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The Parents Program @

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## Happy New Year from the Parents Program at Seaver College!

The rain has lifted for a few days, the sun is shining, and Pepperdine students will be returning to campus in just a few short days. We hope you had a blessed Christmas and a safe New Year's Eve.

### *Featured Story*



We are proud to announce the second annual [REELSTORIES FilmFest](#) taking place on Friday January 21, 2011 in Malibu, California! Film has the power to open eyes to reality. Film has the power to inspire world change. Through the cinematic lens, we have the ability to look beyond the obstinate society of helplessness so often portrayed in the news and see our world as a place of possibilities and ideals. It is our mission to use film to provoke thought and spark meaningful conversation.

At REELSTORIES FilmFest, Pepperdine students have a unique opportunity to submit films, which are judged by a panel of industry professionals. The best student films will be showcased along with two critically acclaimed feature films or documentaries.

On January 21st, the Pepperdine and Malibu communities will gather together to celebrate, appreciate, discuss and awaken our visions of reality. Mark your calendars for JAN 21 ELEVEN and prepare for a memorable evening.

### *Did someone say, "Cake?"*

Will your son or daughter be celebrating their birthday on campus this year? Wish them well by sending them a delicious birthday cake. The Student Alumni Organization (SAO) offers you ways to reach them from a far. [It Makes Me Giggle](#) provides "a party in a



box" that can be customized for your child's birthday or special occasion. You can also order a Survival Kit to get them through finals. Find out more and order online by [clicking here](#). SAO uses both of these programs to raise funds for their club.

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***Featured Speaker-Dr. Chris Field***  
***Thursday, January 27, 2011 - Elkins Auditorium - 7:00 p.m.***  
***"The Velocity of Climate Change"***



Chris Field is the director of the Carnegie Institution's Department of Global Ecology, Professor of Biology, Professor of Environmental Earth System Science, and FSI Senior Fellow, by courtesy, Stanford University. He has developed an evolutionary approach to understanding the spatial organization of plant canopies and the adaptive significance of leaf aging. Recently, he has emphasized formalizing approaches for summarizing plant responses into models that simulate ecosystem exchanges of carbon, water, and energy at the global scale.

Field is active in developing the international community of global change researchers, with involvement in organizations like SCOPE, IGBP, and the Global Carbon Project. An author of more than 100 scientific papers, he is a member of the US National Academy of Sciences and a leader in several national and international efforts to provide the scientific foundation for a sustainable future.

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***Emergency Information***

To keep updated on disaster awareness topics, Pepperdine University has a Web page dedicated to the most current information available. [Click here](#) for recent postings.

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***Take the 2011 Prayer Challenge:***

Join fellow parents, faculty and staff as we begin the new year on our knees praying for the needs of Pepperdine students, programs and leadership. We will publish a daily prayer calendar to guide you through the 365 days of 2011. For the most current prayer calendar [click here](#).

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***Get Involved***

We need you! There are many opportunities to become involved in the Seaver Parents Council through its various committees: Outreach, Ambassador and the Annual Fund Committee.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the committees and to get involved.

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### ***Get Connected through***

Parents, are you interested in knowing other Pepperdine families in your area? If so, PAN Online is an excellent resource for you. This is also a great way for you to form prayer groups, organize local events and coordinate student transportation needs. Sign-up by [clicking here](#).

### ***Academic Calendar:***

## ***2011***

January 05	Housing Check-in and Orientation begins for new international students
January 06	Housing Check-in for all other new students
January 07	New Student Orientation for 2 days
January 09	Housing check-in for returning students
January 10	Classes begin
January 17	Martin Luther King Day; all offices closed; no classes meet
February 28	Spring Break; no classes meet for 5 days
March 10	Graduate student and senior registration for fall semester 2011
March 11	Sophomore registration for fall semester
March 14	First-year registration for fall semester
March 14	Last day-returning students to submit online housing request for fall housing lottery
March 17	Last day to register for fall semester
April 25	Final Exams for 4 Days
April 25	Residents check out of on campus housing 24 hours after their last final
April 29	Graduation Receptions and Baccalaureate
April 29	Resident's halls close at 10:00 a.m. (except for graduating students)

April 30	Graduation
May 01	Graduating seniors check out of on campus housing
May 09	Summer 2011: Session I - classes begin

For more information on the academic calendar [click here](#).

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### ***Does My Son/Daughter Need a Car on Campus?***

A question wrestled by parents and students while preparing for college. Pepperdine now has a car-sharing program on campus providing students 18 years or older, the opportunity to rent cars by the hour or by the day at rates as low as \$8 per hour which includes all fuel costs, insurance, maintenance, roadside assistance, insurance, cleaning, and parking. This option is much cheaper than maintaining a car on campus and we believe a better option than bringing a car to campus. For more information please see our [Web site](#) or e-mail Dawn Emrich at [parking@pepperdine.edu](mailto:parking@pepperdine.edu).

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### ***Counseling Center Services***

Helping Students Have a Happier New Year

Returning to Pepperdine after Christmas break is exciting for most students. Many look forward to reunions with their Pepperdine friends and the fresh start of a new semester. Other students are a bit more unsettled about coming back to Malibu. Some of these students are worried about their families who have faced recent stressors or losses; others, who have struggled academically in the previous semester, may be anxious about the challenges that will face them. Remind your sons and daughters that self-care is important when dealing with transitions and stressors. Part of self-care is taking advantage of the available resources. At Pepperdine, this including counseling services. Appointments for free, confidential counseling can be made by calling (310) 506-4210.

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