Photoblast: San Pietro Travel Prize: Pop over to Peru

Photos from Valerie and Monica’s trip to Peru. Story on page 7
Photos Courtesy of Monica Li and Valerie Pietrasz
The Caltech Y Column serves to inform students of upcoming events and volunteer opportunities. The list is compiled by Katherine Guo from information given by the Caltech Y and its student leaders.

Established by students in 1916, the Y was organized to provide extracurricular activities planned and implemented by students as an opportunity to learn leadership skills and discover themselves. The mission of today’s Y remains the same—to provide opportunities that will prepare students to become engaged, responsible citizens of the world. The Y seeks to broaden students’ worldviews, raise social, ethical, and cultural awareness through teamwork, community engagement, academic, and leadership. More information about the Caltech Y and its programs can be found at https://caltechy.org. The office is located at 595 S. Wilson Avenue.

Upcoming Events

1. Thanksgiving Office Hours November 23rd - 25th The Caltech Y Office will be closed from 2pm on Wednesday, November 23rd until Friday, November 25th for the Thanksgiving long week. We will re-open on Monday, November 28th.

2. Exploring International Opportunities - Intl. Education Week Wednesday | November 16th | 12:00 - 1:00 PM | Annenberg Lounge Have you ever considered doing research, volunteering, or just exploring in another country? Caltech offers many opportunities for students to travel for research, advocacy, personal growth, and adventure. Join us to hear students from three of them - Annenberg Global Impact projects. We will have Faculty Research (SPF) and Caltech Y’s ACT Award - share their personal stories of adventure, challenge, and reward experiences in Ghana, Iceland, and the United Kingdom.

Wednesday’s lunch is one of many programs being coordinated by the International Student Programs for International Education Week. Check out the others at: www.international.caltech.edu/programs/IDEA.

Lunch will be provided for the first 40 students.

3. Annenberg Photography Space - Caltech Y Explore LA Sunday | November 20th | 1:45 PM | Beverly Hills | Free Join the Caltech Y for a guided tour of Annenberg Photography Space in Beverly Hills! This space is supported by the Annenberg Foundation which also built Caltech’s Annenberg Center for Information Science and Technology. Our visit will include a 30 minute guided tour of the gallery space and a 25 minute documentary on the exhibit in the gallery. Afterwards, you have free time to explore Skidmore Studios and the surrounding area. Read more about the space here: https://www.annenbergphotographicspace.org/

Admission is free. Transportation is not provided but you can indicate on the sign-up form if you are willing to drive others. Please arrive at the Museum by 1:45 pm as our tour starts promptly at 2 pm. Please contact Bianca Yang at byang@caltech.edu if you have any questions.

Address: Annenberg Photography Space – 2000 Avenue of the Stars, Los Angeles, CA 90067

Sign up here https://goo.gl/forms/b6ob9qQloPzOzjxk

4. Pasadena LEARNs Every Wednesday | 5:30 - 8:00 PM | Highland Park Volunteer at Hathaway Sycamores, a group that supports local underprivileged but motivated high school students. There are a variety of ages and subjects being tutored. The service trip includes about an hour of travel time and 1.5 hours of tutoring. Transportation is included. For more info and to RSVP email Sherwood Richers at srichers@tapir.caltech.edu. Eligible for Federal Work Study.

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6. Save 20% on tickets to A Cinderella Christmas at the Pasadena Playhouse! Dec 8th, 2016 - Jan 8th, 2017 The Caltech Y has partnered with the Pasadena Playhouse to bring you a 20% discount on tickets to the Panto performance of A Cinderella Christmas at the Pasadena Playhouse.

Panto at The Playhouse, now in its fifth year, has become a “must-do” holiday tradition for California residents! A Cinderella Christmas is the latest Holiday Spectacular presented by The Pasadena Playhouse and Lythgoe Family Panto in the style of the traditional British Panto. A Panto is interactive holiday fun for all ages, and the timeless tale of Cinderella will feature comedy, magic, dancers from So You Think You Can Dance and contemporary music from Meghan Trainor to Justin Timberlake. Save 20% on tickets with the code "CINDERELLACALTECH"

http://pasadenaplayhouse.org/Cinderella

Beyond the Y

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Public Lecture | Free Admission | Free Parking Caltech’s Beckman Auditorium www.events.caltech.edu | (626) 395-4652

This project is inspired by Learning to Love You More (LTLYM, learningtoloveyoumore.com), a community-based web project created by Miranda July and Harrell Fletcher. LTLYM was a series of creative “assignments” for people to do, and the website was a space for participants to upload their response. It guided participants with directions and gave them an opportunity to create, perhaps while doing things they wouldn’t normally do. By providing some direction through our assignments, we hope to promote creative expression in the Caltech community. We encourage you to think and talk about these prompts, even if you do not follow through with carrying out the work they suggest. We want to inspire you to explore yourself and take another look at the people and world around you. Please send all responses and questions to totem@caltech.edu. Thank you.

