Always Pioneers

One of the greatest blessings of being on an academically outstanding and spiritually vibrant campus like Pacific Union College is watching the incredible development—intellectual, spiritual, and social—that happens during the college years. I am confident that everyone at Pacific Union College, from administration to faculty and staff, would agree with me that the students entrusted to us are both a sacred charge and our most treasured asset. While we celebrate having each one of these precious students on our campus, we know that each June we must face the bittersweet parting of our seniors, the largest graduating class in the college’s history, a $2.4 million transformational gift from the late Stephen Ball, a St. Helena resident who truly valued the role of PUC in the Napa Valley community. We are grateful for this incredible development—intellectual, spiritual, and social—that happens during the college years. In fact, this year, we had the privilege of graduating 382 seniors, the largest graduating class in our college’s history, a $2.4 million transformational gift and historic success story.

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Sincerely,

Heather J. Knight, Ph.D.
President

The 2013-2014 school year was full of historic successes at our college—the highest enrollment in 24 years, an unprecedented increase in the freshman to sophomore retention rate from 71 to 85 percent in just three years, as well as the receipt of the largest single cash gift in the institution’s history.

As mentioned above, we concluded a landmark year by receiving the largest single private gift in the college’s history, a $2.4 million transformational gift from the late Stephen Ball, a St. Helena resident who truly valued the role of PUC in the Napa Valley community. We are grateful for this transformational and historic gift, and know that when it is added to the giving of our graduates at the annual June commencement, it will allow current students to experience the same high-quality education that you received during your time at PUC. (You can read more about this historic gift on page 2.)

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Through health challenges kept him from attending the Homecoming Weekend festivities, Pacific Union College was proud to honor Dr. Lawrence Longo as a 2014 Honored Alumnus. His daughter, Celeste Longi-de Tressa, accepted the award on her father’s behalf.

Longo is one of the researchers responsible for getting labels on cigarettes, and wrote sections of the Surgeon General’s report on smoking and health. In Congress, Longo has testified on different aspects of maternal and child health and smoking. He also authored studies on maternal exercise in pregnancy that led to guidelines by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

At Loma Linda University, Longo established the Center for Perinatal Biology, the first time in the university’s history that it received a major program project grant with multimillion-dollar funding from the National Institutes of Health. The center developed slowly, beginning with just a few researchers, then a few more, until Longo and his colleagues realized that “a center that was interdisciplinary, all focused on the development of fetus and unborn infant, was not a bad thing to do,” says Longo, the center’s emeritus director. His own research program has been continuously funded by the NIH since 1994.

Mountain climbers on the slopes of Mt. Everest and residents of South America’s Altiplano, known for its high elevation, also benefit from the Center for Perinatal Biology’s work. A study into maternal hypoxia—falling oxygen levels in the blood—led to a better understanding of how adults adjust to the low oxygen levels found at high altitudes. The center’s work may lead to new insights into disorders associated with high altitude acclimatization.

As he helped make history in the field of developmental physiology, Longo was also writing about it. The Rise of Fetal and Neonatal Physiology: Basic Science to Clinical Care, published in 2015, details how developmental physiology, from the mid-to-late 20th century, became one of the major disciplines in the biomedical sciences. It is the book because it wanted us to better understand from whence we came from and where we are going,” Longo said. “As physicians and healers, we need to understand how our profession developed.”

The text, Longo reflects, is one of the accomplishments most meaningful to him, defined as contributing to the world’s greater good. But he skims over his past successes to discuss current issues in his field. Two examples are understanding why an organ or function is underdeveloped in an embryo, and why, when a pregnant woman is unwell, the fetus’ cells know what kind of genes to alter to have a profound effect on the person’s body in later life. “What we now know, bottom line,” Longo says, “is that if a fetus’ growth in the womb is restricted, Type a diabetes, hypertension, and metabolic disease, and other long-term consequences are more possible.” The cells of the fetus know what kind of genes to change, which has a profound effect on the body of the person later in their lives. “It’s an exciting area, but terribly complex,” Longo notes.

It is similarly difficult to parse the decades of influence Longo has had on his field, and those in it. But at the 40th anniversary celebration of the Center for Perinatal Biology, Roger Hadley, M.D., the dean of the LLU School of Medicine, provided several highlights. Dr. Longo, Hadley said, “trained more than 100 post-doctoral students from 20 different countries, published more than 200 papers in peer-reviewed scientific journals and brought more than $100 million dollars in extramural funding to LLU.”

But, he added, “Infinity is the amount of prestige brought to Loma Linda University by Dr. Longo, and the lives benefited by the center’s research.”

Despite the high praise Longo has received, he remains humble. For example, it’s only when you ask about his experience teaching in Italy as the recipient of a five-year NATO professorship that he also mentions his ability to read French “moderately well.” “When I traveled,” he reminisces, “I tried to always have a program in which I conversed in the (naive) language” such as German, Italian and Spanish. In fact, as part of a trip several years ago, which began with his address to the 10th World Congress of Perinatal Medicine in Uruguay, Longo gave his second talk in Spanish.

Longo endowed the annual series in honor of his parents, Frank and Florine Longo, to whom he said he owes an enormous debt. “They weren’t affluent... they lived a simple life,” he remembers. “I just wanted to do something to honor them as such great human beings.” He chose a lecture series because of his experience in academia. “I’m one of those idealists who think that the goals of higher education are for learning and understanding the world better, and gaining a broad view on life.” Longo says. In his life and work, Longo has put those ideals into action.
Blazing a Trail Back Home

Homecoming 2014 brought several hundred PUC-ites back to their alma mater for a wonderful weekend at the college’s beautiful destination campus. Sunshine filled the sky as friends reunited for a weekend full of festivities, April 25-27.

The celebration this year honored the classes of ’54, ’64, ’74, and ’89, as well as several truly distinguished alumni and the Honored Pioneer. For three days, the campus was full of smiles of recognition, bright Diogenes Lanterns, and shared memories of days gone by.

At Vespers, speaker Aren Renacker, ’11, youth pastor at Oceanside Seventh-day Adventist Church, shared the sentiment of many: “I love it here—my heart is still here.” Aren also shared Ellen G. White’s comments at the dedication of PUC’s Angwin campus in 1909: “We realize the Lord knew what we needed, and that it is His providence that brought us here.”

The students and alumni gathered in the church joined Aren in gratitude that God brought Pacific Union College to its home in Angwin, and that he led each of them to PUC for a special weekend of celebration.

Our College on the Mountain

As part of a contest held by the college paper in 1927, George Jeys and Margaret Vollmer wrote the lyrics and music to PUC’s school song.

Our college on the mountain,
Among thy fir clad hills,
The light of inspiration
My heart with rapture fills
We love each precious moment
That in thy halls we spend
Thy principles shall guide us
Unto our journey’s end

PUC is our school you know,
We’re PUC-ites where’er we go,
PUC we all love you so!
May we always be,
Dear Old PUC,
Loyal to thee!
Our College, Our Church, Our Future

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during Homecoming, a special Sabbath School program conven ed by the Honored Alumni. “These are im-
pressivelPUChpople who have contributed in many and unique ways,” said moderator Bruce Anderson. Yo, as he introduced the discussion (Anderson and his wife Audrey received the Honored Alumni award in 2010). Here we share excerpts of this conversation with several people learned, the power of mentorship, and ways the college and Seventh-day Adventist Church can continue to thrive.

Q: Could you please attempt the impos -
sible task of picking out what you have taken from your parents, your values, and the wisdom you would like to share?

Joe L. Wheeler, Ph.D., ’59 and ’63: Actually, in terms of this wisdom thing...one of the most influential things that can happen to an author is that you start feeling that your wisdom is your own. [After the Christmas in My Heart books became popular] I got this letter and it said, “You’re so wise.” I really reeled, because I know that my own wisdom is so shallow. And I don’t want to have that story for the rest of that day, the Lord led me to that something that enabled me to move through this, and Solomon’s name came to my mind. And I went to the scripture that dealt with him... God gave him the greatest supply of wisdom any human has had. That day it came to me in that nowhere in Scripture does God say He wouldn’t grant this gift to one of the rest of us, but I didn’t have the chutzpah to ask for a lifetime supply like Solomon did. So I just asked Him for today.

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ventist culture today, because he explained to me what the true nature of God was and the na-
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Ellise Kido, Ph.D., ’64: Well, I think that most of those who were here when I was here as a 15-
year-old, rather than thoughtless, individual would be embarrassed to ask the chairman how to write, it somewhat clicked in my mind: the scientific method... I started outlining it, trying to re-
member the best I could (because I hadn’t thrown my notes away of course by that time) what the scientific method was. So I submitted this thing and several weeks later the chairman (asked me to make a presentation of my propos-
al). So I came to this room: the chairman was there along with his research lieutenants and a lot of other senior people were there, I was one of the most junior members of that group. And I was in a way so embarrassed to ask the chairman how to make their presentations, guess what? They were follow-
ing the scientific method. And so when I got up to do my presentation I felt very nicely... At that time I began to reflect and I’ve always been thankful for teachers like Ivan Nielsen who taught me things I didn’t think I’d need. The other person is by the name of William Hyde. William Hyde taught Biblical Theology, and some of my colleagues who had taken the course told me it was a terrific course. Since it was my junior year and I time to burn I asked him whether I could take the course. I think it’s probably something that’s kept me in Ad-
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Fred L. Mee, ’62: I learned to think at PUC. I learned to think theoretically from my first major professor, Graham Maxwell (I had three major professors before I graduated from PUC), I learned to think in a very formative way, and then I married to think textually and historically from my last major professor, Walter Ott. And I’ve thought of this place with wonderful feelings, this is a roman-
tic place to me. I fell in love here—four times. Two of them were required! And then I married the person of my dreams when I left here, Marg-
etta Butterfield. This place has very special meanings for me.

I think Graham Maxwell’s theological views in the framework of the Great Controversy were a very stabilizing force for me. Martha Butterfield, the mother of my two children, was adopted from a mosquito bite in Singapore in her very early childhood. My life is basically related to God. So she invited me that summer to be a re-
ceptioneer for her medical practice in San Jose. With that background I have nothing to do, so when she invited me to go to church with her I accepted. It was then that I met a group of young people that I had never experienced before. No one is perfect, but in my mind’s eye and in actuality they were the most outstand-
ing, winsome, attractive group of young people I have ever met. As a result of building relation-
ships over the summer, when August came and we were getting ready to say goodbye and go off to college (I was set to go to UCLA where I had a scholarship, they said, “We don’t do sepa-
rate, you can come to PUC with us!”) And I said, “At this late date?” And they said sure.

