



The Caltech Y NEWS

"Making a World of Difference"

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Announcements & Reports

Y Annual Giving Kickoff

by Athena Castro, Y Executive Director

The last several years have been financially challenging for many organizations and many individuals. The Caltech Y has been no exception and, in this economy, Y programs can be seen as superfluous and non-essential.

However, I would argue that Y programs are even more essential and critical than ever before. Involvement with the Caltech Y is an opportunity for students to learn about the community and the world around them as they pass through Caltech on their way to becoming leaders in our continually more complex world

Every week, a dedicated group of students meets to brainstorm ideas, plan programs, and then implement them. For example, did you know that since 1995, Y students have been cooking and serving dinner to the homeless at Union Station Homeless Shelter every month? For the last couple of years, 5-8 students go every Friday – yes, every Friday afternoon from October to May – to a community center in LA to tutor area youth in math and science. Another group is examining *Decompression* in order to recommend cost

cutting strategies without eliminating the program. Still another group is planning monthly *Explore LA* trips. In addition, students are inviting speakers to talk about global issues, exploring the outdoors, and gaining valuable leadership skills. They learn to communicate effectively, to manage groups as well as time and money, and to motivate others. They also experience first-hand the pressing issues that affect us all – poverty, homelessness, hunger, immigration, and more. They learn that they can make a difference in the lives of others and that their actions can have a significant impact.

This is what makes the Caltech Y essential. The Y bridges the gap between the classroom and real life. The Caltech Y is not only valuable, but critical to the educational experience.

The Y has been in existence for 95 years and we are going strong! The secret to our longevity is the generous and faithful group of Friends and supporters. Now that we are in a new fiscal year, it is time to renew your Friends contribution. Soon, letters and/or emails will be arriving in your mailboxes and reminding you about this important time. I invite you to re-

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new your membership to the Friends of the Caltech Y and, if you are not already a member, to join. Of course, the major reason for the Friends of the Caltech Y to exist is to provide financial support for Y programs and staff. The Caltech Y is an independent, non-profit organization operating on the Caltech campus with Caltech's encouragement and support. Your financial support is a significant contribution to the breadth of the Y programs. Whether you give \$50 or \$500, your gift makes a difference.

Y programs would not be the same without you and, indeed, Caltech and the community at large would not be the same without you. Thank you for your continued support

[Adapted from remarks delivered at the Y Friends Dinner, Oct 27]

Consider contributing through United Way for your gift to be matched 100% by Caltech

If you are a Caltech faculty, staff, employee or post-doc, please consider making your gift to the Caltech Y now during the annual United Way Campaign, which ends November 18 – Your gift will be doubled!

This is the only time of the year you can designate your gift to the Caltech Y through United Way so that it will be matched 100% by the Institute. You may give any amount through the year but, if you designate \$17 a month from your paycheck or \$200 a year, you qualify as a "Friend of the Caltech Y."

Just follow these simple steps to your designated gift to the Caltech Y and have it doubled by the Institute (does not apply to JPL):

1. Login to Human Resources [access.caltech](#) link
2. Follow 'United Way 2012' link in left column
3. Designate a monthly amount or one-time gift
4. In Option B, on next page, indicate the amount you wish to give the Caltech Y annually
5. Click 'continue' – You're done.

We also encourage other donors to explore the availability of matching gifts from their respective employers. You can make a huge difference in the service we are able to provide Caltech and the surrounding community.

Thank you!

Announcements & Reports (continued)

Message from a recent Alum – Gerardo Morabito ‘11

Besides being an awesome place to work, the Caltech Y truly improved my overall experience as a student at Caltech. I first got involved with the Y as a student worker early in my junior year. However, my involvement with the Y accounted to a lot more than just a part-time job to help me get through college. More than that, I am grateful to the Y for all the hikes, events, outings, and the ever-popular *Decompression* that it organizes for us Techers. Thanks to the Y, other Techers and I got the opportunity to give back to the community through events like *Make-a-Difference Day*, and volunteering to tutor kids living in disadvantaged areas of Los Angeles. Also thanks to the Y, in my senior year, I got to participate in the *Caltech Y Alternative Spring Break* at Joshua Tree National Park, doing a mixture of both volunteer work and outdoor adventuring.

