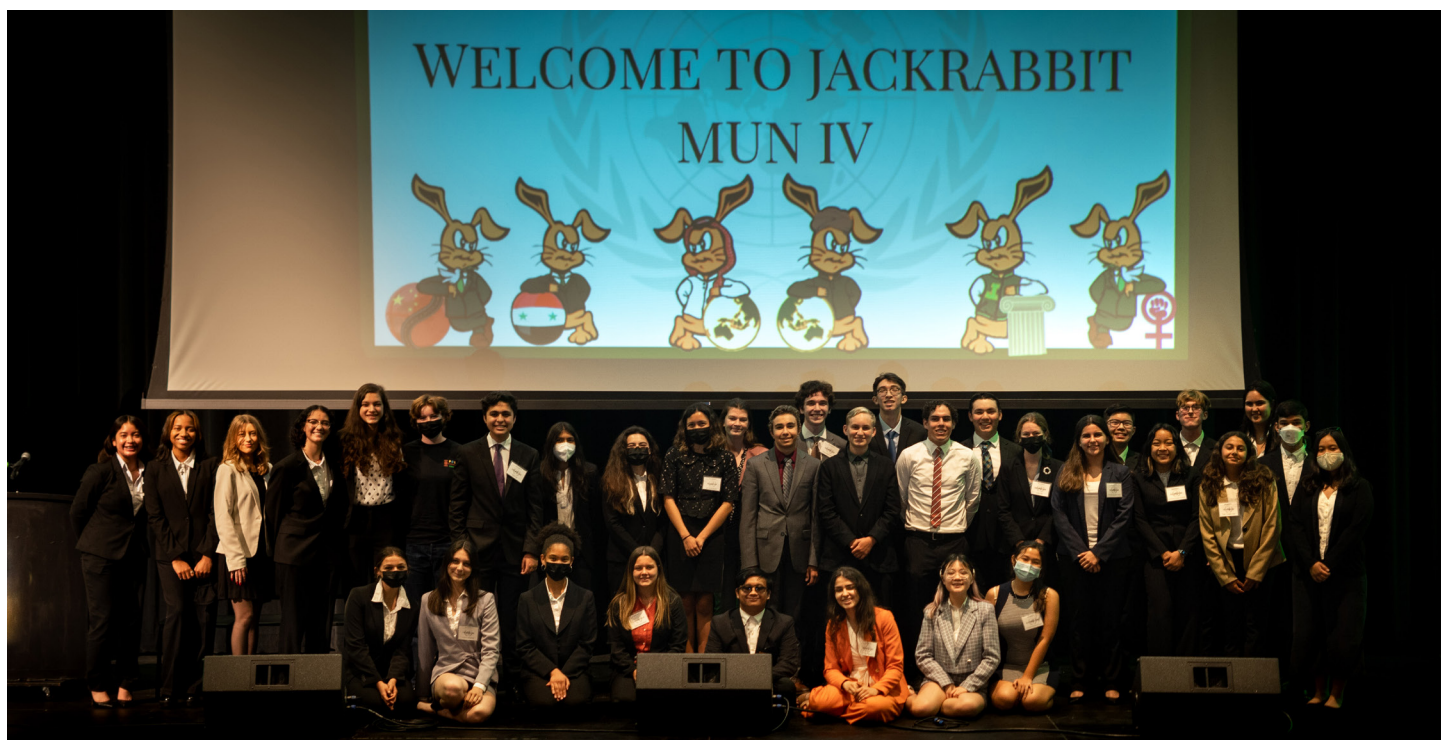


# Pace HAREBRAIN



The Poly Model UN Club, led by faculty adviser Patrick Gillogly, hosted the fourth annual Jackrabbit MUN at Long Beach Poly High School in May. Thirteen schools from around the region participated. It is the only MUN conference in the Long Beach Unified School District. Photo by Carleton Christy.

## Model UN Hosts Successful Conference to Cap Strong Year

More than 150 delegates from 13 Southern California schools participated in Jackrabbit MUN IV, held on the Long Beach Poly campus on May 21.

It was the first Jackrabbit MUN to be held in person since the inaugural conference, in 2019. The 2020 edition was cancelled due to the pandemic, and the 2021 conference was held online.

Poly's Model United Nations club, under the leadership of faculty adviser Patrick Gillogly, made the most of the opportunity, hosting six committee rooms focused on topics ranging from

China's Belt and Road initiative to the role of women in power in the Middle East and the geopolitical, sectarian and economic struggles between Saudi Arabia and Iran.