So they drove me up here and showed me the campus and introduced me to the right people, and before you know it I was registered to come to PUC, not really knowing how my father, who had six kids, was going to pay for this. But my experience at PUC showed me that smaller group of young people who met that summer were part of a larger community of Adventist young people. It was during that time that I decided I wanted to become part of that community. And that changed my life. I took Bible studies with Elder [Levi] Martin and in my junior year I was baptized. I wouldn’t be here today without the experience of PUC. It was all the people that I met here! I saw that there was something they had that I didn’t have and wanted. I learned and experienced firsthand the value and benefits of Adventist educa-
tion and find that I have the privilege... to be actively involved in Adventist education.

Fred Lee Wheeler drives his. . .

Joe Wheeler shares about the Lord’s wells of wisdom.

Q: Adventism is facing many challenges in the areas of education and church retention. In North America our churches are not retaining young people and many of our schools continue to close. The need for a fresh perspective and vision has never been greater. As PUC alumni and accomplished professionals in your own areas, what insights can you provide into these challenges and what strategies would you recommend us to address these challenges? Fred Lee Wheeler: This is an area that I have spent a great deal of time with and I’ve come to the conclusion that our elementary schools can do a lot, our academies can do a lot, and our colleges can do a lot. But none of them can...
touch what parents can do if they bring back the daily story hour that used to be central in America. What is happening today is that Christian Adventist parents have surrendered to the electronic media and have made it the pulpit in their homes. They no longer spend time with values with their children while they’re growing up. One of the things Connie and I discovered all too soon is that you turn around once and your children have gone on to other mentors and your chance to make a difference in their lives is over. It seems to me that if we as a Church could make the story hour center in the lives of our children again and be with them as they explore the day-to-day the values that they are going to live by we could revitalize Adventism through that simple method.

Elissa Kido: I agree with you, but it takes time to realize it. It takes more than that. In the four-year study I did with CaptivateGenesis... I discovered a link to higher achievement. The chance to make a difference in their lives... It was that within the home the parents were spiritual individuals and had family worship (which might be the story hour), and the parents regularly attended church and Sabbath School, those students had higher results. We know from secular research that families that read together produce children with what we call “permanent reading habits,” so they will become lifelong readers. I think there is a double benefit to this as well.

I’d like to suggest that it involves not only the home, but the church and school as well. [Malcolm Gladwell says] success is a group project. We’ve discussed this before, I think these parents have made because almost always those kids are going to be lost kids who are going to leave the Church and will not attend any longer with their parents. We’re discussing this. I think these parents have a very deep problem that they’re willing to sacrifice their kids for their ego... We try to have Tuesday evening worship services and I think it’s almost a losing battle. Elissa Kido: I wouldn’t be so pessimistic about it at all, but I agree with Walter Kiällin, PUC’s vice president for advancement and alumni relations. I was dean of the School of Education at La Sierra University. I didn’t apply for that job, and I was wondering why God wanted me in that job when all I want to do is teach English. As a dean, you’re privy to a lot of information and you sit on a lot of committees. Very soon it occurred to me that we had a crisis in our school system. And that was that our enrollment was steadily experiencing a slow hemorrhage even though our church membership was going up. So I said, “How could that possibly be when for all of my life since coming to PUC I recognized that I was at a disadvantage because I recognized that I did not have K-12 education in Adventist schools?”... What’s wrong with parents that they don’t realize what’s happening in our schools? So I did a small qualitative study, and I went out and surveyed parents. After we got past the money issues, it came down to this: they were dismissing their kids. I think these parents have a very deep problem that they’re willing to sacrifice their kids for their ego... We try to have Tuesday evening worship services and I think it’s almost a losing battle.

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music that so many of our hymns have with the reading you do get a head start there. When I think back over our Christian education, when you think about the smaller classroom doing better (and my classroom as about as small as you could get because I was homeschooled and my mother was the teacher), I understand the relationship between the mediator of learning and the student…. One of the things I loved about PUC is that we didn’t have gigantic classes here like they did at the state colleges, which meant your professors were approachable. If there are only 30 in the classroom doing better (and my classroom as education, when you think about the smaller classrooms, they may be high on the brilliance level approachable. … That interaction between the teacher and the student is a very precious thing. —Fred Lee

лаг в своем образовании и духовном развитии. Мы просим наших альумни помочь нам в решении этих проблем. Мы ищем пути, как возможно это сделать.

Fred Lee: We've trivialized teaching in so many ways. When I took my first major here, in religion, my father was very happy because he thought I would go in to pastoral work, or evangelism, and he was concerned when I switched majors because he saw religion as the best choice, but I was thinking about teaching. When I switched again to history, he thought, “Oh well, there he goes. What are you going to do with that?” I use some of my learning and persuasive speech from Ted Benedikt, and I said to my father, “I know you'd like me to go into the ministry. If I become a pastor I'll give one sermon a week... but if I go in to teaching I'll give six sermons a day, five days a week.”

Q: Walter Collins, these are questions that the college is thinking about. Before we conclude, can you share with us what the college is thinking about these issues and doing about these issues?

Walter Collins: We are sitting here this morning in the context of a college, your college, that is enjoying the highest enrollment in 23 years. Pacific Union College is doing something right, to the extent that we have this intellectual capital here on campus that is reflected by the students and the amazing faculty and, this morning we're here to celebrate the amazing alumni—all of you and these fine people on stage. We have the opportunity to begin addressing these challenges and to be part of the solution. The roots of the problems are many, as you've heard this morning... To the extent that those problems may be intractable or at least larger than we as a college and as an alumni community can address, we're focusing here on how do we harness this collective goodwill and talent and caring power of our alumni? How do we strategically harness this power to start addressing these problems?

We're thinking big, but starting small. We're starting with the vision that involves local alumni in their communities to come together as “chapters” if you will, but not the traditional model of the chapter… rather, we're looking at chapters that come around service, meaning, and purpose. We're asking our alumni to connect, to invest (time, resources, your intellectual capital), and then to transform in our communities. Pacific Union College can make a difference as a catalyst, and we can start seeing some positive results.

Ultimately, we need the support of our alumni. The college needs your support, but there are many ways that you can get involved. We look forward to involving you with your talents and your skills to start addressing some of these pressing problems. We're hoping Pacific Union College's alumni community, students, and faculty can be the catalyst for the beginning of some amazing partnerships. We can lead the way with your help.

You can watch the entirety of this panel and other events from Homecoming Weekend at https://new.livestream.com/pucchurch/events/2951874.

Pacific Union College thrives because of individuals who make outstanding contributions to the college's academic and spiritual mission. The Honored Pioneer Award was created to honor a non-alumnus who has made such an impact at Pacific Union College. During the Pioneer Dinner on Friday evening, April 25, the college honored Dr. Bill Hemmerlin, Ph.D., professor emeritus of chemistry. One of the most beloved PUC educators, Bill Hemmerlin's truly outstanding mission as a mentor and professor is a legacy that continues in the professional successes and personal growth of the thousands of students he instructed during his three decades of service at Pacific Union College.

Hemmerlin received his B.A. from Loma Linda University in 1968, and his M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of California, Irvine. He began his teaching career at Union College in Lincoln, Neb.

In 1989, Hemmerlin was invited to join the department of chemistry faculty at PUC, and during his time at the college he chaired the chemistry department, advised hundreds of students on the path to medical and dental school, and, with his wife Darleen H. Hemmerlin, D.D.S., created a warm community amongst the many students that benefited from his compassionate mentorship. The doors to both his office and his home always stood open in welcome.

Beyond his memorable illustrations of the power of chemistry, Hemmerlin's enthusiasm and dry wit won the admiration of students, who twice deservedly chose him as the college's Educator of the Year, in 1996 and 2001. An avid sports enthusiast, he spent years participating in intramurals alongside the students on the court, field, and diamond.

Hemmerlin won numerous teaching awards, along with his two PUC Educator of the Year honors, he received the Sears Outstanding Educator Award in 1999 and the Zapara Excellence in Teaching Award in 1992. He was named a professor emeritus after his retirement in 2010, and continues to serve as a PUC ambassador by traveling through California and beyond with the Alumni Relations team. The delight on the faces of former students when they see their favorite professor is a continued testament to Hemmerlin's inspirational mentorship and truly pioneering contributions to Pacific Union College.

Fred Lee, Heather J. Knight, Elissa Kidd, and Daniel Kidd enjoy a photo-worthy moment.

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schools—especially for the first two years—are you not going to see that world-famous professor. You are going to see a graduate student teaching you…. You're not going to get to the people you think you're going to get as parents. This is something that plagues secular education because the really big shots are busy doing research or writing books or doing something and they don't want to teach.

Fred Lee: Then you take the era of MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses) that are being taken all over the world, which is a wonderful advancement in technology that only creates more distance between the mediator and your learning experience. It becomes technical, almost entirely.

Joe Wheeler: (I learned in my research for my book Remote Control if you're reading a book, or listening to radio… each person is going to create imagery that is uniquely his or her own—if you're watching something you're receiving the same image and consequently we have a phenomenon across America that most kids cannot not-see—they can't create anything original in their heads. This to me is the tragedy that we have right now in that we are disconnecting and giving young people an opportunity to create a brain that will be useful for the rest of their lives.

Fred Lee: We've trivialized teaching in so many ways. When I took my first major here, in religion, my father was very happy because he thought I would go in to pastoral work, or evangelism, and he was concerned when I switched majors because he saw religion as the best choice, but I was thinking about teaching. When I switched again to history, he thought, “Oh well, there he goes. What are you going to do with that?” I use some of my learning and persuasive speech from Ted Benedikt, and I said to my father, “I know you'd like me to go into the ministry. If I become a pastor I'll give one sermon a week... but if I go in to teaching I'll give six sermons a day, five days a week.”
Celebrating the Pioneer Spirit

Heritage Singers Concert Award-winning gospel musical group Heritage Singers, featuring current PUC student Miguel Verazas, ‘14 (third from the right), shared vocal harmonies and testimonies on Sabbath afternoon.

Vernon Nye Art Exhibit Professor Emeritus of Religion Warren Ashworth enjoys a Vernon Nye watercolor painting. Alumni celebrated the art and life of the noted artist and former Pacific Union College professor at a special memorial exhibit curated by Cheryl Daley, ’63.