During my time working for the Y, I got first-hand experience into the



At Joshua Tree National Park

extensive amount of planning and work required to make all these events successful. Some times I had to help the Y staff with set up for events like *Decompression* or the *International Food Fair*. Other times I had to organize and ensure the working condition of equipment being used in upcoming hikes (something I was quite comfortable with due to my training with the US Marine Corps). Either way, I now

have a better understanding of how much effort the Y puts into making Caltech a more exciting and generally funnier place to be in. As a student worker, I also obtained much “insider knowledge” into the activities being scheduled for each month. I was always one of the first on campus to hear about these events. In retrospect, it was somewhat unfair that the sign-up sheet for events like *Alternative Spring Break* was printed out (and filled in) by me, before it was even available to anyone else.

I came to learn about the Y's equipment rental service, *Alternative Spring break*, *Y Hikes*, and *Make-a-Difference Day* (to name a few) because of my work with the Y. I only wish I had learned about all of this before my third year at Caltech. Still, it goes without saying, that the Y made my time at Caltech richer, and both more enjoyable and memorable.

Recent Events (October)

Fourth Annual Golf Fundraiser a success!

by Chris Kealey, Y Marketing & Development Director

[photos by Bob Paz & Gunilla Hastrup]

Once again, the weather cooperated for a beautiful day at the *Caltech Y's Fourth Annual Golf Tournament and Auction*. With rain falling just two days before the event, we lucked out again. Golfers and dinner/auction guests were treated to a classic fall day on Friday, October 10 in Pasadena as they raised money and awareness for the Caltech Y. The final total is still being tallied but the Caltech Y earned close to \$22,000 from this single fundraising event. Congratulations!

The full day schedule included a golf tournament at noon and an auction/dinner in the evening. Over 145 attended the combined events, with 84 golfers teeing-off at Pasadena's famous

Brookside Golf Course near the Rose Bowl. This year, our golfers included students, alumni, board members, Caltech staff, Y donors, community members, and Caltech business partners. It was great to see everyone out having a fun time on the fairway.

The Golf Tournament was very competitive this year. Apparently, some of you have been practicing during the other eleven months. This year, there was a three-way tie for first place with team low scores of 65. The tiebreaker came in the form of a “card-off” with first place going to the Caltech Credit Union team. Congratulations to all the winning teams!

1st Place: Caltech Credit Union threesome of John Barnfather, Chris Otey and Willis Chapman

2nd Place: Geronimo's BBQ foursome



of Eddie Hernandez, Steve Catellon, Jeff Arend and Geri Gonzalez

3rd Place: Foursome of Andy Pollard, Mike Pollard, Ed Anderson and A.J. Carter

Additionally, congratulations to this year's winner of our raffle drawing for a new Apple iPad: Professor Paul Paterson. Enjoy it!



Golf Tournament (continued)



The Winning Teams!! — 1st, 2nd, and 3rd [L to R]

The evening auction was a success as well. We auctioned off 50 silent auction items and an additional 5 live auction items. One interesting live auction item was a basketball signed by the Caltech men's basketball team, who broke the 310 losing streak last year. The ball was auctioned for \$500, its first and only bid. Other items of interest were travel packages to Hawaii and Maine, a glider flight, interior design packages, art and jewelry, restaurant gift certificates and two bottles of French wine donated by Drs. Jean-Lou Chameau and Carol Carmichael. The

full brochure with all auction items can be found at:

www.caltechy.org/support/golf

Thanks to everyone who came to the dinner, bid on items and donated to the success of the evening. On behalf of the students and the Caltech Y, we thank you.

