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## Prepared for a Full and Successful Life

When PUC alumni become proud parents and dress their newborn in a PUC onesie, it is probably not just because they have fond memories of working on the staff of the *Campus Chronicle*. Years later, when they start handing their teenager every PUC mailer they can get their hands on, it is most likely not just because they met their future spouse in the PUC cafeteria one special day 25 years ago.

Indeed, the welcoming environment and rich life experiences embraced on the Angwin campus may be a compelling part of their wish to send their child here. However, I believe that there has to be more to it than that. In other words, if PUC had not given those parents a well-rounded, authentic learning experience that prepared them for a full and successful life, they would be much less eager to continue a PUC educational legacy.

As we enjoy in this issue a conversational journey with multi-generational PUC alumni families, we are reminded of the academic prowess, spiritual environment and high quality of education that continues to make PUC a distinctive and superb learning environment.

The high expectations that we emphasize with programs like the Maxwell Scholar Program — and which is so beautifully illustrated by that program’s participants (see page 4) — are at the heart of PUC’s purpose as an institution of Christian higher education. This emphasis is built firmly on our spiritual foundation, which is the message of Christ, His love for us and His place in our lives. The two constantly go hand-in-hand at PUC, where we ask students to integrate faith and learning in the classroom, in their lives while at college, and in their plans for the future. This thoroughly excellent education directly impacts their contributions to our church and to their communities.

It has truly been an inspiration to see our vibrant Maxwell Scholars lead the way in this endeavor, demonstrate lives of excellence and hope, and look forward to equally illustrious professional careers and personal lives after they graduate.

As I often tell parents of newly enrolled students, I am so proud to be able to assure them that they

have made an excellent choice in entrusting their young people to PUC. I am confident that students will benefit from learning in a community that is dedicated to a truly wholistic approach to education—the harmonious development of the physical, mental and spiritual powers. My confidence is supported each week as I see example after example of excellence, creativity and service in and around the classrooms. The Maxwell Scholars are just one of these many shining examples.

Other examples from across campus come to mind. It is a joy to see biology students already putting their learning to work in ways that serve and better the world around them, through internships ranging from the African Conservation Experience in South Africa to the U.S. Forest Service in Tahoe National Forest. The English department is gearing up to celebrate 70 years of departmental history this Homecoming Weekend and boasts a thriving new A.S. in Film & Theater Studies. The new political studies degree in the history department, student research earning top awards at the National Communication Association convention, math and science students using cutting-edge equipment at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, the 100 percent pass rate by our Angwin campus nursing program on the recent Nursing Boards...all of these tangible examples of PUC’s outstanding learning experience are what make me so proud to offer that experience to new students — indeed, to generation after generation of PUC students who thrive on faith, learning, and true excellence.

This, I believe, is what keeps bringing families back to PUC and what makes PUC truly a place called home.

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# THE FIRST FOUR

## Maxwell Scholars Prepare to Graduate

Midori Yoshimura

FOR MANY PACIFIC UNION COLLEGE SENIORS, the months just before graduation are full of “lasts” — the last time they worship with friends at vespers, the last time they bite into a fresh sandwich at Giugni’s (a popular local deli), the last Tuesday-morning lecture with their favorite teacher. But among this year’s PUC graduates are four “firsts”: Colleen Uechi, Dana Yoon, Matthew Phelps and Samantha Angeles. Together since 2009, these students form the first class of Maxwell Scholars to graduate from PUC.

The Maxwell Scholar Program honors Dr. Malcolm Maxwell and his wife Eileen, and their commitment to Adventist education, by awarding recipients a \$15,000 scholarship for their freshman year — and the opportunity to renew that scholarship each year. Each year, winners are selected based on academic success, leadership experience and Christian service.

Four years after the first scholarships were awarded, Colleen, Dana, Matthew and Samantha share how the award has impacted their lives of excellence, leadership and service at PUC.

### Motivation and Passion

At 2 a.m., the Campus Center is unusually dark and quiet — mostly. Under the door to the *Campus Chronicle* (CC) office, light and determination stream from the small room. On nights before PUC’s student newspaper is “put to bed,” journalism jargon for sending a publication to press, editor **Colleen Uechi** keeps the lights on, and weary CC staff laughing, until the last file has been sent to the printer.

