

The University of Redlands Town & Gown Board of Directors

Report for the Annual Meeting
Wednesday, June 15, 2022

June 2022

Town & Gown came back strong for 2021-2022 after long months through the pandemic. The previous year, virtual activities and events included picking up ingredients and making food ourselves (and then enjoying it together via Zoom or Webex), holding meetings on Zoom, and providing support to our Town & Gown Scholars as well as supporting U of R faculty with Community Service Learning Grants – this was the norm during the months of 2020 and the first part of 2021. The Town & Gown Board of Directors and Town & Gown members as a whole were enthusiastic about finally getting back to “normal” with in-person activities and events for 2021-2022.

Our Town & Gown year began with a **WELCOME BACK RECEPTION** in late June 2021 on the Talbert Patio. This first event was well-attended, and people were thrilled to finally be back together in person. A couple of our Scholars and their families attended as well – a great chance for us to meet them! People were able to join Town & Gown that night and our membership drive began in earnest!

The annual University of Redlands **TOWN & GOWN NIGHT AT THE REDLANDS BOWL** was a success – our reception in the Talbert Courtyard was well attended due to the “draw” of meeting our new U of R President and her husband! Krista Newkirk and Lew Glenn have been a wonderful addition to the U of R family, and we were very fortunate to be able to introduce them to the community in July 2021.

MEMBERSHIP in Town & Gown slowly increased over 2021-2022 thanks to Steve Garcia and his committee’s hard work and constant positive encouragement. We didn’t quite meet our goal of 300 members, but by the end of our year we were so close (291!!).

Janey Cole and her committee planned a wonderful **SCHOLAR RECEPTION** in November to recognize our Scholars and meet their families. Each Scholar was introduced, and families had a chance to meet the Town & Gown Board over some fabulous appetizers from Harvest Table! Janey also worked hard all year to have **SCHOLARS** attend our Board meetings – it was so nice to be able to meet them and to hear about their work at the University and their volunteer work at the U of R and in their communities. Some of our Scholars also attended various Town & Gown events, and it was helpful to have them participate as Town & Gown “Scholar Ambassadors.”

Julie Byers, Laura Gallardo, and Janey worked hard to bring new life to our **COMMUNITY SERVICE LEARNING GRANTS** and to make the application process easier for faculty. Partnering with the Community Service Learning Department at the University, Town & Gown was able to offer six \$1,000 grants to support U of R faculty with programs and classes to benefit the community.

James Benanti and the Events Committee continued to be the lifeline for Town & Gown members again this year! James worked hard during the pandemic to plan events for Town & Gown members, but then “hit the ground running” in the summer of 2021 to plan our many activities and

events for 2021-2022. Our annual **BEAUJOLAIS NOUVEAU** (hosted by Robert & Cheri Dawes) is always a favorite and this November's event was no exception. Then in December, the **MOVEABLE FEAST** dinner in the Casa Loma Room was beautiful, followed by reserved seating for the Feast of Lights (outside the chapel this year due to COVID concerns...a little cold, but as wonderful and meaningful as always).

January and February brought another surge in COVID cases, so our annual **VINTNER DINNER** was moved from February 14th to May 21st. But the **SNEAK PEEK AT THE SUPER BOWL**, led by Head Football Coach Jim Good and the U of R Football Staff, went on as planned in a virtual format, educating, and informing Town & Gown members about what to watch for during the Super Bowl (besides the commercials! ☺).

February also brought the **INAUGURATION** of our 12th President of the U of R, Krista Newkirk. We are so fortunate that Krista (and her husband, Town & Gown Board Member Lew Glenn) chose to come to the University of Redlands. Krista's inauguration was a spectacular event, and many Town & Gown members were lucky to attend the numerous events celebrating Krista and this new beginning for the University!

Spring brought our annual **AWARDS OF DISTINCTION DINNER**...finally, after two years of postponing this event! Led by Emcee Nathan Gonzales, the evening was a wonderful celebration of seven leaders in our community. We also had our very first event at the Santa Anita Racetrack in the spring, the **U of R TOWN & GOWN DAY AT THE RACES**, thanks to Board member Rebecca Weir! This was an informative, well-attended event for Town & Gown and there have been lots of requests for this to become an annual event!