Large events like this require a lot of effort, and we would like to thank the golf committee and the Caltech Y staff for putting on a great tournament for the fourth year in a row. This fundraiser has gained a lot of traction very quickly, and it is due to the hard work

and diligence of the committee. Thank you Don Brown, Toni Perpall, Sue Crisp, John and Barbara Gee, Donna Shepherd, Maraea Johnston, Nancy Lan, and Gunilla Hastrup for putting together a great event. If anyone out there would like to help plan next year's *Fifth Annual Tournament*, send the Caltech Y an email. We'll put you to work.

Mark your calendars for next year – October 12, 2012. This is a great way to support the Caltech Y for both golfer and non-golfer alike.



Adventure 101 Series features “Great Hikes in the LA Area”

by Pratyush Tiwary, Grad student

The Caltech Y, jointly with the Caltech Alpine Club, organized a lunch talk titled, "Great Hikes in the Greater LA Area" on October 6. This was as a part of the *Adventure 101 Lunch Series*. Graduate students Pratyush Tiwary and Ramathanas Thevamaran were the speakers. The talk was well attended – around 30 people showed up.

The speakers started with what motivates people to find time in their busy lives for hiking, camping and backpacking. They then moved on to a detailed description of local trails,

starting with the ones in the immediate vicinity of Pasadena. Gradually, they mentioned hikes that were a little further (two hours or more) from Pasadena. For each hike, the speakers pointed out the best time of the year to go, good features (for example, you can see the ocean from this trail!), bad features (for example, there are lots of thorny bushes on this trail!) and other important details.

Information was then provided on renting gear on campus, specifically regarding the Caltech Y and Alpine Club collections of gear which is avail-

able at very nominal costs (Alpine Club gear being free). The session ended with a very interactive question and answer session. The entire presentation was also made available online to the participants.

The *Adventure 101 Lunch Series* is designed to introduce students to opportunities, resources and knowledge essential in expanding their adventure repertoire, and has been a very popular campus event through the years, well attended by students as well as staff.

Recent Events (continued)

Caltech Y holds Open House at its new premises

by Liz Jackman, Y Administrative Assistant

[photos by Gunilla Hastrup]

Now that we are mostly moved in at the new location of the Caltech Y, we opened our doors and welcomed our

neighbors and the Caltech community to our Open House on Oct 13.

We had a bouncy house, ice cream, food and free T-shirts. Howell Tyson '50, who grew up in the house when it was the Tyson family residence, gave guided tours.

There was a better than expected turnout and a great time was had by all. We hope our neighbors and the Caltech community will continue to be involved with the Caltech Y here in our new home, at 505 S Wilson Ave.



Student Nutrition is focus of Life Skills Series event

by Katja Luxem '14 student

Companies are smart – really smart. They know people are looking for healthy foods, so they find ways to make processed look natural, and sugar look like a train of “oses” at the end of the ingredients list – The average American only reads the first three ingredients anyway and, as long as a serving has less than 0.5 percent of ingredient X, percent X = 0.

Those were just some of things Jill Brook, a local nutritionist from Diet for Health, explained at the last *Life Skills Series* event on Oct 12. Focused on college eating for Caltech students, Jill gave tips for breakfast, dinner, and

all the snacks in between. Prepared with lots of wrappers, Jill had us go through all the granola bars, cereals, cream cheeses and “better than cream cheeses” to decide which was actually the better, healthier option. Examples: Nature’s Valley? – not so great; “Smart” cereal? – it’s an okay dessert, as long as you know you’re having dessert for breakfast.

As a student athlete, I have heard Jill speak several times already – but I always leave with some new tidbit of information. Her energetic hour-long sessions leave me determined to improve my diet and sleeping patterns yet again – usually with some success! The best way to eat well, Jill said, isn’t

a food or type of food. It’s sleep!! Sleeping makes you less likely to grab those “bad-for-you” snacks and boosts your willpower. That’s definitely something I know from experience!