Young Alumni Party Fermin Espinosa, ’07, and Amber Lucas, ’06, joined other recent grads at a favorite local St. Helena hangout to enjoy hot drinks while catching up with friends and classmates.

Despedida Buen Amiga Alumni, students, and friends gathered to celebrate the academic tenure of Charo Caballero-Chambers, professor emerita of Spanish, who will retire after 37 years of caring and enthusiastic service at PUC.

Gold (and Green!) Anniversary Over 60 members of the class of 1964 gathered Sabbath afternoon to celebrate a very special milestone—their 50th reunion! “Do you remember when?” was the theme of the day as they shared memories of teachers, classes, and social activities (some of which included pranks).

Class of 1954 Members of the 60-year honored class returned to Angwin to reconnect and reminisce with classmates about their time at the College in the Crater.

Walter C. Utt Center Bruce Anderson, ’60, hosted friends of PUC’s beloved history professor in the Nelson Memorial Library to reminisce and learn about the progress of the Walter C. Utt Center for Adventist History project.

A Bounty of History Artifacts from PUC’s Pitcairn Island Study Center were featured in a special exhibit in the Rasmussen Art Gallery. J. Paul and Sandy Stauffer view images of the island’s Adventist church.

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Basketball Tournament Former Pioneers varsity players Brandon Monty, ’10, William Bell, ’13, Arem Remnacker, ’11, Kirt Brown, ’04, and Manny Gonzalez, ’14, return to the court for a challenging game against PUC’s current varsity team on Saturday night.

Nursing Department Tea Norma (Jensen) Stahl, ’54, and Antonette “Toni” Maltseff, ’54, social during the department of nursing’s annual tea reception.

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A NY DAY I’M out on the course is a beauti ful day!” This exclamation, uttered by a gentleman from under large umbrella as his golf shoes began getting wet from the sudden downpour, characterized the happy spirit of the 140 golfers who braved dark skies and the occasional downpour to participate in Pacific Union College’s 2014 Maxwell Cup on April 25, 2014.

This year’s tournament returned to the Silverado Resort and Spa’s famed North Course, redesigned by Johnny Miller in 2011 and managed by Troon Golf. In 2012, the course was voted one of Golfweek’s top 50 best resort golf courses. The players who participated in this year’s Maxwell Cup truly got the experience of “playing where the pros play,” at Silverado Resort will host the PGA Tour’s Frys.com Open this coming October.

After a welcome from PUC President Heather J. Knight, a prayer of blessing from Outreach Chaplain Norman Knight, and a group photo, the four-person teams headed for their carts, well stocked with snacks and raffle tickets. While Brennann Pulia, ’13, wasn’t used to playing in such rainy conditions, the Silverado course and opportunity to see friends made the tournament special. “Besides the guys I played with, I had a chance to catch up with some buddies I hadn’t seen since early on in college,” Pulia said. “The tournament provided a nice setting for us to catch up and see where God had placed us.”

While the players were all there to enjoy a great game of golf on an incredible course, the Maxwell Cup was about more than the longest driver or who hit the best ball. The tournament honors Dr. Malcolm Maxwell, PUC’s longest serving president and a man who dedicated his life to serving the college and its students. Since its beginning in 1991, the Maxwell Cup has raised significant sums to benefit current PUC students in the form of scholarships. Each sponsor and player of the tournament helps carry on Maxwell’s legacy while impacting the lives of the students attending PUC for years to come.

Josue Hernandez is one such student. This theology major was out on the golf course bright and early helping the advancement team put together all the details for a successful event. “Helping out at the golf tournament is always an exciting experience,” Hernandez shared. “From driving golf carts to standing in the rain, getting to interact with individuals who support PUC students so much, and sharing some laughs and stories about PUC experiences it is a very rewarding opportunity!”

Twin Alex and Lauren Chang, recent graduates of Pine Hills Adventist Academy in Auburn, Calif., were both selected as 2014 Maxwell Scholars, and the pair participated in this year’s Maxwell Cup with their father, Andrew Chang, ’96. Like all the Maxwell Scholars, Lauren was overjoyed when she heard she had been selected for the award. “Receiving the Maxwell Cup is a huge honor. It is truly a gift from God,” she said. “It sounds cliché, but this is a seriously a dream come true”

Dominique Townsend, a fellow 2014 Maxwell Scholar, agrees. “To me, receiving the Maxwell Scholarship means far more than being able to pay for college. To me, receiving this scholarship shows that as long as I continue to follow God’s plan for my life, He will keep His promises, and take care of everything I need,” Townsend shared. (See profiles of all the 2014 recipients of PUC’s most prestigious scholarship on page 18.)

While the Maxwell Scholarship is PUC’s largest merit-based award, it is representative of the robust scholarship package that offers 100 percent of PUC students a merit-based scholarship based on their high school or transfer grade point average. Without the generosity of the college’s alumni and many friends, a PUC education would not be possible for so many bright and promising Christian students. Events like the Maxwell Cup make PUC possible for this next generation. To each of the many kindhearted individuals who support students like him, Josue Hernandez has this to say: “As student I’m refreshing to see others contribute to every student’s efforts in reaching his or her goals in life. Thank you so much for your generosity and for believing in PUC’s mission!”

Tournament coordinator Doug Sumaraga, ’82, is already looking forward to helping PUC students by participating in next year’s Maxwell Cup, May 15, 2015. His favorite part of the tournament is seeing PUC students out on the course. “Students and alumni connect the present and the past, where we have been and where we are going,” Sumaraga shared. “The combination at these events lets our PUC light shine and provides an insight to the community on the value we place in Christian education.”

Maxwell Cup by the Numbers

18 Dr. Malcolm Maxwell’s tenure as president, in years
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**The Maxwell Scholars**

This year’s exceptional incoming freshmen

Emily Mathe and Cambria Wheeler

**G**enerous alumni giving and support of events like the Maxwell Cup make PUC possible for the next generation. Among the 2014 incoming freshmen are five exceptional students who have been chosen as this year’s recipients of the Maxwell Scholarship. Named for PUC’s iconic presidential couple, Dr. Malcolm and Eileen Maxwell, this prestigious award is given to students who stand out by showing outstanding achievements and exceptional leadership experience, and a commitment to Christian service. The Maxwell Scholar Program awards recipients a $15,000 renewable scholarship for all four years they attend PUC.

**Alexander Chang**

Pine Hills Adventist Academy, Auburn, Calif.

Alex dedicated his high school career to scholastic, athletic, and extracurricular success. The Grass Valley, Calif., native was student association president his senior year, starting new programs like PHYSICS (Pine Hills Youth Spiritually Invigorating Campus Soldiers) and a Kicks and Kids shoe drive. During high school this natural leader also won awards in multiple sports and captained the basketball and flag football teams. Alex has been on six mission trips since 2006, assisting with construction projects, medical and dental services, Vacation Bible School, and Week of Prayer programs. He also succeeded scholastically as a member of the National Honors Society and as the recipient of PHAA’s top academic awards in multiple subjects.

**Lauren Chang**

Pine Hills Adventist Academy, Auburn, Calif.

Like her twin brother Alex, Lauren is a model student, true leader, and compassionate volunteer. She served as social vice president of the PHAA student association during her senior year and president of her class during junior year. Lauren founded PHAA’s first student newspaper, A Bird’s Eye View. She traveled on six mission trips, volunteers at the Grass Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church, and actively contributes her time at numerous community organizations. Lauren is a superstar academic, she was a member of the National Honor Society, received PHAA academic awards for multiple subjects, and won the “Take a Challenge” Project Award. Along with her many athletic and extracurricular pursuits, Lauren served as a medical research assistant, and with her brother Alex is listed as an author on papers published in the *American Journal of Geonterontology*.

**Kallie Griffin**

Paradise Adventist Academy, Paradise, Calif.

Kallie Griffin has already started making the world a better place. As president of PHAA’s associated student body her senior year, Kallie led programs and events to support “Four Pillars” community, outreach, spirituality, and academic success. This busy leader has gained experience in various positions each year of high school. Kallie, who hopes to be a physician, accumulated many volunteer hours travelling on mission trips to Honduras and the Dominican Republic, working as a camp counselor, and contributing to her church’s Vacation Bible School. God will no doubt use this top student, an accumulator, philanthropist, athlete, and well-rounded athlete as she continues to make a difference!

**John Jung**

Del Norte High School, San Diego, Calif.

John is a busy man. In addition to his exemplary academic achievements, John has participated in multiple volunteer and mission programs, including trips in Mexico and Korea to provide construction and medical aid and spiritual programs like Vacation Bible School. He also regularly visited nursing homes, health hospitals, and fundraisers to provide voluntary assistance to those in need. John also pursued leadership opportunities within his church. The Maxwell Scholarship is the latest of John’s recognitions, which include awards from the National Honors Society, the California Scholarship Federation, California State Recognition for community service, and others.

**Dominique Townsend**

Loma Linda Academy, Loma Linda, Calif.

Redlands, Calif., native Dominique Townsend was chosen as a Maxwell Scholar for her dedication to scholarly excellence, spiritual leadership, and community service. At LLA, Dominique co-founded Youth Exceeding Limits, a non-profit organization that encourages children to be engaged with their health, wellness, and education. She travelled with Youth Exceeding Limits on a service trip to Haiti that offered medical clinics, food delivery, construction assistance, and a Vacation Bible School program. Dominique adds smarts to her service; she became a member of the National Honor Society in her junior year and was the Society president for LLA her senior year. Her interests outside of school include music—she sings and plays piano, violin, and guitar—horseback riding, and soccer.

**Students Helping Students**

REVO 2014 benefits Ethiopian schoolchildren

James Shim

P"ecific Union College’s campus community gathered for the highly anticipated and largest REVO event of the school year on May 4. Launched in 2008, REVO is a student-led philanthropic movement that seeks to raise awareness and funds for global issues. This year’s event, known as REVOfest, included a concert, “stuff sale” of items donated by students, and a fashion show, all benefiting an international cause with a remarkable local connection.

Last year’s successful REVO efforts benefited Love146, an organization working to abolish child sex-trafficking and exploitation. This year’s cause, selected by the student organizers, was Project Worku. All proceeds from the year’s events, which included a special banquet and open mic night as well as the popular REVOfest, will go to the Worku Jenber School in Ethiopia, a school started by PUC’s head librarian, Adu Worku. The funds will directly benefit young people who years for an education by providing students at the Worku Jenber School with resources such as books and computers.