COMMENCEMENT arrived in late April and Town & Gown members volunteered to work at the annual Town & Gown booth during graduations that weekend, selling snacks, water, and coffee to commencement attendees. A huge thank you to Dawn Romo and Jeena Epperson who took charge of coordinating our Town & Gown booth. We made a profit this year! Hooray!

Finally, our final event for the year, the **ALUMNI VINTNER DINNER** was a great success! Thanks to the creativity and leadership of Vice President for Events, James Benanti, the selected wines were excellent, and the food paired with each wine was equally excellent! Teaming the Harvest Table Head Chef Robert Sevaly (speaking about the various courses served) with James (providing details about the wine and the wine makers) provided a wonderful program for attendees.

Our Town & Gown **ENDOWMENT** slightly increased during 2021-2022. The market was not necessarily our friend this year, but we did add over \$24,000 to our Endowment and ended the third quarter with a balance of \$1,383,548 (as of March 31, 2022). Both our Financial Secretary, Mike Reynolds, and our Vice President for Membership & Fundraising, Steve Garcia, did a great

job of keeping us informed and aware of our financial progress, in order to provide scholarships to eligible Inland Empire students and to support our Town & Gown mission.

This year has been the best ever...with a dedicated, active, and enthusiastic Board of Directors, Town & Gown moved forward despite the challenges of emerging from a pandemic and the “new normal” of living with protocols in place to keep people healthy and safe. The Board met every month, either in person or on Zoom, and provided a variety of events and activities for Town & Gown members. Board meetings were always well-attended, and the Board continued to be actively engaged in the mission of Town & Gown. I’m especially grateful to Julie Byers for all of her record keeping...to Mike Reynolds for providing the financial information each month....and to Chris Walker for his guidance and for being my mentor these past two years.

As our year comes to a close and we look ahead...new Scholars have been selected for the 2022-2023 school year...faculty members have applied for and been granted community service learning grants...new Board of Directors’ Officers have been chosen and elected...and six new Board members were sought from both the “Town” and the “Gown” and invited to join the Board of Directors beginning July 2022.

A special thank you to Shelli Stockton, organizer extraordinaire and the biggest cheerleader Town & Gown could possibly have....and to Jeena Epperson who quickly became our “go to” person for all things Town & Gown and has put her “all” into everything we do! I’m grateful to you both, along with other University staff who supported us (especially Alison, Tracy, and Mary).

I think we have much to be grateful for in this past year....good health (with gratitude for vaccines!), fun activities, good friends, and a committed Board doing a great job of working together for our community, for the University and in order to further the mission of Town & Gown.

Many thanks to each one of you!

Marcia W. Fagan
President
Town & Gown Board of Directors

TOWN & GOWN BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2021-2022

Marcia Fagan – President

TOWN - Retired Educator

Janey Cole – 1st Vice President (Scholars/Faculty Grants)

TOWN - Realtor - Century 21 Lois Lauer Realty

James Benanti – 2nd Vice President (Events)

TOWN – Assistant Principal – Redlands High School

Steve Garcia – 3rd Vice President (Membership/Fundraising)

GOWN - Chief Information Officer – U of R

Julie Byers – Recording Secretary

GOWN - Administrative Assistant, Community Service Learning – U of R

Mike Reynolds – Financial Secretary

TOWN - Former City of Redlands Treasurer

Dr. Chris Walker – Past President

GOWN - Professor Emeritus – U of R

Shelli Stockton – U of R Liaison

GOWN - Director of Alumni & Community Relations – U of R

Jeena Epperson – U of R Liaison

GOWN – Alumni & Community Relations Specialist – U of R

BOARD MEMBERS:

Bob Denham

TOWN - Retired Educator

Cindy Elliott

TOWN – Global Business Industry Sector Lead – ESRI

Nick Fisher

TOWN - Associate Director of Development, Children's Fund

Sandie Gallagher

TOWN - Owner – Gallagher's Finishing Touch Engraving

Laura Smolka Gallardo

GOWN - Director of Advancement Communications & Donor Relations – U of R

Danielle Garcia

TOWN - Management Services/Finance Director – City of Redlands

Lew Glenn

GOWN – Spouse of U of R President Krista Newkirk
Partner, Ascension Law, Charlotte, NC

Janet Grenda

TOWN - CEO & Chairman – Statistical Research, Inc.