The twenty students who participated had lots of questions: what should I eat to study better; don’t fruits have a lot of sugar as well; and, if fake sugars are designed not to be digested but just excreted, are they really bad for us. Everyone was very engaged in the group discussions, answering and asking questions, and I think most of us left more prepared to tackle the grocery store than when we came in!

Social Activism Speaker Series events

“The Yes Men”

by Lisa Mauger, Grad student, SASS Committee President

On October 10, the Caltech Y Social Activism Speaker Series (SASS) hosted Andy Bichlebaum of ‘The Yes Men’. The Yes Men are a pair of notorious troublemakers who sneak into corporate events disguised as captains of industry, then use their momentary authority to expose those they claim to be the biggest criminals on the planet. The Yes Men are not your typical activists – rather than dedicating their work to a particular issue they focus on creating media attention for advocacy organizations that seek their help. As Andy summarized, they advocate for causes by ‘creating funny actions that give journalists an excuse to write about important issues’.

Andy detailed many of the hijinks that The Yes Men have undertaken in recent years, including those that were featured on their



Andy Bichelbaum (blue shirt) with SASS members

The Yes Men (continued)

film, *The Yes Men Fix the World*. Andy's organization believes they are on the frontlines of combating the multi-billion dollar public relations industry that strives to get their employers perspectives into the media. Student discussion following the presentation focused on the moral and legal implications of mis-representing oneself to the media and the public. Andy informed us that he has surprisingly little legal trouble, perhaps stemming from the fact that most corporations do not want to encourage media focus on the actions of The Yes Men. Perhaps the more interesting questions centered on the moral implications of creating temporary mis-information around important issues. While The Yes Men believe that, at the end of the day, they always increase the amount of truth in the media, a few members of the audience remained skeptical of their practices.

GOP Debate Viewing Forum

*by Malvika Verma '14,
SASS Committee Member*

In almost one year, US citizens will be voting for a president, but all the excitement is happening now! The Caltech Y Social Activism Speaker Series (SASS) Committee organized a viewing at the Y, and a group of 10 undergraduate and graduate students sat down and viewed the GOP Debate held at Dartmouth College on October 11 live.

The focus of the debate was on the troubled economy and how each of the Republican/Tea Party candidates proposed to fix it. Attendees felt free to criticize Democratic, Republican, and Tea Party policies as well as the speaking styles of the candidates. Two

graduate students in economics were particularly helpful in explaining some more technical economic terms to undergraduates. Overall, it was one of the best debates yet with fantastic discussion amongst Caltech students.

“Advocacy for Refugees”

by Katja Luxem '14, student

Last spring break, the Y organized an *Alternative Spring Break* to the International Rescue Committee (IRC) in Los Angeles. We practiced English with refugees, sorted clothing for a rummage sale, and spoke with several people from IRC. One of those people was Shukry Cattan. He spoke about the challenges in resettling refugees to the US, the challenges some refugees we had met had gone through in refugee camps, and his own experience in a refugee camp in Jordan. Shukry is a local advocate for refugee rights, currently raising awareness around the conditions of Somalis in Kenya and pressuring local representatives to support the resettlement and family reunification of Somalis in LA.

On Oct 18, Shukry spoke at a Y SASS event about refugees and his work with them. Legally, refugees are people who had to leave their home country and cannot return because of fear for their safety, whether for political, religious, or other reasons. People who flee their homes but remain within their countries' borders may, under some conditions, be called refugees but are generally referred to as 'internally displaced persons.' This applied to those in the US who were displaced by Hurricane Katrina several years ago.

Shukry first gave us a background on refugees, then began talking about his story. His parents were refugees from Palestine, but he grew up in the US. He saw the challenges refugees to the

US face, and decided to work in refugee resettlement. He was a case worker at IRC Glendale until recently, when he transitioned his work with refugees to the Tiyya Foundation.