Write an advertisement for a job that if existed and was offered to you, you would take with no hesitation. Take a picture of a flower—a close-up of only one so it fills the view.

Make a list of 50 things you like.
Hi there, this is Mon. There’s a good chance that many of you have at least heard about the San Pietro travel prize, also known as “One Give you money to explore somewhere on Earth” (no Mars exploration yet). This past summer, we had the chance of a lifetime to travel to Peru, and I’m Val!) and I embarked on an over two-week long trip to Peru, full in (minus souvenirs!) by this prize. We are here to tell you a little about the San Pietro Prize application process, our trip, and if you make it to the end of the article, we would love to hear how we exceeded our dreams.

When we applied for the San Pietro prize, we were close friends who knew each other well. We had been on the soccer team together for a good portion of our time at Caltech, and we knew that we could work together. It was the perfect opportunity to travel together to Peru, and we immediately agreed.

A year later, we were a little more organized, and submitted our application to travel to Peru. For the application process itself, we used the wealth of knowledge available in the FASA Office and attended the information session in January, where we learned about past trips and received great advice on the application process. But that’s less exciting, so let’s talk about our trip.

We (a bit too ambitiously) left the Monday after graduation after a weekend of frenzied packing and moving out. We were both sleep-deprived, in classic Caltech fashion, and fell asleep everywhere for the rest of the weekend of frenzied packing and the Monday after graduation after our trip.

After a not-so-long night of sleep, we awoke at 6am for our first major activity in Peru: a guided tour of the Islas Ballestas, a marine reserve near Paracas. The boat was painted green to look like the rocky islands themselves were gorgeous, but we saw (and smelled) many birds (a lot bird poop!) and thousands of black-footed albatross species that day. After the islands, we took a guided tour of the nearby Paracas national park, which had been taken to see flamingos, a beautiful red beach created by the erosion of a nearby pink mountain, and the museum explaining geology and history of the park. We ended at a small bay where we had our first Peruvian meal of ceviche and rice and had planned not to, but it was on our way to the next stop and cost too much, so we decided to go for it. Husauchina is a small town built around a desert oasis, completely surrounded by huge sand dunes. And every meal we had after, came with complimentary pisco sour, the national drink.

The next day, we decided by our original itinerary and hopped on a bus to Huacachina, we decided to continue to the Peruvian meal of ceviche and rice. We decided to continue to see the oasis, and had a beautiful view of the sunset. Climbing up the sand dunes was much more physically exerting (Val would call it a “struggle”) than we expected, but the sunset was worth the climb and getting sand in all our clothes.

After a few technical difficulties, we arrived at our next destination, Arequipa. We stayed in the middle of the historic downtown, and spent all our time there. We took a free guided tour of downtown, given by students at the local university looking to earn additional credit, improve their English, and earn some tips. We learned much about the city’s history and nearby volcanoes, saw many important buildings, visited an alpaca museum, and had more local food. And then we decided to try a ceviche shop for dinner, to see what Peruvian food was like (and have a break from Peruvian food).

One of the highlights of our trip was our tour of Lake Titicaca. We began by kayaking from the mainland to the Uros floating islands. The islands are made of reeds and were incredibly soft to walk on. We struggled to kayak together in a straight line (the kayak had a keel or centerboard and a half of paddling, arguing, and laughing at our ineptitude, we finally arrived at the floating islands). We spent so long that we delayed the next portion of our tour! Once there, our guide explained how the lake reeds are used to build the islands and homes on the islands, as well as eaten as breakfast to strength one’s teeth. Sadly, the people living on these islands may be the last generation, as younger islanders leave for the mainland and never return. First, we took a motor boat (no more kayaking) to Taquile Island. Most of the native women we saw were spinning yarn from the alpaca fiber. The yarn is dyed and woven into textiles that are sold all over Peru—mostly to tourists like us.