This year’s event was combined with the SpringFest celebration, as various campus clubs set up booths outside on the Campus Mall to sell cultural foods, beverages, and more. Many of the clubs chose to donate their earnings to Project Worku. In addition, students donated gently used clothing and other items that were resold at the REVO fest stuff sale, further contributing to the cause. The day’s events also included a live benefit concert featuring a student band and the ever-popular fashion show.

The Worku Jenber School in Ethiopia was a truly deserving beneficiary of REVOfest student leader Nithi Narasappa, who was humbled when she heard that most students had to walk close to three miles to school each day. “Project Worku is such a special cause, not only because Adu Worku built the school, but also because I want to see all those children experience success through education, just as I have,” said Narasappa.

REVO fashion show coordinator Stephanie Larson agreed. “I really enjoyed serving for REVO because it gave me an opportunity to be a part of something that was bigger than the matters of my own life,” Larson said. “Working on the fashion show really gave me the opportunity to see how far people’s kindness will go and there’s no way we could have pulled it off without the whole team and volunteers.”

The fashion show was a highlight of the evening, with a runway suspended over the college’s fountain. Student designers and models displayed their creativity for an appreciative crowd of their peers. Melissa Khoury and Krista Batarh were awarded first place by the judges for their Zion King themed line, while Jaryn Hart, Mana Kim, and Manuel Prailta were awarded the People’s Choice Award for their line featuring designs inspired by Pixar’s animated films.

While the event was full of fun, fashion, and good food, the reason for the celebration was never far from anyone’s mind. “I’ve been privileged with 18 years of education,” concluded Narasappa, “and am excited to see the empowered leaders that will emerge from the Worku Jenber School.”
There are certain names that carry with them a sense of importance, awe, and noteworthiness. These names are universally recognized as those belonging to people who raise themselves above the crowd through their dedication to quality and service.

Ben Carson, M.D., is one of these names. On the morning of Thursday, February 6, more than 2,500 students, faculty, and community members were inspired to “Think Big” as they listened to the world-renowned neurosurgeon and Seventh-day Adventist speak as part of the college’s Colloquy Speaker Series.

Carson is an emeritus professor of neurosurgery, oncology, plastic surgery, and pediatrics at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, where he directed pediatric neurosurgery at the Johns Hopkins Hospital Children’s Center for 39 years. He was invited to speak on campus by PUC President Heather J. Knight, Ph.D., who introduced Carson to the overflow crowd.

Students and faculty, as well as local school groups and community guests, filled every pew and the entire balcony in the church, while others watched the presentation in Scales Chapel and the college’s Dining Commons. All heard Carson speak to the importance of perseverance, education, and faith in God in his own pathway to success as a physician and public figure.

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If something doesn’t go right, decide what it is that could have gone differently and what can be learned,” Carson encouraged. “Virtually all people who are successful will tell you that they have failed, but they did not give up.”

Carson shared his personal upward trajectory to success, sharing how his mother never let him make excuses. Carson’s life has been full of successes: he has been the recipient of the Spingarn Medal (the highest honor bestowed by the NAACP) and the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian honor in the nation.

In his presentation, Carson spoke about the human brain’s capacity to learn. “Students who are here, go beyond your assignment and learn, because your brain cannot be overloaded… take it from a neuroscientist, you cannot overload the human brain,” Carson said.

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GRANT ORDELHEIDE
Telling nature’s story
James Shim

Raised in the Colorado Rockies and in a family that appreciated and explored the outdoors, Grant Ordelheide fell in love with landscapes and the natural beauty of the outdoors at a young age. Taking his camera with him whenever his family went on backpacking trips, Ordelheide started taking pictures simply as a means to document his lifestyle. He realized that it was something to get serious about. “Photography really came,” he explains. “The ability to tell stories is a quality of a lot of great photographers that I look up to. I think that is one of the reasons why I have been doing more adventure/lifestyle and wildlife photography: it tells more of the story of nature.”

Recently, Ordelheide has captured more than scenic landscapes. “I now find myself enjoying a lot of adventure (climbing, skiing, mountain biking) and wildlife photography as opposed to just scenic shots,” he says. “It presents a new challenge and keeps me outside doing what I love!”

Ordelheide uses each photo he takes to share something beyond the awesome beauty of nature: “I am always thinking about story quality,” he explains. “I am more passionate about my subject than I am about my craft. I take pictures so I can continue to spend more time in nature.”

Since graduating in 2013, Ordelheide has started his own photography business and is quickly making progress as a professional outdoor photographer. His images have already been published by Backpacker and Outside magazines, and he is currently working for both the Telluride Journal and Yosemite Journal, two consumer magazines that provide extensive consumer information and trip-planning resources to those visiting the two famous national parks.

Ordelheide credits his love for nature as the reason he keeps going back to take pictures of it. “Nature is just part of my life,” says Ordelheide. “I am much more passionate about my subject than I am about my craft. I take pictures so I can continue to spend more time in nature.”

In his work, Ordelheide is constantly refining his craft and looking for ways to continuously improve. He reminds himself to stay up to date with his peers and constantly reevaluate his work. “I am always striving to make better images and never be completely satisfied with my current body of work,” he states. “There is always room for improvement.”

Tom Turner taught Ordelheide when he was a student in PUC’s department of visual arts. “Following his career after PUC has inspired me, as I am sure he inspires so many people,” says Turner. “I have been honored to know Grant as a student and as a person. He is so very talented and has a deep passion for his art.”

Not all is fun and games; Ordelheide faces challenges even with something that he is passionate about. “It can be really tough out in the field, sitting in the cold, waiting for the shot to come together day in and day out,” he says. “Then it continues to be tough when I get home and try to figure out how to sell the image.” However, he notes the rewards in producing his product: seeing the preparation and hard work that goes into a photograph and watching it develop into a successful and lasting image is worthwhile.

To see more of Ordelheide’s work, visit www.grantordelheide.com. “Nature is just part of my life. I am much more passionate about my subject than I am about my craft. I take pictures so I can continue to spend more time in nature.”
Sharing God’s blessings through giving

As Pacific Union College continues its upward trajectory of preparing students to share their faith and mission, we remember who made it possible, those friends and alumni who have been blessed—perhaps because of their time at PUC—and now want to share this blessing with others. Their names on these pages represent something larger than themselves. They represent a spirit of generosity and stewardship that is the hallmark of a PUC education.

We are grateful to you, our friends who have decided to provide for the future of our college. Perhaps your gift is in honor of a beloved professor who made a profound difference in your life. Perhaps you remember the striking natural beauty of your College on the Mountain, the many memories you shared with your students during your time here. Your gift completes the cycle of caring begun long ago: just as you were blessed during your time here, you now take part in the blessings that our current students and faculty are experiencing.
A Historic Gift

On June 3, Pacific Union College’s President, Heather J. Ball, a twenty-year resident of the Napa Valley, announced that a $2.4 million testamentary gift from the late Stephen and Stephen wanted to support the mission of the college and the impact that Pacific Union College has had throughout its history, and we’re honored to receive this gift at our time when a college is on a historic upward trajectory. This gift is truly a blessing for our campus community.


"Stephen was a generous soul, and he appreciated those around him who made a difference in the community," said longtime friend Susan Baxter. “Pacific Union College is such an asset to the Napa Valley community, and we wanted to support the mission of the college.”

Pacific Union College is currently engaged in the planning phase for a major philanthropic campaign, the Heritage Campaign, which seeks a variety of signature projects in support of the college’s long-term vision and mission.

“Our campaign will attract PUC’s heritage of excellence and innovation, for a legacy of service for our world, and support a compelling learning community,” said Walter Collins, PUC’s vice president for advancement and alumni relations. “Mr. Ball’s generosity will be the bright spark that helps bring this vision to life.”
The Difference a Phone Call Makes

Perhaps you heard your phone ring on an evening in October, November, or December. You answered, and you became a participant in a campaign that helps to tell you what has been happening at the college, sharing stories of faith, hope, and transformation.

Perhaps you were inspired by the stories you heard, and you let us know by generously supporting the college. Many of the wonderful stories you hear about the college are the direct result of your generosity, and by participating in the Phonathon campaign you make a profound impact at PUC!

Thanks to your spirit of giving, this year the Phonathon raised a larger amount than in any previous campaign. A significant portion of your gift amount went toward student scholarships, equipment purchases, and other initiatives.

One Phonathon caller in particular spoke to many grateful alumni, resulting in over $10,000 in donations to the college. Elizabeth Hernandez is a photography major planning to graduate in 2023.

What was your favorite part of the Phonathon experience?

I found that most of the time it did not matter how much the alumni could donate or if they could give at all. The interesting conversations I was having with them was my favorite part.

What did you gain from participating?

What I most value from my Phonathon experience was the memories and lessons the alumni shared with me.

What do you think made you such a successful caller this year?

Honesty. I was really surprised by how much the whole Phonathon team was able to raise. Key to my success was my dedication to the job at hand and total, the generosity of the alumni who gave to PUC!
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Commecare
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Cook Island Civil Engineering, Inc.
Comfort Hearing Aid Centers LLC
Commonwealth Foundation
Gott’s Roadside Tasty Gourmet
Hawaii Conference of SDA
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Leap Solutions Group LLC
Loai Academy
Matthews, inc.
McKee Foods Corporation
Mills Arc, Inc.
Saga Electric
Saga Valley Adventist Retirement Estate
Saga Valley Coffee Roasting Co.
Saga Valley Wealth Management
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Oracle Corporation
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Pacific Union College
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Lourdes T. and Robert H. + Jacob
Dimitry (Hyde) Johnson +
Junior V + and Dorothy Johnson-Koch
Chris E. + and Laveta V. + Keeler
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Lucie Lewis +
William P. + and Ruth (Wagner) Liman
Breese M. (Hals) Lobstein
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Claudio and Shashi B. Lopez
Kathryn N. (Nelson-Rice) Magrath
Frederick J. + and Beverly J. (Calix) Mantis
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Arthur W. Mason
Maurice + and Helen A. (McKinney) Mathis
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Axel C. + and Madege A. (Haines) + Nelson
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Indra + and Aida F. (Lanadesval) + Valdes
James L. + and Renee Van Hoot + and Cynthia L. (King) + Verso
Marina R. (Crowell) + Wall
Frenze + (Margopoulous) + Walker
Elvira E. + and Carolyn Weir + and Joyce B. (Dimlen) White
Mark + and Alice N. (Cartwright) +
Thomas G. + and Ruthie A. +
Carl H. + and Carolyn S. (Thompson) + Williams
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Jean B. + and Jeanie A. (Green) Whitcome
Louis N. + and Wolf
Alma A. + and Ernest E. + Zinke

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Spring vacation can be a much-needed respite for Pacific Union College students who have just completed final exams after a tough ten weeks of winter quarter. Yet, each year groups of students give up their opportunity to spend time with family and take a break. These students, motivated by the desire to give back and serve God, spend their time away from school having a mission-oriented adventure in places far and wide.