(<http://www.tiyya.org/home>)

Tiyya Foundation is a local non-profit, providing basic necessities for refugees and displaced American families. While IRC predominately takes care of refugees for their 90 days in the US, Tiyya Foundation attempts to be a long-term source of support.

Shukry partnered with Soccer Without Borders to organize a summer youth camp for refugees in Glendale this year. He said this was very rewarding for the children, and that it was especially amazing to see Iranian and Iraqi refugee children playing side by side. He described the difficulty faced by some parents in letting their children out to play in the US, away from home – where they were used to living, that wasn't safe, and throughout the week the parents had to overcome this fear.

He has also spent several months volunteering at Palestinian refugee camps in Jordan, where he worked on youth and ESL programs. The Jerash camp, more like a city, grew out of Palestinian refugees fleeing Gaza in 1967. These refugees are considered persona non grata in Jordan, as they are not citizens and not legally in Jordan. Some refugees are better off than others; houses made of mud stand next to those made of brick. The camp sewer system is literally a canal in the middle of the roads; when it rains, sewage gets everywhere. The education system in the camp is likewise troubled. Shukry return from Jerash to the US, where he felt he could better help these refugees by raising awareness.

Chancellor's Place Visitations now occur weekly

by Yang Hu, '13, ExComm

Chancellor's Place is an assisted living home for elderly residents, most of whom are over 80 years old. The assisted living home is located one block away from Caltech and allows any student living near campus to visit without the need for any other form of transportation besides walking. Chancellor's Place administrators have expressed a strong interest for students to hold musical performances, play board games, or interact with the residents. Previously, volunteer work was done on an individual basis or through

once-a-year events such as *Make a Difference Day*, which is sponsored by the Caltech Y. To increase visitations with the residents, a small group of Caltech and Y students have been going to Chancellor's Place every Saturday for the past four weeks.

We are hoping to make visitations a more regular and fruitful event that will benefit residents and students alike. One of the main challenges was to figure out what to do with residents, which is still a work in progress. Student volunteers, who are musically inclined have sung and played the

piano to the residents, which the residents highly appreciate. This was an activity that didn't require active participation from the residents. Students have also tried playing board games and other large-group activity games with residents, which some residents enjoyed, and worked in limited degrees of success. Some residents did, however, enjoy sharing their life's story with the students. An elderly resident, originally from South America, loved to talk about her life in South America and the culture of Argentina, where she grew up.

Chancellor's Place (continued)

In the following weeks we look forward to trying out new things, such as moderating bingo games, to see what works and what doesn't with residents.

Regardless, each visit is always appreciated by students and residents alike. Even when students come sometimes unsure about how to best interact with

the residents, by the end of the visit, some laughs and smiles have been shared.

Explore LA – “Day of the Dead” celebration

by Neha Samdaria, '12, ExComm member



Almost every culture in the world honors the dead in one way or another, but few do so in the colorful, musical and festive manner that is known as *Dia de Los Muertos* – Day of the Dead.

As part of the Caltech Y *Explore LA Series*, on October 22, a warm Saturday afternoon, several Caltech students journeyed to Hollywood Forever, one of the oldest cemeteries in the greater Los Angeles area, to celebrate this great Mexican tradition.

Elaborate altars were intertwined with food stalls and tents selling traditional *Dia de Los Muertos* garb. For those who felt particularly inspired, there were even face painting stalls.

Overall, it was a great chance to dip our toes into some of the culture LA has to offer, and capture what we could of it on our cameras. Enjoy!



Y Fall Friends Dinner featured Dr. Ed Stone, October 27 “The Universe in High Definition”

by Susan Murakami '75,
Immediate Past Y Board Chair
[photos by Hillary Bhaskaran]

What a rousing start to the 2011-12 academic year! First we had our *Fourth Annual Golf Tournament* that was successful beyond our dreams, then, quick on its heels, we had a wonderful *Fall Friends Dinner*! The turnout was terrific, with several students able to attend in spite of midterms.

