

# THE IMPACT



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*"If college is the question,  
then PACT is the answer"*

*Quarterly Newsletter*

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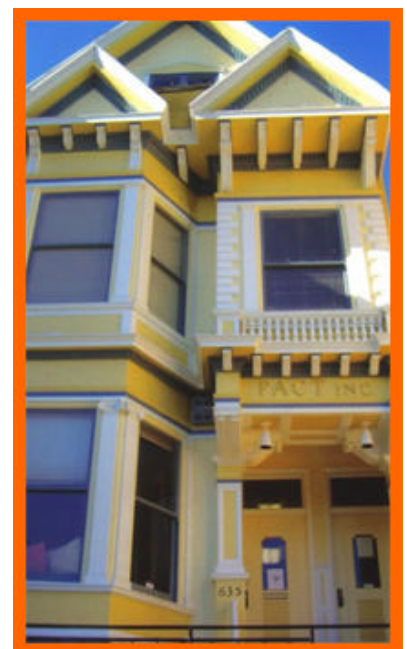
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## Welcome Message from our PACT President/Co-Founder, Everett Brandon

*Our mission to continue guiding students towards graduating from high school and receiving a college degree remains intact. Serving first generation, underserved and minority students is a mission we embrace. The PACT Inc. organization is devoted to fulfilling its vision that began over 50 years ago.*

*On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff, we feel invigorated to do even more these coming years. We want to thank you for your participation in PACT's Talent Search program and for your continual support."*

**- Everett Brandon**





## **Alejandra Beristain (Educational Advisor)**

Alejandra hails from the Santa Cruz/Watsonville area where the majority of students are low-income, first-generation college-bound students. Because of her direct experience with disadvantaged populations, she comes to the Bay Area to support the community as an Educational Advisor at Abraham Lincoln High School. PACT is thrilled to have Alejandra as part of the PACT team and family!



## **Jennie Chu (Educational Advisor)**

Jennie is another wonderful addition to our PACT Advising Program team. Jennie is a native San Franciscan and is currently working as an Educational Advisor at George Washington High School and Balboa High School. Jennie joined the PACT Team to assist youth and inspire them to reach their dreams, goals and aspirations. Jennie is eager to contribute to PACT in pushing its' mission to assist low-income, first-generation college bound students.



## **Reginald Moore (Educational Advisor)**

Reginald is a native San Franciscan and is a proud product of the SFUSD Public School system. As one who experienced the SFUSD educational system, he aims to assist youth in achieving post-secondary education. Reggie is an Educational Advisor at Thurgood Marshall High School and Raoul Wallenberg High School. PACT is excited to have Reggie as part of a team that is ready to make an impact today.

*"Education's purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one." (Malcolm S. Forbes)*





## Kachiside Madu

We would like to wish Mr. Kachiside Madu the absolute best in his new counseling position in the San Francisco Unified School District. Kachiside has been an excellent role-model, advisor, and PACT representative for the three-plus years he has served as an advisor. Continue being the wonderful role model for the students you serve!



## Oriol Zales

Oriol has worked at Abraham Lincoln High School for nearly ten years and we at PACT are going to miss her dearly. PACT wishes her the most wonderful success in her career/future endeavors. Oriol will surely use her vast experience and knowledge to assist the students she has worked with for the past ten years. Ms. Zales will truly be missed and she serves as a great example of dedication to our youth.



## David Cook

For over twenty-six years, David Cook has invested his time, efforts, and passion to push forward the very goals of PACT, Inc. As a result, PACT benefited greatly from Mr. Cook's hard-work and dedication to students. We at PACT thank Mr. Cook for his irreplaceable service and infectious desire to assist students. PACT thanks and wishes Mr. Cook the absolute best in his retirement.



## Derek Toliver

PACT would like to express deep gratitude to Mr. Toliver for his efforts, his positive energy, and all that he contributed at PACT! Mr. Toliver has been an invaluable proponent of PACT's core beliefs. As an alumnus of PACT, his direct impact in the community is numerous and far-reaching. PACT would like to wish Mr. Toliver great success in his future endeavors! Thank you Mr. Toliver!

## UNIVERSITY of CALIFORNIA

Deadline for Fall 2015 Admissions is on **November 30th 2015**.