“As CC editor, I’m serving the student body by pursuing one of my passions,” says Colleen, who is majoring in international communication and Spanish. “It’s one of the best things I’ve done at PUC.” She began writing for the CC as the sports columnist last year, after returning from studying in Spain with Adventist



Dana Yoon loves helping younger students as a student instructor for chemistry labs.

Colleges Abroad. While a good growing experience for Colleen, studying in Spain reminded her of things she loved and missed at the PUC campus — KidzReach ministry, intramurals, insightful religion classes, and vegetarian cuisine (“I missed the PUC food!” she says).

Colleen says that the Maxwell Scholar Program has given her motivation. “PUC was counting on me to do big things, and I want to make it worth their money and time,” she continues. The renewable scholarship inspires Colleen to give back the best to her student body, parents and the post-PUC world that awaits. Next on her career itinerary is service as a student missionary, followed by graduate school for international development. But before Colleen says a fond *adios* to PUC, she shares her advice for new students: “Find ways to make your PUC experience something unforgettable.”

### Finding Her Stride

Strolling into the Campus Center during daytime, one might find **Dana Yoon** doing the off-duty work she loves: helping her lab students. Dana, a student instructor for chemistry labs, often meets students here, outside of her official working hours, to help them with their homework or just to see how they’re doing. “I really connected with my kids, inside and outside the chemistry lab,” she says. “I found my stride in the chemistry department.”

Dana’s professors have noticed, honoring her with the chemistry department’s Commendation Award and the Chemistry Major of the Year award. The biochemistry major has also volunteered with KidzReach and Homeless Ministries, and held leadership positions in the Korean Adventist Student Association. She’s following her own advice to others —



Matthew Phelps thrives as part of his team out on the field.

to enjoy all the benefits of the college’s close community.

The Maxwell Scholar Program was a major factor in her decision to attend PUC. “The program has helped me reach higher than what would have been easy, and hold myself to higher standards,” reflects Dana. “It’s made me really believe that I am capable of moving on to professional school.” As she juggles the demands of work, school, and community activities that her “higher standards” call for, Dana says that taking a day off, to “give it to God,” has been key.

After completing her courses in winter 2013, Dana plans to travel and participate in a dental mission trip to Thailand before attending dental school in the fall. Until then, Dana wants to continue helping her lab students as much as she can. She is grateful for her PUC mentors and community, who, she says, “shaped me into the kind of person I want to be.”

### Confidence for Success

Across the PUC campus, **Matthew Phelps** is known for his drive to thrive. It’s earned him a 4.0 science GPA, and a place on the Dean’s List every quarter of his PUC career. “PUC really wants students to succeed,” says the psychology major and biology minor. “You can go into a professor’s office and they’re willing to talk to you, show you what you need to do, and explain a concept to you, other than just during a lecture.”

As a Grainger Hall resident assistant, Matthew also keeps an open door for the other students on his hallway. “It’s been rewarding,” he says of his new position, a step up in responsibility from his position as head desk worker the year before. He adds this new job to his PUC resume, along with work in the psychology and biology departments as a teaching assistant.

Matthew is also a familiar face on the sports

field and in the gymnasium. He’s played nearly every intermural sport at least once, leading his teams to victory several times. Matthew is also a first-year member of Enactus (formerly Students In Free Enterprise), an international club that applies business principles to projects that improve others’ quality of life. In his work with Enactus, Matthew continues reaching out to others in a new way: through a water purification project in Nicaragua.

Entering college, Matthew remembers that being invited to join the Maxwell Scholar Program “gave me some confidence when I didn’t really know what to expect.” Knowing he was one of just a few students chosen, he thought, “It’s OK, I can handle college, I can work through this.” This encouragement helped him work hard toward his goal of becoming an ophthalmologist or a neurologist.

Whether as a resource for the students in his residence hall, or a skilled teammate at the gym, Matthew has added to PUC’s environment of care for others. “I’m glad I came to PUC,” Matthew concludes. “I hope I’ve helped people at PUC improve their experience.”