We enjoyed a wonderful dinner of miso marinated mahi mahi and a great tres leche dessert, arranged for us by Y Board member Betty Sirri. After welcoming remarks and inspiring messages from Jennifer Ma, Y ExComm President, Athena Castro, Y Executive Director, and Lee Fisher, Y Board Chair, we turned our attention to the feature topic of the evening, “The Universe in High Definition.”

Y Board member Peter Mason gave an entertaining introduction to the speaker, Dr. Ed Stone, cataloguing Dr. Stone's many accomplishments during his extended career. Dr. Stone first briefly went through the technological advances that have made the twin ten-meter Keck telescopes successful. He then described how these technologies are being further advanced and adapted to the proposed new Thirty-Meter Telescope (TMT), for which start of



Peter Mason introducing Ed Stone



Ed Stone discussing the Thirty-Meter Telescope Project

Friends Dinner (continued)

operations ('first light') is planned in roughly 10 years. He showed some clips and photos of the increase in resolution of imaging that is expected to be achieved. The expected clarity of the images is amazing.

The hope is that we will be able to mine more information about the ori-

gins of space/time, getting us ever closer in the analysis of the "big bang"! Dr. Stone touched on the new challenges this telescope presents, including non-technological ones. This is the first major project that is dependant for funding and operations on a cooperative relationship between

several countries.

Dr. Stone also noted that the experiences the students are getting through the Caltech Y will be of benefit as they become fully adult members of the global scientific community.

Meet the ExComm

Each month the Caltech Y News interviews a member of the Y Student Executive Committee (ExComm)

Josh Tollefson '13

by Liz Jackman, Y Administrative Assistant

Josh Tollefson is definitely the tallest ExComm member and probably one of the nicest. Hailing from Rosemount, Minnesota, he's a junior majoring in applied mathematics and planetary science. At least, that's the plan, he says.

Josh has always loved community service, volunteering at the zoo as a high school student teaching children about animals and showing them the behind the scenes nuts and bolts of the zoo. This summer when his SURF at JPL, monitoring a storm on Jupiter, fell through due to budget issues, he decided to volunteer at a space camp. At the Caltech Y, he's remained focused on the volunteering component. One of his favorite events at the Y is *Make A Difference (MAD) Day*. For two years now, he's led trips to Science Olympiad. Both years, the bus was



late and the group waited for over an hour, but, instead of being upset, Josh used this time to bond with the group. They stuck around talking, which was both a "sad and hilarious" experience. Always the optimist, Josh is a great addition to the ExComm.

Josh is also a big fan of the *Explore LA Series* at the Caltech Y, and loved going to Avenue Q last year because "it was cheap and a lot of fun." He feels

the *Explore LA Series* gives students the opportunity to get off campus and experience LA for a reasonable price, and that's why he enjoys leading those events. He's very passionate about the events he leads, but is not as keen on *Decompression*.

Outside the Caltech Y Josh serves as the athletics manager and grill master for Page House. He also loves to draw, focusing mainly on portraits, and he's learning to paint and teaching himself to play the piano – a very artistic fellow.

Josh doesn't give too much thought to the future, or so he says. He jokes that he hopes to "attend a grad school that will accept me. Someone will want me, right?" He will spend his time at grad school figuring out what he wants to do, but he hopes to find a blend between his two majors of mathematics and planetary science.

Coming Events (November)

The Caltech Y – November Preview!

by Greg Fletcher, Y Student Activities & Community Services Director

Some of the events for November include:

Y-Outdoors

The Y-Outdoors Committee is looking forward to some cooler weather and planning to take advantage of some local features on a couple of day hikes for the month:

Day Hike: Devil's Punchbowl (Sat, Nov 5) – The site of two earthquake faults, the Devil's Punchbowl is a fantastic setting with vertical walls as high as 300 feet at the edge of the pine covered Angeles National Forest. Hikers will be treated to a breathtaking overlook with 360-degree views at the

summit, which is sure to make for a memorable experience.