The next morning, we got on the next train and bus back to Piantantambo and Cusco to spend another night before flying back to Lima. We took a chocolate class through the Chocolate Museum, called from Beans to Bar. As the name suggests, we learned the process of chocolate-making, starting from the raw bean, and ending with us eating all the melted chocolate leftover from the class.

As the time we got to Lima, we had spent many hours on buses and seen and done many different things, so we were hoping to relax in Lima and soak in what it had to offer. Previously, we had run into a woman who explained that the safest place to stay in Lima was Miraflores, and we followed her advice, finding a hostel near downtown to stay. The next morning, we walked around downtown Miraflores and worked our way to the beach. However, Valerie was not feeling too well, and we called it a day as we could not rest for the afternoon and morning. We had been warned about getting sick before our trip, but despite our efforts to avoid it (drinking only bottled water and eating only food cooked in restaurants), Valerie had caught a stomach bug. As a result, the next couple days were shorter adventures through the various parts of downtown, fueled by large amounts of ibuprofen and off-brand Pepto-Bismol.

By our last day, Valerie was feeling just fine, and we had extra money to spend on activities, so we went paragliding over Lima before packing up and heading to the airport. All fitting our stuff with our new souvenirs and snacks for the long plane ride home a challenge, but we soon found ourselves at the airport, waiting to go home.

Although we were used to spending hours together working on problem sets and had traveled together on weekend trips, our two and a half weeks in Peru was a whole new experience. We learned life lessons about protecting ourselves and our things, being diligent so we don’t get scammed, and what to do when the other person is tired, hungry, and not in the mood to socialize. Upon our return to the US, we also had a few exciting stories to tell—places we visited and sights we saw were all so fantastic in their own way that we could not pick a favorite.

We are both in the Bay Area now, and still good friends; Mon is a graduate student in mechanical engineering at UC Berkeley, and Val is a thermal engineer at Space Systems Loral (SSL) in Palo Alto. Lastly, Val would like to thank Mon for tolerating her grumpy moods, and the both of us would like to extend our biggest thanks to the FASA Office and Mr. Craig San Pietro for making this whole experience possible.

Tldr: The San Pietro Prize is an awesome opportunity to travel without having the financial burden of travel. Through the prize, we went to Peru! We explored cities, ate Peruvian food, made chocolate, hiked Machu Picchu, saw volcanoes, kayaked around Lake Titicaca, llamas.

Nominate your favorite professor for the Feynman Teaching Prize!!!

Here’s your chance to nominate your favorite professor for the 2016-17 Richard P. Feynman Prize for Excellence in Teaching! You have from now until December 15, 2016 to submit your nomination package to the Provost’s Office to honor a professor who demonstrates, in the broadest sense, unusual ability, creativity, and innovation in undergraduate and graduate classroom or laboratory teaching.

The Feynman Prize is made possible through the generosity of Lone and Robert E. Paradise, with additional contributions from an anonymous local couple. Nominations for the 2017 prize must be received by April 1, 2017.

All professorial faculty of the Institute are eligible. The prize consists of a cash award of $3,500, match an equivalent by the annual salary of the award. A letter of nomination and detailed supporting material, including, but not limited to, a curriculum vitae, course syllabus or description, and supporting recommendation letters should be emailed to kkerbs@caltech.edu or directed to the Feynman Prize Selection Committee, Office of the Provost, Mail Code 206-31, at the California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California, 91125. Nominations package are due by December 15, 2016.

Additional information including guidelines for the prize and FAQ may be found at http://provost.caltech.edu/FeynmanTeachingPrize. Further information can also be obtained from Karen Kerbs (626-395-6039; kkerbs@caltech.edu) in the Provost’s Office.
Mindfulness-based cognitive therapy is an 8-week structured program designed to reduce future depressive relapse. If you’ve ever dealt with depression before, and are not currently dealing with a depressive episode, you are invited to schedule a 30-minute screening interview for the Winter group. It will meet Thursdays from 4:00 – 6:00 beginning the second week of the term.

Mindfully Resilient is open to all currently enrolled Caltech graduate and undergraduate students. Call the counseling center at (626) 395-8331, or visit counseling.caltech.edu for more information.

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Nasser Al-Reyes named Preseason All-American

SALEM, Ore. (Nov. 12, 2016) – Caltech women’s cross country recorded its best finish in program history at the NCAA West Regional, with freshman Sophie Walton (Richardson, Tex. / Jesuit Coll. Prep) has been named preseason All-West Region honors thanks to a 19th-place finish.