Travis Martinez

TOWN - Assistant Chief of Police – City of Redlands

Pamela Ong

TOWN – Retired Athletics Transportation Coordinator – U of R

Deborah Rada

TOWN – Retired Genetic Counselor – Loma Linda, Kaiser

Dawn Romo

TOWN - Retired Educator

Monique Stennis

GOWN - Interim Director of Diversity Initiatives – U of R

John Tinch

TOWN – Retired Methodist Minister
Retired Consultant to non-profit development deferred giving programs

Rebecca Weir

TOWN - General Counsel - the Stronach Group
Adjunct Professor - U of R

Dr. Mara Winick

GOWN - Faculty Member, Department of Business Administration & Management – U of R

Town & Gown Events 2021-2022

June 30, 2021	Welcome Back Reception
July 30, 2021	U of R/Town & Gown Night at the Bowl
September 18, 2021	Rah! Rah! Redlands!
October 22-24, 2021	Homecoming & Family Weekend
November 2, 2021	Scholar Reception
November 18, 2021	Beaujolais Nouveau Release Party
December 3, 2021	Moveable Feast & Feast of Lights
February 12, 2022	Sneak Peek at the Super Bowl
April 16, 2022	Awards of Distinction Dinner
May 1, 2022	U of R Day at the Races
May 21, 2022	Alumni Vintner Dinner

SOME OF OUR 2021-2022 EVENTS...IN PICTURES!



Welcome Back Reception – Talbert Patio – June 30th



U of R/Town & Gown Night at the Bowl -
Reception at Mission Gables Patio – July 30th



Rah! Rah! Redlands! – September 18th



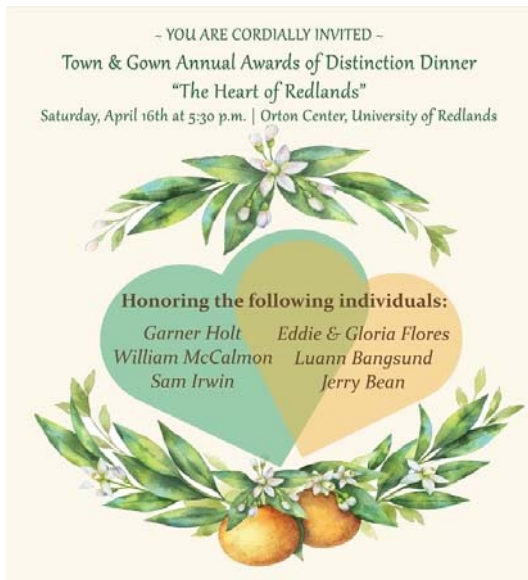
Homecoming – Endowment & Legacy Luncheon – October 22nd



Scholar Reception – Alumni House November 2nd



Beaujolais Nouveau Release Party – Alumni House – November 18th



Awards of Distinction Dinner – Orton Center – April 16th



U of R Town & Gown Day at the Races – Santa Anita Park – May 1st



Commencement Booth – Hall of Letters grass area – April 22nd & 23rd



Alumni Vintner Dinner – Casa Loma Room – May 21st

Town & Gown Scholars 2021-2022



ROW 1 from left: Marcella Arellano; Lesley Ann Bello; Rosario Cardenas; Carlos Chavez; Dana Condon; Rashel Estrada
ROW 2 from left: Jennifer Hitchcock; Tiana Mosley; Isabella Romagnoli; Andrew Sheble; Angelica Soria; Savannah Spiess
NOT PICTURED: Kourtney Heald; Sean Sampson

Marcella Arellano – Alta Loma - Senior

Major: Communication Sciences Minor: Psychology

Lesley Ann Bello – Fontana – Junior

Major: Undeclared

Rosario Cardenas – Yucaipa – Junior

Major: English Minor: Environmental Studies

Carlos Chavez – Riverside – Junior

Major: Global Business Minor: Asian Studies

Dana Condon – Redlands – Senior

Major: Accounting/MALT Program

Rashel Estrada – Indio – Senior

Major: Sociology and Anthropology

Town & Gown Scholars 2021-2022

(continued)

