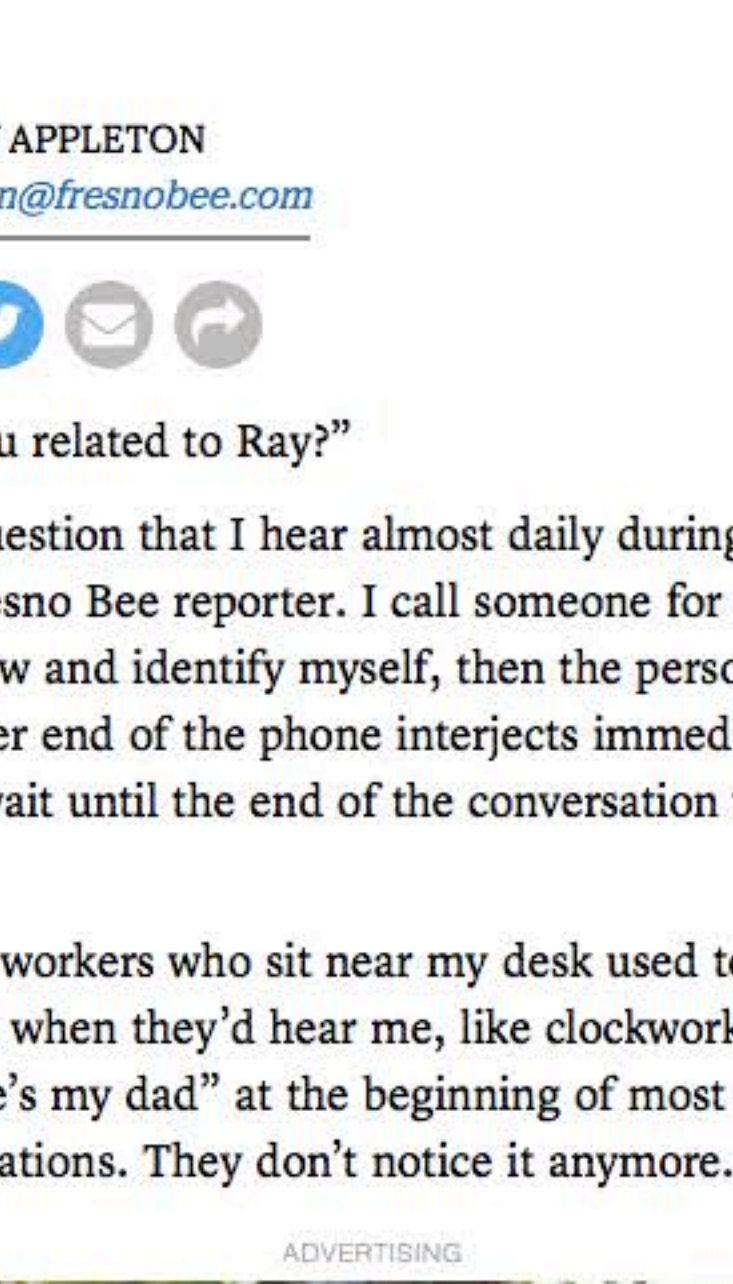
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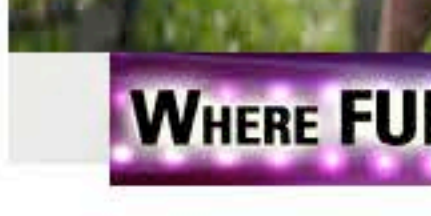
# The media life of an Appleton – but not that Appleton

HIGHLIGHTS

- Yes, The Bee's Rory Appleton is the son of KMJ radio's Ray Appleton
- Ray Appleton's career stretches back nearly 50 years
- Rory is just starting on his media career as a reporter and columnist



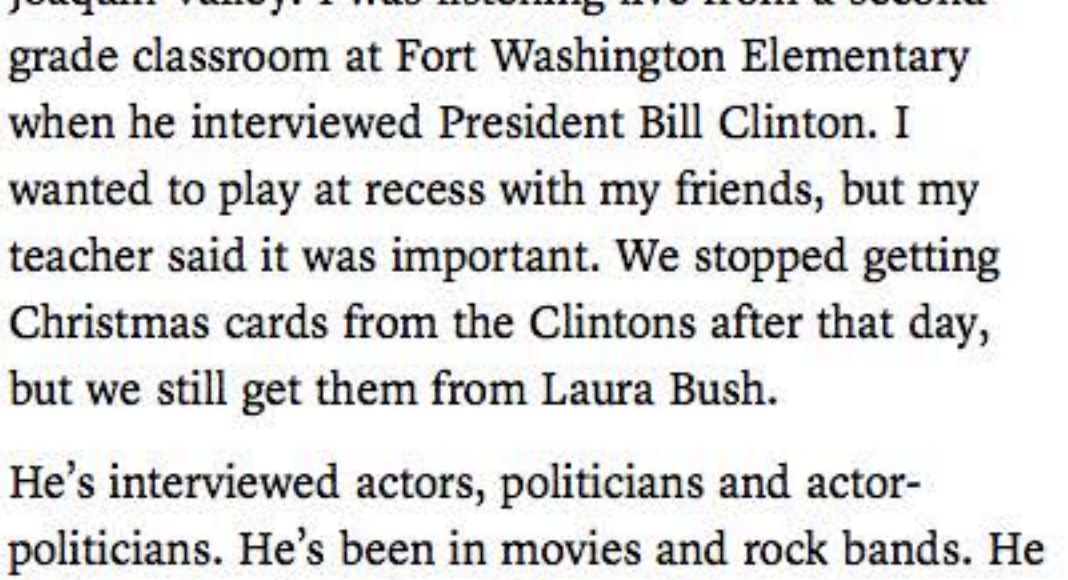
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“Are you related to Ray?”