Day Hike: Bridge to Nowhere (Sat, Nov 19) – The highlight of the San Gabriel River East Fork is the mysterious Bridge to Nowhere, or so it seems. Actually the bridge over the East Fork was stranded when the road washed away in the 30s and was never rebuilt. It is a spectacular setting, but one with the challenges of getting wet on numerous river crossings.

Outreach

In addition to our regular service projects (*RISE* tutoring, *ASOSAL* tutoring at the downtown Salvadorian

community center, *Union Station* homeless services, and *Chancellor's Place Visitations*), there are a few other highlights worthy of note:

Community Service and Advocacy Fair (Thur, Nov 10) – Students, faculty and staff will join us for lunch on the San Pasqual Mall, and take the opportunity to find out about some of the many opportunities for community service and advocacy in our area. Many agencies will be present from our community, programs on and off campus will be promoted, and information on how to use volunteer hours towards the Federal Work Study allotment will also be available.

Coming Events (continued)

Union Station: Dinner In the Park (Thur, Nov 24) – Once again, members of the ExComm will be leading a group of students down to Central Park in Pasadena on Thanksgiving Day to join Union Station Homeless Services in serving a meal to anyone in the community in need. Each year the event draws thousands to eat as well as countless others who prepare and donate food, serve meals, and put on games for kid’s at the park.

Explore LA Series

Los Angeles Philharmonic Concert (Sun, Nov 6) – Students will experience the brilliance of Walt Disney Concert Hall along with the brilliance of Lang Lang, the Chinese virtuoso who will be featured. Lang

Lang, who has been praised for bringing new audiences to classical music, will perform numbers from Bach, Schubert, and Chopin.

LA County Museum of Art (Date TBA) – LACMA is the largest art museum in the western United states, with 100,000 objects to boast of, and students on the *Explore LA* trip will have an opportunity to check it out. Collections include Asian art, Latin American art, and Islamic art.

Social Activism Speaker Series (SASS)

Jeremy Scahill: Afghanistan (Date TBA) – Jeremy Scahill is one of the few US journalists who independently ventured into Afghanistan and was not

embedded with US military forces or with the Afghanistan government. He returned from his trip with fascinating stories derived from first-hand observations, interviews, and videos about the real status of the war in Afghanistan. He is author of *Blackwater: The Rise of the World's Most Powerful Mercenary Army*, named by AlterNet as the best progressive book of the year. He is a frequent contributor to *The Nation* magazine, and a correspondent for the national radio and TV program *Democracy Now!* Scahill, currently a Puffin Foundation Writing Fellow at The Nation Institute, has won numerous awards for his reporting, including the prestigious George Polk Award.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Note: See [Caltech Y website](#) for additional information and schedule updates

November 2011

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6 <i>Explore LA: Disney Hall Lang Lang</i>	7 <i>RISE Tutoring Y Board Comm Mtgs</i>	8 ExComm Mtg <i>RISE Tutoring</i>	9 <i>RISE Tutoring</i>	10 <i>Community Service Fair RISE Tutoring</i>	11 <i>ASOSAL Tutoring</i>	12 <i>Chancellor's Place</i>
13	14 <i>RISE Tutoring</i>	15 ExComm Mtg <i>RISE Tutoring</i>	16 <i>RISE Tutoring</i>	17 <i>RISE Tutoring</i>	18 <i>ASOSAL Tutoring</i>	19 <i>Day Hike: Bridge to Nowhere Chancellor's Place Union Station</i>
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The Caltech Y

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The Y mission is to enrich student life and challenge students to grow into responsible citizens of the world.

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