"We created the conference experience that we always wanted," said PACE senior Hamid Torabzadeh, who served as MUN's co-president in 2021-22 with Dina Miranda. "We wanted it to be a place where people could debate and address issues creatively. Overall, it was a very rewarding experience."

Students who want to learn more

about participating in MUN at Poly can check out [jackrabbitmun.com](http://jackrabbitmun.com).

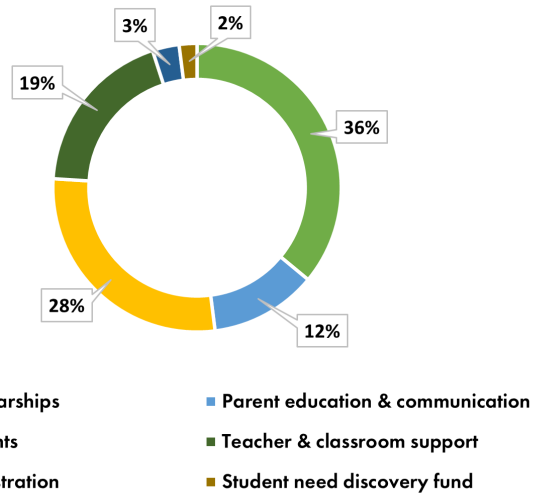
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**Congratulations  
to our  
2022-2023  
scholarship recipients!**

- Lauren Boysen
- Eliana Eats
- Hebah Halibi
- Inanna Khansa
- Kaera Mishenkov Mitchen
- Elizabeth Richards
- Julia Sutedjo
- Hamid Torabzadeh
- Vietduke Thai
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**2021/22 Pace Parent Group Budget**



Your support over the past year helped us provide \$2,000 scholarships to 10 PACE seniors. It also funded student club activities (such as Model UN and Rabbotics), teacher and counselor seminars, classroom supplies, parent education, and AP reviews. We couldn't do it without you! Please consider donating with the enclosed envelope or at [paceparent.org](http://paceparent.org).

# Rabbotics Team Rules at Regional Competitions

The Poly Rabbotics team wrapped up the 2022 season strong, finishing as semi-finalists and earning awards at both of the major regional robotics competitions they entered.

At the Orange County Regional, the squad won the Quality Award, given to teams that field robots exhibiting a good manufacturing and design process; and at the Los Angeles Regional, they received the Industrial Design Award, granted to exceptionally durable robots that excel on the field.

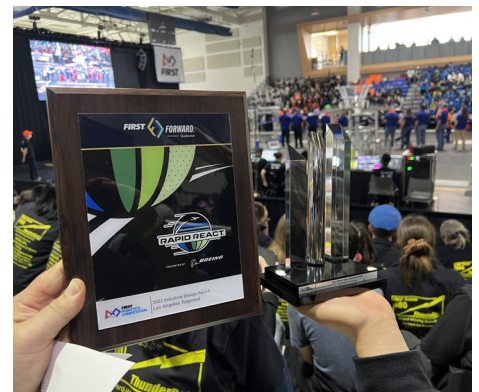
Also known as Team #7042 in the First Robotics Competition league, the Poly Rabbotics team constructs a new robot each spring, as the league changes the game the robots play every year. This year, the game focused on shooting basketball-size tennis balls into a tall funnel and climbing steadily ascending monkey bars.

The team built parts of the robot, which they named Bandar (the Hindi word for monkey), at Frontier Technologies in Long Beach, where team member Evan Tsai's father, John Tsai, is the CEO.



The core of the Poly Rabbotics team is made up of PACE students. The club has three advisers: teachers Albert Shaheen and Samantha Lawrence, and Eric Gever from Boeing.

Poly Rabbotics hopes to expand its partnership with Frontier Technologies next year and will be looking to recruit new members this summer. Anyone who is interested in joining the team can learn more at the club's website, [lbpolyrabbotics.org](http://lbpolyrabbotics.org).





PACE StudentCam winners from left to right: Sebastian Fonseca, Sarah Madden, Shakinat Oladebo, Tika Jonnum, Anya Murrell, Ivy Bragg-Guzman, Alivia Seard, Lily Danks, Sate You, Ruthie Heis, Dia Rubio, Mikayla Shekell, Avery Shirbroun, Dylan Aulenta, Emerson LaPorta, and Caden Kawamura.

## PACE Students Honored in 2022 StudentCam Contest

Long Beach Poly PACE first-year students continued the program's winning tradition in the CSPAN StudentCam contest this spring, with 18 earning recognition for their short documentaries answering the question, "How does the federal government impact your life?"