Kourtney Heald – Hesperia – Senior

Double Major: Biology and Health, Medicine and Society

Jennifer Hitchcock – Yucaipa – Junior

Double Major: Communication Sciences & Disorders, Studio Art

Tiana Mosley – Redlands – Senior

Major: Communication Sciences & Disorders

Isabella Romagnoli – Redlands – Senior

Major: Psychology Minor: Spanish

Sean Sampson – Wildomar – Senior

Major: Environmental Studies

Andrew Sheble – Redlands – Senior

Major: Environmental Studies

Angelica Soria – Indio – Senior

Major: Psychology Minor: International Relations & Public Policy

Savannah Spiess – Fontana – Senior

Major: Psychology

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Community Service Learning Grant Awardees

(in partnership with the U of R Community Service Learning Department)

2021-2022

May 2022

Erin Sanborn - \$1,000

- **CSAC 363A.01 – Community & Urban Gardening**

While working on SURF and at other local farms, conservancies and gardens, service work will range from weeding, planting, repairing irrigation, and installs of new garden beds.

- Funds will be used to purchase lumber for raised garden beds and the material to fill them with the potential to build up to four beds during the course. They cost about \$400 in total to build.

Breann Lindsey - \$400

- **CSAC 361.01 – Ropes Course Leadership**

A four-week May Term course offered to students seeking to improve their leadership and interpersonal skills and serve the local community. The purpose of the course is to provide a Low Ropes community outreach program that positively influences local youth, including at-risk adolescents, adapted physical education students, AVID students, and other off-campus groups at the University of Redlands.

- Funds will be used for materials ranging from bandanas and hula hoops to wooden structures and large group game materials. Monies would also help replace items that are dry-rotted or broken and add materials to better support other adapted groups.

Darci Manzo Piron - \$1,000

- **CSAC 360A.01 – Into the Streets**

This course introduces students to community outreach and the importance of service. Students will have weekly service opportunities in Redlands and surrounding areas in partnership with local nonprofits at their locations.

- Funds will be used for transportation and lodging fees, course supplies, books, equipment, guest speakers or other resources.

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Community Service Learning Grant Awardees

(in partnership with the U of R Community Service Learning Department)

2021-2022

Fall 2022

Brian Charest - \$1,000

- **Education 401 (also cross-listed with EDUC 501 & MALT 601) – Foundations of Learning**

Inside Out Program - By studying together and working on issues of crime, justice, and related social concerns, those inside and outside prison can catalyze the changes that will make communities more inclusive, just, humane, and socially sustainable.

 - Funds will be used to travel for students, books for incarcerated students, printing costs for class projects as well as food and drink for the final course symposium inside the Norco prison.

Masako Nunn - \$1,000

- **Japanese 101 – 1st Year Modern Japanese**

This course is designed for beginners who have little or no background in Japanese. Using a communicative approach, the course enhances the student's conversation and listening skills. Students will learn the important elements of Japanese culture, customs, and the Japanese people. As part of a hands-on cultural experience, this course will experience Japanese taiko drumming and study the history of taiko. An instructor from the non-profit organization called Taikomix, will teach the spirit of traditional Japanese culture. Taikomix's mission is sharing the joys of taiko drumming with the Inland Empire and surrounding communities.

 - Funds will be used for transportation, guest instructor fees and taiko supplies and maintenance.

Julie Shuler - \$800

- **CDIS 646 - Dysphagia and Voice Clinic: The Speak Out/LOUD Crowd – The voice therapy program is a graduate clinical practicum held on the Human Good – Plymouth Village Continuing Care Campus**

Individuals living with Parkinson's' disease participate in the voice therapy program free of charge. Licensed SLPs trained in the Parkinson's' therapy program supervise graduate clinicians in the administration of the Program.

 - Funds will help advertise the program through local Inland Empire newspapers such as the Redlands Community News.

Town & Gown Awards of Distinction Honorees

~~2019-2020~~ (cancelled due to COVID) ☹

~~2020-2021~~ (cancelled due to COVID) ☹

2021-2022

Luann Bangsund

Jerry Bean

Ediberto and Gloria Flores

Garner Holt

Sam Irwin

William McCalmon