From March 20-30, a group of 15 PUC students, joined by PUC service and missions coordinator Fabio Maia and professor of biology Floyd Hayes, flew to Manaus, Brazil to work in Rosa de Sáron, found in the interior of Manaus Amazonas. The group traveled to this exotic location to build a health clinic, provide water and sanitation, and teach English classes. Some of the students also participated in a tropical biology course led by Hayes, giving them the opportunity to experience the wildlife of the Amazon first-hand on morning trips along the river and through the jungle.

PUC partnered with the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) for the service element of the trip. ADRA supports several projects in Rosa de Sáron—including a school, furniture business, church, and a medical and dental clinic operated out of a boat by an ADRA-employed nurse, Thianne de Oliveira. Oliveira, who also teaches at the school, works with short-term mission teams who come to work in the area, including the PUC group.

The health clinic built by PUC will be used to benefit 32 communities in the area and will create a centralized location for emergency medical cases. Students made hundreds of wheelbarrow-trips with full loads of dirt, mud, and clay as they built a foundation and raised the level of the floor in order to protect the new clinic from annual flooding. Maia joined local villagers braving the treacherous heights of the loose frame to lay down roofing so that the structure would be protected from the incessant rain. With temperatures in the high 80s and humidity reaching up to 77 percent, dehydration was a serious concern; the daily siesta following lunch was a much-needed blessing and reprieve.

PUC also brought 30 water filters to Rosa de Sáron in partnership with one of PUC’s neighboring churches, St. Helena, Calif, Calvary Christian Church. Maia taught both the students and the community leaders how the filters are assembled and used. Using just gravity and a clean bucket, the filters are able to process 120 gallons of water in a day, turning the cloudy river into safe and potable drinking water. “PUC is committed to making a difference in the Amazon by bringing clean water to the communities in partnership with ADRA, Amazon,” Maia shared.

Each evening, Maia, a native of Brazil, led English-Portuguese classes as PUC students were given the opportunity to learn some of the Brazilian national language alongside the people they had come to serve. Several times throughout the process, Maia would laugh, “English is so much easier to learn – there are only two forms for the verb ‘to swim’: ‘swim’ and ‘swims’. Portuguese has six,” one for each form. Children and elders alike came together to laugh at poor pronunciation and enjoy the prospects of learning a new skill. Bianca Tolan, a junior at PUC, says, “The incredible thing was that even though there was a language barrier, we were all working on a project together and found ways to communicate.”

The English-Portuguese classes allowed for a broader contextual education. The trip had a profound effect on several students and only increased their desire to serve overseas. “I know I felt God and the joy that comes with experiencing Him. That was for sure a spiritual high that we were able to share together,” said PUC junior Moises Ramire. After the trip, five of the students have decided to spend a year as a student missionary through PUC’s student missions program, and two want to dedicate their lives to working abroad. YP.

Giving Water

The 30 water filters delivered by PUC students use simple parts to provide up to 170 gallons of clean drinking water each day. Watch the Sawyer Point ZeroTwo filter at work at vimeo.com/44532699.
Pacifc Union College is collaborating with the Napa Valley Performing Arts Center (NVPAC) at Lincoln Theater in the inaugural year of the Orchestra Institute of Napa Valley Fellowship Program. This new partnership is helping PUC’s young musicians hone their talents while allowing graduate artists to pursue valuable teaching and performing experience. By serving as the primary sponsor and sole housing sponsor for the Orchestra Institute Napa Valley Fellowship Program, the ensembles and instrumentalists of PUC’s department of music are benefiting from a group of talented “artists-in-residence.”

The fellowship program is an innovative, tuition-free, full-year performance and professional growth program for the most exceptional post graduate music and conservatory students in the country. Their practice habits and presence are energizing Paulin Hall. The Fellows participate in PUC’s major instrumental ensembles and perform at College functions. They also have an impact on smaller groups as they give demonstrations, lectures, and recitals.

“PUC is one of the Orchestra Institute Napa Valley Fellowship’s strongest partnerships, because not only are we serving as teaching artists in the music department, we are also living on campus in the PUC community,” says Bates, a talented oboist. “We are gaining valuable teaching experience at a critical time in our careers, and the music students have the opportunity to learn from professional musician-performers.”

Percussionist James Delitz, who has taught in programs at Carnegie Hall, The Juillard School, and The Welti Music Institute, has started a percussion ensemble and is teaching a percussion methods/techniques class; oboist Glenda Bates, a doctoral candidate at Stony Brook University, is building and directing PUC’s jazz ensemble; Sadie Glass, who recently completed her Master’s degree at the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, is teaching music majors and Jennifer Hunt, a flautist who has been featured on National Public Radio and was a second-place winner at the Music Teachers’ National Association Chamber Music Competition, leads flute sections for the college’s orchestra.

“We are delighted to have the Fellows on campus and hope that this partnership with NVPAC will continue as it is enriching our department and allowing us to take the study of music for the major and general student to the next level,” shares Rachel Berthelsen Davis, chair of the department of music. Living at Pacific Union College provides a unique environment for the Fellows as well, one that is helping them hone their talents as performers, musical ambassadors, and educators. “The environment of PUC values the fundamental knowledge that leads to learning how to learn,” shares percussionist Delitz. “The students and fellow faculty seem like a team that propels the musical art form even further.”

On January 9, Pacific Union College hosted Dr. Eboo Patel for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Remembrance installment of the Colloquy Speakers Series. Patel, founder and executive director of the Chicago-based Interfaith Youth Core, is an interfaith scholar and member of President Barack Obama’s Advisory Council of the White House Office of Faith Based and Neighborhood Partnerships. A regular contributor to the Washington Post, NPR, and CNN Patel has also spoken at the TED Conference, the Global Initiative, and the Nobel Peace Prize Forum. Patel’s presentation focused on the civil rights movement led by Dr. King in the 1950s and 1960s and the interfaith influences on Dr. King’s philosophy of non-violence. Patel illustrated how Dr. King “expands his idea of a beloved community” by interacting with leaders of different religious traditions, including Gandhi and Thich Nhat Hanh. Patel painted a vivid story of the Montgomery Bus Boycott and how non-violent protest over the 50-day boycott ultimately led the campaign to success in ending segregation on city buses.

Just as King interacted with those around him in interfaith dialogue, Patel encouraged students and faculty to engage in deep interfaith discussions, even though disagreement is unavoidable. “Being it all,” said Patel in describing how much of one’s beliefs should be shared with others.

Patel, a practicing Muslim, spent time acknowledging the important contributions Adventists can make when building “a world in common,” especially noting the values of stewardship and diversity. Patel also gave the gathered audience a challenge: a time of global religious conflict, to see faith as a “bridge of reconciliation, not a bomb of destruction.” Patel called on the students to be leaders. “Bridges don’t fall from the sky—people build them,” he added.

Just as Martin Luther King, Jr. took the opportunity to find inspiration in other faith communities, Patel argued for finding things in common with others by asking four questions: “How can I find something I admire, something in common?” “How can I articulate my tradition?” “How am I enriched and inspired?” and “What can we do together?” Asking these questions does not mean diminishing our personal religious tradition, Patel asserted. Dr. King had “interfaith wings, but deep Baptist roots.”

In conclusion, Patel extended an invitation: “You bring your Adventist advantage, I will bring the mercies of my Muslim tradition, and together we will build a world in common.”

James Shim and Cambria Wheeler

“Build Bridges of Understanding”
Interfaith scholar Eboo Patel challenges students
Future Nurses Network at Annual Job Fair

On February 12, students in Pacific Union College’s most popular program had the opportunity to make connections and discuss potential jobs with representatives from multiple healthcare organizations at the college’s annual Nursing Job Fair.

Lorie Johns, student success advisor in the department of nursing and health sciences, coordinated the fair. “It’s an opportunity for current associate’s and bachelor’s degree students to make connections with recruiters from hospitals and regional health care organizations, as well as for those recruiters to meet our outstanding nursing students,” Johns shared.

Lynda Rush, manager of nurse recruitment at Adventist Health’s San Joaquin Community Hospital, came from Bakersfield, Calif., to attend the fair. “We love coming up here and meeting these students because we know they’ll be a good fit for our hospital’s mission,” said Rush. “Nurses we’ve recruited from PUC have been very successful at our hospital, which makes us confident that these students will be great as well,” Rush added.

“It was really informative and a great opportunity to look at options for new grad programs,” offered third quarter nursing student Cristina Fortaz. “It’s really nice to talk to people in person instead of looking online.”

The nursing job fair was accompanied by further events to prepare students, including practice interviews where students could gain experience in the interview process as a way to improve their skills. The face-to-face interaction is a priceless opportunity to the future registered nurses nearing the end of their time at Pacific Union College, and one Johns is excited to see students taking advantage of.”

“We hope students will gain a better idea of the kinds of opportunities available to new grad RNs as well as a more detailed understanding of the kinds of characteristics recruiters are looking for in new grad hires,” said Johns.

Candria Whaley

Business Professor John Nunes Named Educator of the Year

John Nunes, Ph.D., associate professor of business administration, was named the Pacific Union College 2014 Educator of the Year at a Colloquy program honoring the college’s dedicated teachers.

Nunes was elected the Educator of the Year entirely by student vote, and this year marked the highest participation in student voting since the award began in 1984 at 50 percent student body participation. Nunes joined the PUC faculty in 2011 after over 25 years building and leading teams in sales, operations, and general management roles for privately-held and Fortune 500 companies. He specializes in leadership, management, strategy, and behavioral economics, and serves the students of PUC as not only a teacher, but as a mentor as well.