→ Visit [admission.universityofcalifornia.edu](http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu) for more information.

## CSU The California State University

Deadline for Fall 2015 Admissions is on **November 30th 2015**.

→ Visit [www.calstate.edu/admission/](http://www.calstate.edu/admission/) for more information.

### SAT Test Dates (Subject Tests)

Test Date	Deadline	Late-Registration
Dec. 5th	Nov. 5th	Nov. 23rd
Jan. 23rd	Dec. 28th	Jan. 12th
Mar. 5th	Feb. 5th	Feb. 23rd
May 7th	Apr. 8th	Apr. 26th

### ACT Test Dates

Test Date	Deadline	Late-Reg. (With Fee)
Dec. 12th	Nov. 6th	Nov. 7th-20th
Feb. 6th	Jan. 8th	Jan. 9th-15th
Apr. 9th	Mar. 4th	Mar. 5th-18th
June 11th	May 6th	May 7th-20th

***Make sure to start your applications today!***

***Don't procrastinate!***

*"The kids in our classroom are infinitely more significant than the subject matter we teach." (Meladee McCarty)*



## **Introduction:**

PACT, Inc. and Intrax have partnered up to form a very wonderful relationship these past few years. Each year, Intrax sends PACT an intern from overseas in countries such as Japan and Korea, in order for them to gain skills and experience. Below is an article written by one of the interns describing his experiences as a PACT Intern.

## **"My Experience at PACT, Inc." By: Yuichi Inokawa**

I am grateful that you have given me this kind of opportunity. This experience will greatly change my life. The reason why I came to the USA is to improve my view of Japanese Work Life Balance. I was able to have the experience through interning for this company. PACT as a family was so kind to me. I couldn't speak English well but everybody focused on what I said and tried to understand it. I eventually gained enough confidence to speak English. Because of that, PACT to me is like a real family.



**Yuichi Inokawa** (pictured far right)

I felt this company to be warmer than most Japanese companies. In the Japanese case, many people who work are always chasing something. Despite not being pressed by much, they hurry and in turn, work busily. In the Japanese world of business, we seem to have lost sight of something truly precious. But here, it feels like time is passing lovingly slow.

From the very beginning, "Why do Japanese people regard the life as work separately? What is really valuable for us knowing answer about this question; "How do you measure happiness in your life?" Because of this question, I now make daily choices based on personal priorities and preferences that will lead to happiness. I want to make use of this experience for my life in the future. I also promise that once I become more famous, I will not fail to return here.

A big thank you to my PACT Family for everything! Bon Voyage!

*"The object of education is to prepare the young to educate themselves throughout their lives." (Robert Hutchins)*





## Morgan Hernandez (James Lick Middle School Tutor)

*"My name is Morgan Hernandez and I am a Sociology Major at San Francisco State University. I am also working on my certification in Conflict Resolution. I have a passion for children and aim to help them achieve a positive future. As a tutor at James Lick, I have the beautiful privilege of assisting low-income, first-generation students with their academic needs. With more experience, I hope to gain better understanding and skills to assist youth who need support."*



## Jason Leung (James Lick Middle School Tutor)

*"My name is Jason Leung. I was born and raised in the Bay area and loved every single moment. I earned my B.A. in Psychology from San Francisco State University in the summer of 2014. At SFSU, I coached the karate club for three semesters. In my spare time, I continue to train and teach karate to children and adults of all ages. I have also recently begun to substitute teach at K-12 schools in the San Francisco Unified School District. I'm blessed to have had all these opportunities and look forward to a great year with PACT!"*

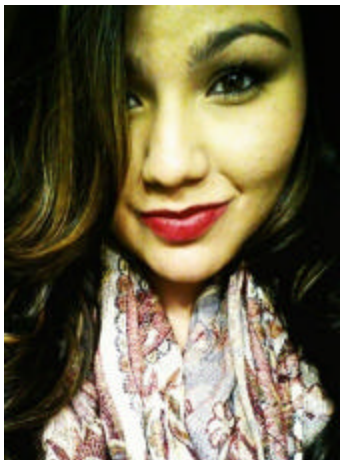


## Kim Salinas (Balboa High School Tutor)

*"I was born in the Philippines and moved to the U.S. when I was eight. I have two siblings, one older brother and one adorable yet annoying little sister. I have spent most of my childhood in San Francisco until college when I moved to Southern California to study. I graduated from the University of Redlands with a B.S. in Psychology and Environmental Science. I am aiming to get my Masters in the future. I studied abroad in Denmark and traveled Europe. I plan on visiting the Philippines and European countries which I have yet to explore."*