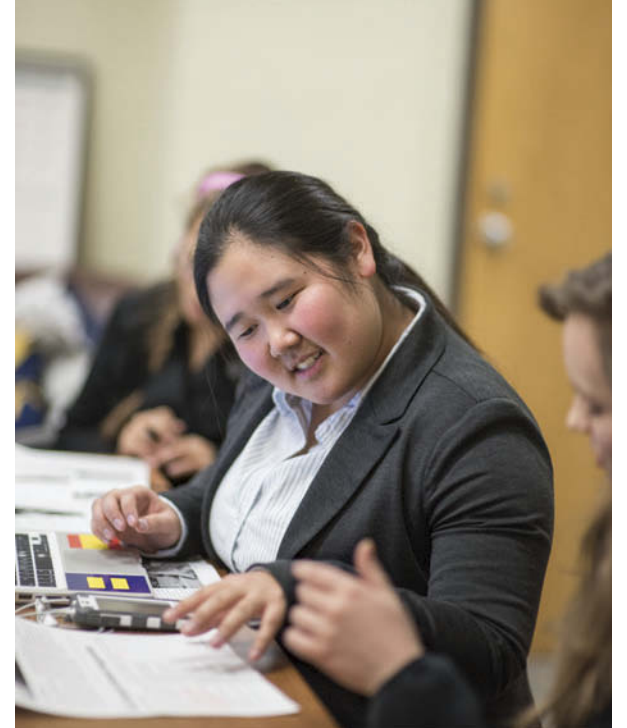
### Leading and Serving

After searching for “**Samantha Angeles**” on the PUC website, the long list of results makes one wonder if this 2009 Maxwell Scholar has a twin. Samantha doesn’t have a twin — but she does have a double major (communication and theology); a 3.9 GPA; a Zondervan award, for outstanding achievement in Greek language studies; and an acted-on love for God packed into just four years. “My goal is to do my best in whatever I do, so the doors God wants will be open,” she says.

As the 2013 Student Association President, Samantha has led the student body while simultaneously serving it. Her past years of service in campus ministries — planning vespers, running Sabbath Schools, organizing Fusion



Samantha Angeles is usually seen in leadership positions, serving the campus she loves.



Colleen Uechi can often be found in the *Campus Chronicle* office.

(an icebreaker weekend retreat for freshmen) — prepared her to lead an SA team known for its strong teamwork.

Samantha joined a different team last summer, as a pastoral intern at the 2,700-member La Sierra University Church, the second of two church internships. Under the supervision of senior pastor Chris Oberg, eight- to 18-hour days flew by, as “Pastor Samantha” helped coordinate the 200-member volunteer staff for Vacation Bible School, among other support and leadership roles. Samantha remembers she learned “to run in heels and lean on God more than ever before.”

“I wouldn’t be at PUC without the Maxwell Scholar Program,” Samantha says. “The scholarship is an honor, recognizing areas of achievement that I value. Other grants may have offered the same amount of money, but they wouldn’t have meant the same thing.”

Samantha adds, “One thing I will carry from PUC is that every single question I had helped make my relationship with God more authentic.”

### Ready to Soar

The remaining days until graduation bring Colleen, Matthew, Dana and Samantha the chance to create their last PUC memories and earn their first college diplomas. As they take flight outside their post-PUC home, the first four are headed for careers of distinction, forming part of the Maxwells’ PUC legacy. And when tortillas fly through the air and mortarboards take flight, PUC will send the first Maxwell Scholars soaring, too. **VP**



# PUC

## A FAMILY Tradition

by Midori Yoshimura

To every student, Pacific Union College offers a home away from home, a learning community that lasts a lifetime. Since the college opened in Angwin in 1909, countless families have sent their college-age sons and daughters to PUC. And if you peruse lists of graduates, some surnames begin to look familiar — families with generations of students that have studied late into the night, praised God in the PUC Church and created lifelong memories with professors and peers.