“Nunes makes you feel capable of anything, and amazing is not a good enough word to describe him,” said senior Nithi Narasappa. Her classmate Danita Mesenes, a fellow senior, echoed Narasappa’s thoughts. “He meets us where we’re at and works with us individually until we meet our highest potential.”

“There are too many good things to say about him,” said fellow department of business faculty Lary Taylor, himself a three-time recipient of the award. “It was only a matter of time before [Nunes] got this award.”

James Shin

Student Missionaries Serve in Pohnpei

Technology helps two students make a difference in Micronesia

Matthew Lake and April Yaschantz spent the fall quarter of 2013 volunteering their services as missionaries in Pohnpei, a small island that is part of the Federated States of Micronesia. Martie and April went to Pohnpei to teach English to elementary school children in grades three through eight. They were given new iPads in order to help instruct their young students. Most of their time was spent teaching and integrating with the community. “We fell in love with the culture and the community that we were surrounded by,” said Martie.

Martie and April agreed that teaching was their most eye-opening experience during their time as student missionaries. Through their interaction with the locals, the missionaries were better able to understand the educational needs of the children and planned their lessons accordingly. The students were eager to learn whatever they could, due to the erratic teaching they received the rest of the time. Many of the regular teachers would cancel class for days—even weeks at a time—leaving their classes without any resource for the educational needs of the children and planned their lessons accordingly. The students were eager to learn whatever they could, due to the erratic teaching they received the rest of the time. Many of the regular teachers would cancel class for days—even weeks at a time—leaving their classes without any resource for the education of the children.

“The 8th graders were learning from normal American 8th grade literature and history books, but some could not even read the words ‘school,’ ‘cat,’ ‘at,’ etc., let alone comprehend an entire 8th grade level textbook,” said April. “One of the kids even wrote in a letter to me, ‘I’m so glad you come to teach us and never miss.’”

In addition to teaching, Martie and April gained their fieldwork certification to volunteer at the local swimming pool. They provided ukulele lessons to the children at one of the schools, and they offered a “Band-Aid” clinic in one of the villages, where people could come to have their wounds cleaned and dressed. The two also put on a worship program every Monday night with the Seventh Day Adventist youth on the island.

At the end of their mission trip, both girls were already looking for a way to return to Pohnpei. “My outlook on life has definitely adjusted and I’ve learned to appreciate what I have, but I also try not to turn a blind eye to needs surrounding me currently,” explained April. Even after three months there, the two felt like they needed to stay longer to serve their full purpose and do justice to the children they had been teaching. “It was an incredible experience and I would do it again in a heartbeat,” said Martie.

Emily Mathe
Tradition and Transition: In celebration of the end of their college experience, graduating seniors ring the Healdsburg Bell after finishing their last final exam. The happy announcement can be heard across campus.

Earth Day: Exotic birds, snakes, and other animals made campus a bit more “wild” for the annual Earth Day celebration.

A Night Out: This 007-themed Student Association banquet took place at the Blackhawk Automotive museum in Danville, Calif., and featured dinner, luxurious cars, and a live illusion show.

An Exciting Landing: Although hot air balloons can be frequently seen floating high above the Napa Valley, this on-campus landing made for a fun surprise!

Theology Luncheon: Students in the department of religion performed during this special event, which brought leaders in the Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists on campus to meet and interview graduating seniors.

Visual Arts Retreat: Students in the department of visual arts visited the Albion Retreat and Learning Center for a weekend with guest speaker alum Nicole Pidoux Belnap, ’10.

Science of Success: Donning goggles and gloves, chemistry majors spend time in the laboratory.
Project Pueblo 2014

ENJOYING THE TYPICAL TRIPS HOME OR TO THE BEACH, a group of Pacific Union College students spent ten days in March working with a church in the Navajo heartland.

Sixteen students and one staff member from Pacific Union College spent their spring break in Chinle, Arizona, in the center of a Navajo reservation. The group was invited by Pastor Dale Wolcott of the Chinle Seventh-day Adventist Church, and focused their efforts on installing a new roof on the church. PUC was also able to donate $5,000 to the project.

With the help of AL, a roofer from Michigan who supervised the project, a large portion of the work on the church was completed. Despite high winds and a heavy dust storm, the group was able to remove the old, damaged roof and begin installing a new metal roof that will last for years to come.

The local Adventist school, staffed by one teacher and one volunteer, has only eight students, and the PUC students helped by preparing lunch, providing daycare services for the teacher, leading P.E. classes, and coordinating a week of prayer program. Additionally, the students at the Chinle Seventh-day Adventist School were able to learn about and coordinating a week of prayer program. Additionally, the students

PUC Adds New Bachelor’s in Emergency Services

The emergency services program is expanding its offerings with a new four-year bachelor’s degree in emergency services in addition to the A.S. degree. “Our mission is to prepare and educate individuals for years of service both locally and nationally,” says Levi Gore, who teaches nursing and emergency services.

While students will receive Emergency Medical Technician and technical rescue certifications, they will also receive training in areas such as resource management, public safety system design, disaster response, and public health. The degree integrates courses from various departments, including classes in biology, nursing, communication, and psychology and social work. The degree also requires students to take Spanish for Health Care Professionals, already a popular choice for the college’s pre-med, nursing, and all allied health majors.

The ability to provide direct care appeals to many students. “We are preparing people directly for service. We are not preparing people to just go sit behind a desk,” says Gore. “The degree is well-rounded enough that students could pursue careers in firefighting, in emergency medical services, in law enforcement, as well as in local government and policy making.”

The creation of the associate’s degree and the bachelor’s in emergency services was inspired by students themselves. “Students with our A.S. degree in emergency services have been requesting a full bachelor’s degree so that they can qualify for management level jobs,” explains Academic Dean Nancy LeCort. “We are very pleased to be able to offer them this expanded program.”

Cambria Wheeler

New Ministry Connects to the Pacific Union

PUC’s office of enrollment services has launched a new ministry called Connect to share the spiritual experience at the college with churches, schools, and other groups within the Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

Connect is coordinated by Larry Graack, an enrollment counselor at the college. Graack, a PUC graduate and former youth pastor at the Passavance Seventh-day Adventist Church, is excited about the opportunity PUC students will have to share their faith, grow in their talents, and worship together with the larger Adventist community.

“Our mission statement is that as Christ’s disciples we serve with churches, schools, and other groups within the Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

Cambria Wheeler

A Learning Opportunity with True Return

DURING WINTER QUARTER, STUDENTS AT PACIFIC UNION COLLEGE’S Individual Taxation class participated in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program in St. Helena, Calif. The students prepared tax returns for people earning less than $58,000 per year as part of a service-learning project.

By mid-March, PUC students and community volunteers had submitted 144 tax returns for residents who visited the St. Helena Up Valley Family Center. The students received IRS certification, and soon began seeing clients under the supervision of Norma Ferriz, site and operations manager for Up Valley Family Centers.

The service-learning opportunity was incorporated into the class to “to advance the students’ knowledge of the tax area and at the same time provide something to the community,” shared Professor Rodney Hardcastle.

“It is a great opportunity for students to be exposed to how to do a tax return and also to be exposed to the realities of the different populations who live here,” commented Ferriz.

Steven Fely, one of the PUC volunteers, experienced the diversity Ferriz describes. “Many of the people we did returns for had multiple jobs and children and were barely making ends meet,” Fely said.

Hardcastle is encouraged that the service learning opportunity has benefited the students and community. “It works out great in this instance because not only are they getting the learning, but they’re giving back to the community at the same time,” he commented.

Business major Elise Williams agreed. “I think that it helped me understand and help the community, so it was a real win-win situation” she exclaimed.

Cambria Wheeler

Author Matt de la Peña Speaks on the Path to Literacy

PACIFIC UNION COLLEGE HOSTED CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED AUTHOR MATT DE LA PEÑA during the May 1 Colloquium program, during which he inspired the campus with the story of his path to literacy.

President Heather J. Knight, Ph.D., who taught de la Peña during his time at University of the Pacific, introduced the speaker. He described her former student as a “successful, prolific, and accomplished young writer.” His books include We Were Here, Ball Don’t Lie, and most recently The Liston.

However, as de la Peña explained, his career as a writer was completely unexpected. As the son of teenage parents from National City, Calif., “literature was something that belonged to the kids in the richer families,” said de la Peña. He urged PUC students to not let the assumptions of others determine their paths. “You’re going to deal with a ton of definition, from parental and professional, to personal,” he declared. “The most difficult to break away from is personal definition.”

Despite the environment of his childhood, de la Peña set the goal of going to college. His hard work paid off, and he attended University of the Pacific on a full basketball scholarship. That was where he met Knight, who handed him a copy of the novel The Color Purple by Alice Walker and encouraged him to read it. Though he initially struggled with the book, the “reluctant reader” stayed up until four o’clock in the morning finishing it.

Realizing that he would never become a professional basketball player in the NBA as he had been his plan, de la Peña decided instead to pursue writing. He encouraged all aspiring writers in the audience to dive in to literature. “The path to literacy makes you a better person,” de la Peña concluded. “When someone hands you a book, they’re changing your life.”

James Shim

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From PUC to NBC: Alumna Joanne Park Speaks

On May 29, Pacific Union College hosted Joanne Park for one of the Colloquy Speakers Series’ final installations of the school year. Park graduated from PUC in 2000 and is currently the Senior Director for Digital and Daytime Publicity at NBC Entertainment. She shared her career journey at NBC and also offered advice to students about what they can expect as they leave college and enter the workforce.

After starting in the NBC’s page program following graduation, Park was promoted to a position on the corporate production events team. She has spent the last 15 years in the entertainment publicity department, working on campaigns for hit shows including ER, Four Factor, The Office, Parks and Recreation, The Golden Globe, The Biggest Loser, and The Blacklist. Park currently oversees digital and daytime publicity for her department and her responsibilities include all social media campaigns for all NBC primetime shows, publicizing all digital initiatives for the.com, as well as working on marketing and publicity strategy for the head of the digital department.

However, Park explained that her road to a glamorous job at NBC did not come easy. Park admits to growing up with demanding Asian-American parents who wanted their children to become doctors, lawyers, or engineers. Defying these stereotypes, Park knew at a young age that her dream job was to work at NBC.

Park credits her success to hard work, a quality her sixth-grade teacher recognized. “She had used the word tenacious to describe me, and it stuck ever since,” said Park. “It fit well because although I may not have had the smarts, I made up for it through hard work.” Park concluded by encouraging students to make their dreams a reality through hard work and persistence.