Caden Kawamura and Emerson LaPorta received second-place honors, along with \$1,500 in prize money, for

their video on homelessness.

PACE also had two third-place winners: Sebastian Fonseca and Sarah Madden, whose project focused on FEMA and disaster response; and Alivia Seard, Anya Murrell, and Ivy Bragg-Guzman, who looked at hate crime legislation.

Four teams earned honorable mention: Tejus Deo Dixit, Ruthie Heis, and Dia Rubio; Tika Jonnum and Shakinat Oladebo; Avery Shirbroun, Mikayla

Shekell, and Dylan Aulenta; and Lily Danks, Harper Hogan and Sate You.

The films, which are available for viewing at [studentcam.org](http://studentcam.org), were created as part of Jeff Montooth's U.S. government class.

"The overall quality of the videos this year was maybe the best ever," Montooth said. "The competition gets harder every year, and the fact that we're still winning is amazing."

### Thank you to our 2021-2022 donors!

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# A Fond Farewell from Outgoing PACE Parent Group President

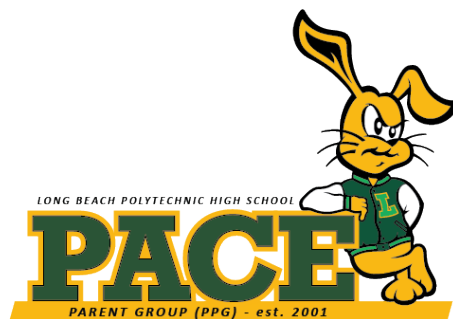
As a student at Loyola Marymount University in 1992, I worked in the admissions office. Upon graduating, I continued to help recruit high school seniors to LMU. I quickly learned the first students LMU admissions counselors wanted to speak to were from Long Beach Poly High School's PACE program. I had never heard of the school or program, but I realized it carried a lot of merit. At the time I wasn't married, wasn't living in Long Beach and didn't have children.

Fast forward several years and I was married, living in Long Beach with a daughter who came home from sixth grade one day and said "Mom, I want to go to Poly PACE for high school." I said, "Great choice!"

For almost 50 years, PACE has enjoyed a long legacy of educating some of the brightest students in Long Beach. Its reputation is far-reaching, and many top universities come to expect admitting high-caliber students who can perform and compete with the best of them. PACE teachers and parents hope this legacy will continue for another 50 years. At a time when the district is focusing on pathways and not specialized programs like PACE, this sentiment means more

than ever.

For the past two years, COVID-19 presented many challenges at Poly. However, despite those setbacks, the PACE PPG was able to provide as much support as possible. In September we hosted a tailgate for PACE families before a home football game. In November we



provided an in-person parent education presentation thanks to board member Dr. Helen Currie, who shared tips on how to speak to teens.

In March we provided a PACE-sponsored ACT prep by AR Test Prep for PACE sophomores and juniors. In April we hosted another parent education presentation, "Admissions 101" by Collegewise. In May we awarded merit-based scholarships to 10 out-

standing PACE seniors. We also welcomed incoming PACE families, current PACE families and staff at a PACE fundraiser at Dutch's Brewery, where our very own PACE Pilsner was served. All of these events were paid for by your generous donations and organized and executed by our hard-working PACE PPG parent volunteers.

For the past four years, I have had the pleasure of serving on the PACE PPG Board alongside a talented and dedicated Board of Directors. I'm so grateful for their support. Following in my footsteps, the PACE PPG Board will be led by Jyoti Nanda, who along with the Board will continue to make sure the program is thriving and a viable option for future students.

As a die-hard Poly fan and feeling forever indebted to the PACE teachers for the incredible education afforded my two children, I will always support this unique and special program and encourage all of you to do the same. As the saying goes, "Once a Jackrabbit, always a Jackrabbit."

*Kelly Sullivan*  
Outgoing PACE PPG President

Did you miss our parent education meeting, "College Admissions 101: Behind the Desk," with Ian Parker of Collegewise? Never fear! Go to the PACE website, [lbpoly.schoolloop.com/PACE](http://lbpoly.schoolloop.com/PACE), where you'll find links to the most recent PACE Parent Group parent education presentations. We'll host more presentations in the fall; look for announcements in the Harebrain, on postcards we'll send to your home, and on our website, [paceparent.org](http://paceparent.org).

PACE Parent Group (PPG) is a non-profit board consisting of PACE parent volunteers who raise and manage donations in order to provide additional support to the PACE academic and scholarship program.

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