The women’s team beat four teams for the first time in program history, placing 15th in the field of 19 behind a two-minute improvement to the team’s average time last year. The team’s point total was its best since 1997, when just 10 teams raced, while Walton’s finish was the program’s best since Hall of Honor inductee Callin Henderson placed 15th as a senior in a field of 68 back in 1996.

Walton ran among the top eight in the field early before falling back, but charged back over the final stretch to cross the finish line a full two minutes faster than the Beavers’ top time just last year, while the rest of Caltech’s lineup all came in under last year’s third-ranked finish despite the wet and muddy conditions.

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“Cherie and Skye in particular had really strong runs,” Raphelson said. “Both have dealt with some nagging injuries this year, but saved their best for last. Michelle Marasigan also picked up several spots in the latter stages of the race to help us to our best finish in 20 years.”

The men’s team stumbled through the mud at the starting line and was immediately squeezed to the back of the field. The Beavers found themselves in dead last at the 2-kilometer mark, but had moved up a spot by the 5k and ultimately made up 40 points from the 15th-place team while finishing just 20 points out of a three-team Northwest Conference group and striking distance of matching last year’s senior-laden team’s place.

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SPORTS

Women’s XC Posts Best Finish Ever at Regionals

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“The team’s average time last year was 30:28, and we were 30:16,” Raphelson said. “That’s a real positive we can take away from this race.”

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Feist Named First Team All-SCIAC, Earns Brine Award

PASADENA, Calif. (Nov. 18, 2016) – Caltech men’s soccer senior J.D. Feist (Richardson, Texas / Jesuit Coll. Prep) has been named First Team All-SCIAC and was recognized with the Brine Award of Distinction, the conference’s top honor for the sport.

Feist ended his career with an incredible 559 saves in 69 games, ranking 18th in Division III history and 20th all-time across all three NCAA divisions. The SCIAC leader in saves each of his four years, Feist recorded a career-high 179 saves on a .691 save percentage this season. This marks his third All-SCIAC First Team honor as a sophomore.

The SCIAC Championships.

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Don’t land Feist first. :O

Photo Courtesy of Michael Wong

When the soft, velvety fingertips of #44 grapple against Nasser’s cool wrist, the whole world went black around him.
ASCIT Minutes
Meetings are every week in SAC 13

ASCIT Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes for 11 November 2016. Taken by Tim Liu.
Officers Present: Andrew Montequin, Tim Liu, Bobby Sanchez, Kalyn Chang, Robin Brown
Call to Order: 12:06 pm

President's Report (Andrew):
● Present and accounted for
● Happy Veteran's Day

Officer's Reports:
V.P. of Academic Affairs (ARC Chair: Tim):
● Met with Core Curriculum Steering Committee and voted on the pass fail changes
● Student Faculty Lunch is happening on November 21st

V.P. of Non-Academic Affairs (IHC Chair: Bobby):
● Met with Joe Shepherd and Dean Gilmartin to discuss town-halls about Bechtel
● Library committee is being formed

Director of Operations (Sakthi):
● Met with DevTeam to talk about improvements to Donut
● Club steering committee met

Treasurer (Kalyn):
● Houses have been using inter-house joint event funding

Social Director (Robin):
● Movie night for Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them on November 18th
● Big I is happening on February 11th

Secretary (Alice):
● Nothing to report

If anyone has any questions or concerns about a section of the minutes please email the appropriate officer. We are happy to answer any questions.

Meeting Adjourned: 12:28pm

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Join the Meditation Mob!

Tuesdays, 12:00 - 12:50

Want to learn more about mindfulness meditation? It’s a great way to improve your attention and to become more grounded in the present moment.

There’s no religious component. We use secular, evidence-based meditation techniques.

We meet in the small room just off the lounge in Winnett. All students are welcome, from total beginners to more experienced meditators.

Mailing list and MP3 archive: counseling.caltech.edu/students/meditation
President Trump: the Oxymoron

RAMYA DESHPANDE
Page Editor

I woke up on Tuesday morning with the searing optimism of Election Day: finally, a female president, sensible gun control, reproductive rights, immigration reform, equal pay, and clean energy policies! Little did I know that I would have to lose after midnight, my mind racing with the uncertainty of our country’s future, as the monitors displayed the wild cheering of a crowd wearing bright red caps for their President-elect.