James Shim

Student Week of Prayer Highlights Personal Testimonies

The entire campus—students, staff, and faculty—gathered together as a community of faith during Student ‘Week of Prayer. During this special week, April 14-18, students shared personal testimonies that were both relatable and honest as they described how God has changed their lives in the past and directed their future.

Pacific Union College hosts a week of spiritual revival every quarter; however, the Week of Prayer during spring quarter is especially significant as it features student speakers sharing about their faith. Hearing peers—both under and lower-classmen—speak openly about their spiritual journeys made the presentations truly relatable and the lessons even more applicable.

“It’s amazing how during Fall and Winter Revival we schedule the ‘big guns’ of Adventism: Jose Rios, Michael Kelly, etc.,” stated PUC Chaplain Laffit Cortez. “However, they do not have the same effect as the students listening to their peers.”

The presenters represented diverse areas of study, from film and television to psychology, and each shared their unique spiritual journeys, illustrating that despite the different types of issues an individual struggles with, God can work in anyone. Furthermore, needless to say, I was blessed by the support and positive feedback.”

James Shim

Adjunct Professor Recognized as “Unsung Hero” by Dalai Lama

Susan Dix Lyons, CEO of Clínica Verde, improves lives through the nonprofit, sustainably designed clinic in Baco, Nicaragua. Lyons and 49 other individuals were acknowledged by the 14th Dalai Lama as Unsung Heroes of Compassion at an event hosted by the organization Wisdom in Action.

“There were 50 of us from around the world who were recognized by the Dalai Lama, and I discovered we all had something in common: we didn’t believe we deserved the honor,” said Lyons. “Each of us has the privilege of leading lives in which we serve others and seek to improve the world. We’re blessed by the purpose we were designed to fulfill.”

During the 2012 winter quarter, Lyons also taught a Pacific Union College course on Media and Social Innovation. She informed students about problems facing under-served populations as well as how social entrepreneurs look for a positive return to society. Lyons also invited guest lecturers to engage students in social innovation developments.

“I wanted to give the students an opportunity to see how rich with possibility their lives are,” Lyons shared, “and how important it is that they become ‘doers’ in society.”

Lyons also assigned students to write profiles on the guest lecturers. “I have definitely enhanced my skills as a writer and journalist because of this class,” said senior communication major Swanna Yata. As the course concluded, Lyons’ students now have the tools to enact true social change.

James Shim

Psychology Department Research Wins Top Awards

In April, a group of Pacific Union College psychology students and faculty traveled to Portland, Ore., to present research at the Western Psychological Association convention. About 50 PUC students attended the convention, accompanied by several professors. Several PUC presentations were submitted to Psi Chi, the national psychology honor society, three of which won the Regional Award. “It was a really fabulous learning experience for the many students who came,” said professor Charlene Baimun.

The PUC group presented on a variety of topics, but the award-winning presentations focused on the effect of emoticons on memory, the effect of social interaction on women’s eating behavior, and Asian-American leadership.

Juan Hidalgo, a senior studying psychology and Spanish, co-presented with his group on how people retain information when there is an emoticon attached. “It’s always exciting to be around people who are studying the same things as you,” mentioned Hidalgo. “You get to kind of show off your school.” At the convention, students got to connect with peers and graduate professors, and learn more about topics in psychology research.

Emily Mateo
Between receiving his bachelor’s in biology and master’s degree, David Crabtree, ’68 and ’70, spent a year in Thailand as a student missionary. He continued his education at Loma Linda University, where he received his doctorate degree in 1975. Crabtree spent 20 years at Antillian College in Puerto Rico first as Biology Department Chair and later as Academic Dean. He retired in March after 23 years as a Fisheries Biologist for the University of Michigan, and currently serves as professor of Hebrew Bible and ancient Near Eastern Languages and the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary.

Gary Land, ’66, shared the following with ViewPoint readers: “I am writing to tell you of three upcoming books I have written or edited. Ellen Norman White, America’s Prophet, edited by Terrie Dopp Aamodt, Ronald L. Numbers, and myself, will be published by Oxford University Press in May 2012. I have also completed a biography of Uriah Smith (Review and Herald Publishing Association) and am near completion of a second edition of my Historical Dictionary of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The latter two books will be published in either 2012 or 2013.” Unfortunately, Dr. Land passed away before seeing these books published. (See the obituary in the In Memory section on page 3.)

Two Pacific Union College alumni were recently given awards for 25 years of service at Andrews University in Michigan, while another alumnus was honored by the school for his dedication to excellence. Nancy Carbonell, ’74, and Scott Monnott, ’82, each received the university’s 25 years of Service award, and Jodi Game, ’77, was honored with the Siegfried H. Horn Excellence Award in Research and Creative Scholarship. Gane is the author of 10 books, 29 chapters for different books, eight articles for encyclopedia, and 58 articles for professional and academic journals. With the publication of his book Call and Chaver: he attained international recognition as one of the foremost scholars in the biblical book of Leviticus. Gane is professor of Hebrew Bible and ancient Near Eastern Languages and the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary.

Gary Lewis ’79 and Toni Lewis ’77 and ’79, are working on a missionary trip to Papua New Guinea as a bush pilot and nurse duo where they will provide medical attention to remote villages. After serving for a number of years in South America, they have decided to turn their attention to Papua New Guinea where the need is greatest. Messages of encouragement can be sent to gilewis@gmail.com.

Linda Nielsen, ’79, became a registered nurse after graduating from PUC with her bachelor’s in art. She is now based in Salem, Ore., where she works as a clinical application manager for Samaritan Health Services’ Informatics Department.

Dan Steams, ’79, tells ViewPoint that God led him to PUC and continues to do so: “If I hadn’t gone to PUC my junior year I might not have had a reconversion experience, influenced to a great degree by Pastor Morris Venden. If I hadn’t had that reconversion experience I would not have gone to Korea as a PUC student missionary. If I hadn’t gone as a student missionary I would not have met the Texas Conference President Cyril Miller, who came to hold evangelistic meetings and invited me to come to Texas to start a similar language school on the Texas-Mexico border.” Stearns has worked in the Texas, Kansas, Nebraska, Upper Columbia, and North Pacific Union Conference. He is presently senior pastor at the Richardson, Texas, District Seventh-day Adventist Church and serves as the Texas Conference’s Evangelism Coordinator.

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Run Angwin to Angwish!

The revival of Angwin to Angwish is back for another year! You can once again join the challenging race where you spin and sprint both in the 1960s and 1980s.

This year’s race features a 4k/Family Run along with 12k and 24k courses, which showcase some challenging climbs and beautiful views. PUC students will be out on the course guiding you through the 12k and 24k distances, a mini expo, and student entertainment—all complimentary.

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PUC alumni are invited to join President Knight and the Alumni Relations team for a special Sabbath luncheon on August 2 in the Picnic Dining following the church service. Stop by the PUC booth throughout the camp meeting to chat with representatives about the latest at PUC and to get answers to college questions. PUC students will be leading praise music all week and Alumni Relations Director Mark Ishikawa will speak July 24-26.

Redwood Camp Meeting
July 24-August 2

PUC hosts the annual assembly for Korean Adventist congregations on the west coast at its Napa Valley destination campus. The Alumni Relations team will be hosting special events for our PUC family throughout the week, including a special breakfast and a booth at the Festival! Look for more information when you arrive in Angwin.

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After serving as associate pastor at Grand Advent Church in Oakland, Calif., from 2009 to 2012, Lenardia, ‘05, will be leading the Vallejo Central church starting July 2014.

In September, 2013, Blaire Segura, ‘03, was inducted into the prestigious FAA Airline Certification Database by the Federal Aviation Administration. Segura has worked at Hilliboro Airline Flight School in Oregon since 2011, and in 2013 was promoted from Ground Instructor in the China Flight Program to Airplane Assistant Chief Instructor.

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In Memory

Ruth Marian (Hansen) McCoy, ‘42, passed away on March 17, 2014 in Olentwah, Tenn. She was born on May 20, 1921 in St. Johns, Mich., to Joseph and Aha Hansen. She married Lyte McCoy, ‘45, on September 13, 1944 in the old Irwin Hall Chapel. The McCloys lived in Angwin for most of their married life and were active in the PUC Church, Angwin Community Council, American Red Cross, and federal census. Ruth also began the Angwin telephone directory and updated and printed it for 13 years. Ruth and husband Lyte, though never rich, have consistently been among the college’s most faithful supporters. The two were always seen in their matching PUC sweaters at alumni banquets. Ruth is survived by her husband, Lyte; sons, Larry Ron, and Ken; and eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Harold Fenton Clark, ‘46, died October 15, 2013, in Loma Linda, Calif. Harold was born in Clive, Alberta, Canada, on May 26, 1912. At PUC he was the editor of the Campus Chronicle, where he fell in love with Betty Bowers. ‘44, his wife. They were married on April 3, 1942, in Davis, Calif. He was born on October 8, 1999, in Palatine, Ill. A veteran of the United States Air Force, Larry owned and operated an accounting business in Petaluma, Calif. He is survived by his daughters, Lorrie Bock, Alaine Gardner, and Lyndi Littler; his sons, Greg, William, and Wesley, and two great-grandchildren. Kenneth A. Morrison, ‘59, died February 12, 2014, in Oakland, Calif. He was born on April 24, 1927, in Kalamazoo, Mich. Kenneth is survived by his wife, Shirley; his daughter, Kimberly Duquette; his son, Jason; and two great-grandchildren. Lydian Allyne Peyer Belknap, ‘49, the former owner of Altastrand, died in Chattanooga, Tenn., on April 20, 2014. She was born on July 24, 1914. Lydian is survived by her three daughters, Kathryn Kendall, Carol Paden, and Shirley Johnson; her sons Louis and Doug; 15 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Richard Hubbard, ‘51, a nutritional biochemist, died March 27, 2013, in Redlands, Calif. He was born on December 24, 1919, in Battle Creek, Mich. Richard is survived by his wife, Connie; his daughter, Karen; his sons, Robert and Jeff; and five grandchildren. Dorothy Mae (Danielson) Schabe, ‘51, a retired nurse, died February 27, 2014, in St. Helena, Calif. She was born on January 30, 1921, in Roberts, Mont. Dorothy served as a nurse for many years at the St. Helena Hospital, and at the Yountville (Calif) Veterans Home. She is survived by her foster son, Jerry Tam, and her sister, Carol Danielson. Lawrence C. Carr, ‘55, a former administrator and public accountant, died April 3, 2014, in Davis, Calif. He was born on October 8, 1929, in Salt Lake City, Utah. A veteran of the United States Air Force, Larry owned and operated an accounting business in Petaluma, Calif. Larry is survived by his daughters, Lorrie Bock, Alaine Gardner, and Lyndi Littler; his sons, Greg, William, and Wesley; and two great-grandchildren.