It's a question that I hear almost daily during my life as a Fresno Bee reporter. I call someone for an interview and identify myself, then the person on the other end of the phone interjects immediately. Some wait until the end of the conversation to slip it in.

The co-workers who sit near my desk used to chuckle when they'd hear me, like clockwork, say “yes, he's my dad” at the beginning of most phone conversations. They don't notice it anymore.




I was groomed into this call and response at an early age.

I've experienced 19 first days of school. At least half of them involved an exchange similar to the ones I get now at work. Some corresponded with political stereotypes. English and art instructors, who often lean left, did not approve of my lineage. The more conservative folks teaching things such as physical education vaulted me to teacher's pet – despite my limited athletic ability.

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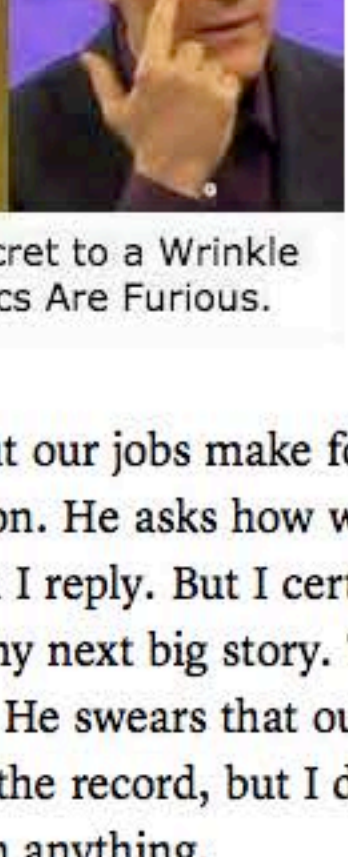
It's a fair question. For as long as I've been alive, my dad has been the voice of talk radio – and possibly all conservatism – in the central San Joaquin Valley. I was listening live from a second-grade classroom at Fort Washington Elementary when he interviewed President Bill Clinton. I wanted to play at recess with my friends, but my teacher said it was important. We stopped getting Christmas cards from the Clintons after that day, but we still get them from Laura Bush.

He's interviewed actors, politicians and actor-politicians. He's been in movies and rock bands. He claims to be the voice of the English language instructions at [Ben Gurion Airport](#) in Tel Aviv, but I don't believe him.

He was a rock DJ before that. In all, his radio career stretches back nearly 50 years – nearly all of them in Fresno.

Yes, it's a fair question, and one that I don't mind answering. What I do mind is the assumption – often tacit but sometimes clearly stated – that I work here because of him.

Actor portrayal



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Granted, the name is worth money. Businesses pay KMJ 580 AM/105.9 FM money – an unspeakable amount of money – to have his voice and name attached to their products.

But my dad told me for much of my young life that The Bee was a bad place filled with people who hated him. That's not totally off base; many of my co-workers do not agree with his politics or his brand of talk radio.

If anything, he was an obstacle. He will be the first to tell you he is not a reporter, and there are many reporters who would tell you that what he does hurts reporting. Some of the people who ask if I'm related to Ray hold it against me when I say yes. A few have hung up the phone or clammed up on me, which inhibits my ability to do my job.

I'm at The Bee because I worked hard to be here. I wrote a [weekly column](#), worked three night reporting shifts a week and freelanced for a video game news publication while going to school full time. I racked up 14 front-page stories before I joined the paper full time in June, and I've had 20 or 30 more since. I graduated college – the first in my immediate family to do so.

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Dad and I get along great, but our jobs make for interesting dinner conversation. He asks how work is going, like all dads do, and I reply. But I certainly don't tell him the details of my next big story. Those belong to The Bee, not KMJ. He swears that our private conversations are off the record, but I don't care. I am not getting beat on anything.

And I am starting to bring some fame to our name, too.

People recognize me on the street the same way they recognized him every time we went to the grocery store together 20 years ago. Strangers tell me they don't know much about video games, but they like the way I write about them. Thousands of people read my print or freelance work every day.

I've spoken to elementary school kids about my job the way he spoke in my classes. A college student interviewed me recently because he hopes to review games for a living after graduation. I've been on my dad's radio show a dozen times – partly because I'm his son, but also because I am an authoritative voice in video games and local news.

The ultimate coup happened at last year's Big Fresno Fair. My dad's band was opening for the Beach Boys, and two middle-aged ladies came up to us just outside the backstage area. I prepared myself, as I've done my whole life, to sit quietly while my dad talks to a stranger.

“I love your video-game column,” one of the ladies said. “I don't really play, but my son does.”

Take that, Dad.

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I should elaborate on my earlier comment. Rory, a nice article, and I'm happy for you and your future career. Congratulations on the job. My earlier comment was due to my lack of learning anything significant from your article. I probably could have been more tactful than before you told me.

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