*"Upon the education of the people of this country, the fate of this country depends." (Benjamin Disraeli)*





## Stephanie Andrade (James Lick Tutor)

Stephanie is currently studying at San Francisco State University to obtain her Bachelor's Degree. Since she started working last year, Stephanie has made an indelible impact in the lives of the students at James Lick Middle School. Stephanie works during the day and in the After-School Program. Stephanie's passion, dedication, and commitment to the youth are apparent.



## Dean Cenidoza (James Lick Tutor)

*"The most important thing to me is that I serve others to the best of my abilities whether it's serving youth or anyone else. In serving it's not just being knowledgeable but also being committed to a certain cause. I personally am convinced that serving is a necessity in our lives and we need to pass this teaching on for generations to come. Youths as they grow up to be adults will have so many things to offer to their community and I believe serving, putting others before one's self is the most important thing they will ever learn in their lives."*



## Abigail Alcantara (James Lick Middle School Tutor)

Hailing from Southern California, Abigail is one of our newest additions to the PACT Tutorial Program. Abigail currently attends San Francisco State University as a Freshman student. Abigail is excited to be part of PACT and is ready to make an impact in the lives of the students whom she will serve.

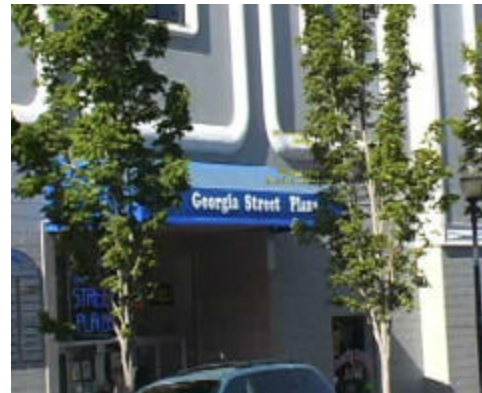
*"Education is the movement from darkness to light"*  
(Allan Bloom)



## PACT East Bay News

### PACT East Bay Moves to Suite 315

PACT recently moved to a larger office in the same Plaza at Georgia Street. PACT will conduct its operations from Suite 315 at the Georgia Street Plaza. Please contact the East Bay office at (707) 556-9357 for more information.



### Cassandra Anderson (Administrative Assistant)

When I recap the past 13 years working here at PACT, Inc., a word that comes to mind is “opportunity”.

#### **Opportunity:**

*“a set of circumstances that makes it possible to do something.”*

I have had the greatest opportunity to work with outstanding men and women who have a passion for making a difference in the life of young people. I have also had the opportunity to see young people’s dreams become a reality. Often, college was viewed before PACT as a thought and lofty goal. However, after great mentoring, advising and counseling, those same individuals continually find themselves on college campuses getting that “opportunity” to make a difference in their lives and in this world.

*“The best and most important part of every man's education is that which he gives himself.” (Edward Gibbon)*





## PACT: Through the Years



**1965** – PACT receives funding from the U.S. Department of Education as part of the Educational Talent Search (ETS) program under an umbrella of TRiO programs.

**1993** – PACT diversifies its' mission by launching the Tutorial Program.

**2002** – PACT expands the the reach by opening the East Bay Office in Vallejo, CA.

**2015** – PACT celebrates its' 50th anniversary as part of TRiO!

### **PACT, Inc. by the Numbers:**

**65,000** – Total **number of students served** since inception of PACT.

**40,000** – Number of participants who **matriculated into college** through PACT.

**24,000** – Number of participants who have **earned a degree** since inception.

**1,905** – Average yearly # of **youth served through College Advising Program**.

**300** – Average yearly # of **youth served through Tutorial Program**.

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- Winter Tips and College Information...
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