

# PEPPERDINE

Office of Admission  
Seaver College

Fall 2017

Greetings from Malibu!

I hope this letter finds you well in the midst of this busy season. We are once again looking forward to another successful year in the Office of Admission. This past year, Seaver College at Pepperdine University received a record-breaking 12,400 applications and welcomed 950 new students to campus this August. I wanted to take a moment to address some of the updates and changes on Pepperdine's campus this year.

## Academics

- Pepperdine was again ranked top in the nation for Undergraduate Study Abroad Participation by the Institute for International Education.
- The Office of International Programs has introduced the Global Fellows program. Students who participate will study abroad for an academic year, complete an internship in Washington D.C., and engage in coursework focused on a global perspective. Completion of these requirements will allow a student to graduate with a Global Fellow certificate.
- An interdisciplinary minor in Digital Humanities has been introduced. This is one of the few programs offered in the nation, and will be research-driven and focused in generating new methodologies for approaching the arts and humanities.

## Student Life

- To address the ongoing conversation around university campus sexual assault, The Pepperdine Volunteer Center and the Counseling Center have partnered to sponsor the Step Up campaign to unite students, faculty, and staff in creating a safe campus for all, which includes the Counseling Center's Title IX initiative to educate our community on resources for preventing and responding to gender-based harm. In conjunction, our theater department produced an award-winning play, *The Interference*, which brought this conversation to the forefront.

## Campus Life Project

- The completely remodeled Payson Library opened in time for the start of classes for this academic school year, and provides the enhanced technology and larger study spaces. The remodel even included the addition of the first Starbucks to campus.
- Last December, Pepperdine broke ground on our new suite-style dorm, which will add 350 beds for students to campus. This dorm is scheduled to open in time for the Fall 2018 semester.
- Outcomes
- Pepperdine has partnered with AEG to offer an educational experience that will combine AEG's expertise and international network of venues, sports properties and franchises, and live entertainment assets with Pepperdine University's academic excellence. The partnership will include a classroom at the Staples Center and opportunities for prestigious internships.

Our team is excited to work with your students through the application process. Thank you for the important work you are doing. All the best this 2017-18 school year.

Warmly,

Seaver College Office of Admission