To Mrs. Clinton: I’m sorry. I cannot imagine the disappointment and heartbreak you must be feeling now. I swallowed a lump in my throat as I wondered: how? How can we have faith when an accomplished woman with thirty years of public service experience as a senator, First Lady and Secretary of State was passed over for a vulgar, racist businessman who equates his building endeavors to the sacrifice of a Gold Star family? How can we have faith when a man who repeatedly called his opponent “Crooked Hillary” and addressed her as a “nasty woman” during a presidential debate was chosen to represent our country?

Living in the safety of the bubble on campus, we may not be affected by the political turmoil around us. The first few days of a Trump presidency have seen explosions of racial violence that could be significantly worse than post-Brexit violence. Just after Thursday evening, more than 80 hate crimes were reported to the Southern Poverty Law Center. From South California fifth-graders chanting “build the wall” to a hateful note with “Donald Trump Lives Here” was taped to a mailbox in Minnesota, the president-elect called Mexican immigrants “murderers and rapists,” was sued for housing discrimination, questioned the President’s citizenship and American dream – we won’t let it.

Please, please don’t lose hope in our country. We have always prided ourselves as a beacon of opportunity, freedom and hope. We have no doubt gone backwards in this election, but please remember: it is the people of a country that represent it, not just its leader. There are about 60,981,118 Americans who believe in progress, protecting minority rights, and upholding the ideals our country was founded on; they defy the vile and divisive rhetoric employed by our President-elect.

If you are one of these people, never let your voice drown out. It is your fundamental right to disagree and oppose and to effect change. Schools and colleges all over the nation are participating in protests against the Trump presidency and protesters have been bearing safety pins as a symbol of solidarity with the minority groups that Trump so viciously victimized. A change.org petition with around 3 million backers so far is crying out for the electoral college to vote for Clinton. So wear a safety pin, sign the petition and oppose, oppose, oppose. Don’t fall into complacency and don’t discount the power of your impact – that is partially how we found ourselves in this situation in the first place. Perhaps the most meaningful thing we can do right now is to reassure the groups being targeted by Trump’s rhetoric that we will always stand with them. Trumpism will never shatter the American dream – we won’t let it.

Crossword

Across
1. Hobble
5. Assist in wrongdoing
9. Saltwater fish
13. Musical instrument
14. Exists
16. Song
17. Animal hide
18. Decorating material
19. A small room
20. Make a great effort
22. Wild plum
23. In vigorous good appearance
27. Jewel
28. Ripped
29. Cereal grass
30. Visual representation
31. Pain
32. Trample
33. Style of glazed earthenware
34. Unit of electrical resistance
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47. Insect

Down
1. Smooth gait
2. Wild goat
3. Small burrowing mammal
4. Oceanic bird
5. Any high mountain
6. Prejudice
7. Malevolence
8. Singing voice
9. Unmarried man
10. Region
11. Part of a window
12. Brief occasion for buying at reduced prices
15. Lieu
16. Neat and smart in appearance
17. Malevolence
18. Decorating material
19. Animal hide
20. Region
21. Neat and smart in appearance
22. Wild plum
23. In vigorous good appearance
27. Jewel
28. Ripped
29. Cereal grass
30. Visual representation
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Please, please don’t lose hope in our country. We have always prided ourselves as a beacon of opportunity, freedom and hope. We have no doubt gone backwards in this election, but please remember: it is the people of a country that represent it, not just its leader. There are about 60,981,118 Americans who believe in progress, protecting minority rights, and upholding the ideals our country was founded on; they defy the vile and divisive rhetoric employed by our President-elect.

If you are one of these people, never let your voice drown out. It is your fundamental right to disagree and oppose and to effect change. Schools and colleges all over the nation are participating in protests against the Trump presidency and protesters have been bearing safety pins as a symbol of solidarity with the minority groups that Trump so viciously victimized. A change.org petition with around 3 million backers so far is crying out for the electoral college to vote for Clinton. So wear a safety pin, sign the petition and oppose, oppose, oppose. Don’t fall into complacency and don’t discount the power of your impact – that is partially how we found ourselves in this situation in the first place. Perhaps the most meaningful thing we can do right now is to reassure the groups being targeted by Trump’s rhetoric that we will always stand with them. Trumpism will never shatter the American dream – we won’t let it.
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