Thomas Geraty, 1914-2013

Missionary and Educator

Thomas Sinclair Geraty was a consummate servant-leader. A man who influenced many around the world as an educator and friend, he had just celebrated his 90th birthday when he passed away on December 11, 2013, in Loma Linda, Calif. Geraty was born on December 1, 1924, in San Francisco, Calif. He attended Pacific Union College during the Great Depression, graduating in 1941 ready to dedicate his life to a missionary calling. In his long life to the church, he worked around the globe in a diversity of roles that allowed him to use his God-given talents in service to others. He taught at Golden Gate Academy and Mountain View Academy in Northern California, passed on an early missionary call and also ministered to the people of India and Hong Kong. He served as president of the Middle East College in Beirut, Lebanon. He worked in the education departments of the Middle East Division, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Hawaii Conference, and Far Eastern Division. Geraty contributed to the field of Adventist education as dean of Andrews University’s School of Education and as editor of the Journal of Adventist Education.

Well into his nineties Geraty painted, wrote poetry, and did his daily devotions in Mandarin. He is survived by his daughter, Phyllis Clark Slattery, ‘69, of Oklahoma before becoming a Seventh-day Adventist minister in Northern California. He was an early missionary to China, and also ministered to the people of India and Hong Kong. He graduated in 1937 ready to dedicate his life to a missionary calling in 1937, and worked as a nurse for many years at the St. Helena Hospital, and at the Yountville (Calif) Veterans Home. She is survived by her foster son, Jerry Tam, and her sister, Carol Danielson.

Rita Hoshino, 1955-2014

Connecter, Mentor, Friend

No one that met Rita Hoshino was likely to forget her. And though she met many people, some for only minutes, Rita was likely to forget you either. Before you knew her, her warmth, humor, and kindness, “Rita Rodoles” was the connecting thread that tied together a vast network of friends. Rita passed away Monday, February 10, in St. Helena, Calif., at the age of 58.

Born March 13, 1955, Rita grew up in Sunnyvale, Calif., and graduated from Minnie Horton Christian School, Mountain View Academy (MVA), and Pacific Union College, where she made a memorable exit on roller skates when she received her diploma in 1979.

An always-involved student leader during her college days, Rita began working at PUC immediately after graduation. She eventually oversaw the Campus Center and Student Association, working closely with campus clubs and student leaders. During her 23 years of service at PUC, Rita was a treasured mentor and friend to thousands of students. Her listening ear, forgiving attitude, and exceptional care for everyone she met made her a person students trusted, confided in, and looked up to.

Following her career at PUC, Rita was the alumni advancement director at MVA. It was after this that she began investing in what was only a hobby before portraying Ellen G. White. She created The Ellen White Legacy, a ministry devoted to sharing the work of Mrs. White through dramatic enactments. Rita’s portrayal of Mrs. White took her across the nation, bringing ‘Ellen’ back to life for events such as the St. Helena Hospital’s 125th Anniversary Celebration, The Hiram Edson Farm Dedication, Loma Linda University Hospital’s Centennial Anniversary, and the 2010 General Conference gathering in Atlanta, Georgia. She was also a favorite at Fieldhopper Camps, church services, and camp meetings.

Rita is survived by her brother Dennis Hoshino, nieces Lauren James, and nephew Brent West-Hoshino.

S.D. She was born on June 8, 1982 in Lagos, Nigeria, to four children, Michael Jean Clayton, Debra A. Claymore-Cuny, Janet Claymore-Rose and Connie J. Schlotthaur; 10 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Peggy Jean Batti, ‘70, a licensed occupational therapist, died March 13, 2014, in Marysville, Calif. She was born on February 3, 1930, in Marysville, Peggy was survived by her mother, June Batti, and her step-daughter, Ashley Wheeler.
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How a Motto Becomes Reality

Bradford Newton, D.Min., executive secretary and ministerial director for the Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, is a frequent visitor to Pacific Union College. A member of the college’s board of trustees since 2004, this father of two PUC graduates (Amanda, ’06, and Tyler, ’08) was elected chairperson of the board on April 2, 2014. We asked him about his relationship with PUC and the college’s mission and future.

What was your first encounter with PUC?

I first arrived on the campus in 1960 to visit my girlfriend Jennifer Christian (we married in 1968). Of course, my interests were first and foremost with her. Even so, I had never experienced a campus like PUC. The natural beauty awoken in me an enduring love for this place. During that first visit Jennifer heard me say that being this splendid setting was “like being in vacation all year round.” Although I know that our college is about more than trees and meadows, this uniqueness has remained an attraction to this campus for our family for over 30 years.

Your election as board chairperson followed revisions to the college’s bylaws. Why were these changes important?

PUC accomplishes its mission through the collaboration of faculty, staff, volunteers, administration, and the board of trustees. In our quest to meet the needs of students and the institution we regularly contemplate the questions, “How are we doing? How can we improve?” For the board of trustees this process includes self-evaluations as well as the input of both our church and higher education accrediting agencies. The changes made to the bylaws this past April represent the college constituency’s appropriating the input of these partners into our governance structure. Our collective objective is motivated by a commitment to enhance our ministry of education here at PUC. We believe that these revisions positively contribute to the accomplishment of that goal.

As board chairperson, what is your vision for PUC?

“They shall be all taught of God” appears on the seal of PUC. For me this is more than a logo to print on diplomas. It is the directional sign to the type of higher education we offer students attending PUC. This motto becomes reality as our uniquely Adventist worldview permeates every part of student experiences on campus. It is the synergy of dorm life, campus spiritual activities, and classroom teaching that continues to bring this vision to reality.

Has teaching religion classes at PUC given you new insights to the relationship young people have with the Church?

Interacting with the young adults at PUC gives me courage and hope for the future of our Church. They are motivated and committed. I meet young women and men engaging in serious and critical thinking and exploring through action how our Biblically-grounded faith engages the real world.

What is your prayer for this college?

I have always been involved in school sports, summer league teams, dance lessons, and gymnastics; my parents got a break and I got to burn off a little of my abundant energy. However, as the years have gone by health has become more important to me because I see its benefits to my life. When I say “health,” I do not only mean “eat right and exercise” health, but health encompassing mental, emotional, physical, and spiritual aspects.

I remember watching The Biggest Loser on television at age 13 and thinking, “I want to change people’s lives like those trainers do.” The trainers completely transformed the contestants’ lives; not only educating them about eating and exercise habits, but getting involved—being a guide to help them make positive changes in their lives. Watching the show, I was inspired to be that guide to others, especially children.

For six years I worked summers at a pool snack bar making typical snack bar favorites like nachos, hot dogs, pizza, and snow cones for children spending the scorching summer days cooling off at the pool. Although I enjoyed my job, it was hard for me to sell unhealthy food to little growing bodies every day. I knew I wanted to work with children and the community to encourage a healthier lifestyle. These children had so much to offer the world, and I wanted them to reach their full potential!

It was during a visit to a basic movement class during PUC’s College Days visitation weekend that I realized we need to study exercise science. After graduating from Redding Adventist Academy, I enrolled at PUC and began making this calling a reality. As a freshman, I worked cleaning the PUC Fitness Center, and as the years went on I was promoted to the staff then supervision. As I staffed the desk and talked with the many people that came in and out of the fitness center, my eyes were opened to the transformative power of a healthier lifestyle.

I was employed in the exercise science world for four years, taking all kinds of health and fitness classes. The people in my department motivated me, and when I took it upon myself to run on the trails, I had special moments with God that will never be forgotten. This June, I crossed the commencement stage and graduated with a B.S. in exercise science, health, and nutrition and an A.S. in health science. Some bumps in my road ended up being blessings. After some tough times, I was led to get involved with PUC’s campus ministries, and I was privileged to be a dorm chaplain for Andre Hall for two years, giving me an opportunity to bless the girls in my hall and be blessed in return.

At home for the summer one year, I entered a two-mile fun run. I had run this race before, and every time this particular girl finished right before me. Though she was probably ten years old and I was in college, I was determined to beat her this time, just once. I was about 200 meters from the finish line, and there she was, right in front of me again. I passed her using every ounce of my energy, but then I just stopped. It was as if there was a wall in front of me. I turned around and saw the girl catching up to me. I waited for her to catch up and said, “Aren’t you going to let me beat you? All the previous races you have beat me; you can’t let me beat you! You can do it!” She looked at me, cheeks red and hair sweaty, then sprinted toward the finish line. She beat me again, but this time I was different. I gave her a high-five and said, “Way to go! You didn’t give up and you finished strong.” She smiled at me and ran over to her mom, so proud of the ribbon she held. In that moment, I felt God speaking to my heart.

Later, I received a text message from one of my elementary teachers. “I see you are in the paper encouraging a little runner to be,” she wrote, referring to our local newspaper. I got chills, because I knew the exact moment she was referring to. I hurried to find the newspaper, and cried as I saw the image of the girl and finishing the race. This was God’s reminder that I was doing what He planned for me. Ever since that moment, God has continued to guide me throughout my experience in the health field. Hopefully I will get more opportunities to encourage others to live healthier, happier lives.

How does your vision for PUC relate to the college’s mission?

Bradford Newton was the featured speaker for the Homecoming Weekend Sabbath Worship service on April 26 and for commencement on June 15 (pictured here).

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When God Confirmed My Calling

Alexandra Dunbar, ’14, completed her B.S. in exercise science and A.S. in health science this year. The Redding, Calif., native will be continuing her education at Loma Linda University pursuing a master’s in public health with an emphasis in health education.

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“Mission opportunities are one of my biggest passions in life. That’s really what kept me working hard and learning throughout nursing school at PUC. I went on this trip because service in the form of missions is my ultimate goal with nursing. Nursing just gives me so much good knowledge so I can better help the people I’m serving.”

-Madeline Ledezma, senior, nursing
Brazil mission trip volunteer

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