*ViewPoint* spoke with six of these families about their multi-generational legacy at PUC: the Andersons, whose members include the first PUC graduate; the Changs, a family of well-known professionals, including physicians and a superior court judge; the Davidians, one of whom Davidian Hall is named after; the Larsens, with over 50 past PUC students; the Maxwells, whose family includes the longest-serving PUC president; and the Utts, whose members include Charles Utt, one of the first students to register at PUC in Angwin.

“PUC was the natural choice,” reflects Arlen Davidian, ’63. Yet every generation experienced PUC in a different way. Male students, who once slept in outdoor tents during the college’s early days, can now choose from among several men’s residence halls. Men and women no longer dine in Graf Hall, nor are separated by gender. But the essential reasons that students attend remain the same: The college remains academically outstanding and spiritually authentic. As Wendy Maxwell, ’88, says, “PUC is one of the best places I know for my kids to be educated in a really great atmosphere—the best of all worlds.”

### AN OUTSTANDING EDUCATION IN AN ENVIRONMENT OF FAITH

Christian education is at the heart of PUC’s purpose, as an Adventist institution of higher learning with a 130-year history. Throughout the college’s long story, its faculty and staff have inspired students with knowledge relevant for their academic and spiritual lives.

“Great teaching is a part of the PUC heritage; it’s had great teachers all along and still does,” says Bruce Anderson, ’60. A local physician, Bruce has also taught classes at the college, continuing the cycle of academic excellence. PUC’s first graduate, Agnes (Lewis) Caviness, ’12, is Bruce’s grandmother; and Bruce’s brother Eric Anderson, former chair of the PUC history department, is currently president of Southwestern Adventist University.

Bruce remembers one teacher in particular that shaped his college experience: Walter Utt, ’42, a professor of history from 1951 to 1985. “My college memories of teachers center around him,” reflects Bruce, who taught during Utt’s PUC tenure. “[Walter] was an amazing professor who knew everything...he had enormous knowledge and irresistible humor.” Bruce honors his memory as the co-founder and chair of the Walter C. Utt Endowment, which supports research and publication in the areas of Walter’s interests, such as Adventist history.

Even as a youngster, Walter was a scholar in the making. His brother, Theodore Utt, ’47, a retired physician, remembers that “Walter was reading at age 4 or 5,” and “was a great storyteller,” the oldest in a family of five boys. Walter would later bring his love of story to PUC, enthralling generations of students with his vast knowledge of history, and his ability to retell it. *A Mountain, A Pickax, A College: Walter Utt’s History of Pacific Union College* is one of Walter’s many gifts to PUC, among his other published texts.

The Utt family legacy really begins with Walter and Theodore’s father, Charles D. Utt, ’17, believed to be one of the first students to register at PUC in 1909. Like his wife Miriam (Clark) Utt, ’16, whom he met at PUC, Charles was a straight-A student, the first of his siblings to attend college. Before Charles, “people in his family weren’t educated beyond the sixth grade,” Theodore notes. After graduating, Charles returned to teach and raise his family at the institution he loved; all five of his sons attended PUC.

Like the Utt family, the Maxwells have long been a PUC presence. All six children of Ar-

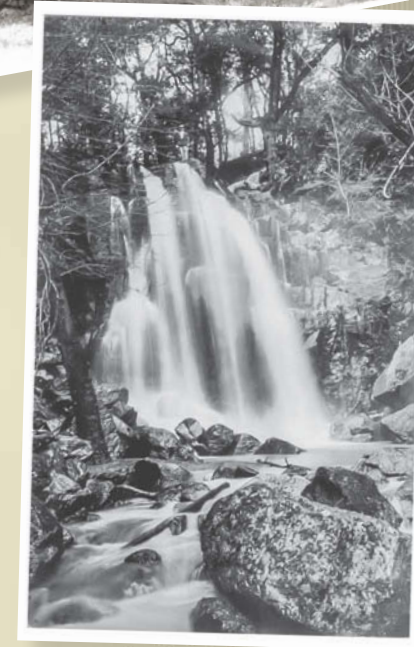
thur S. Maxwell (best known as “Uncle Arthur,” the popular children’s book author) attended PUC. Malcolm Maxwell, ’56, was the college’s longest-serving president, and the first PUC graduate to serve as college president. While still a student, Graham Maxwell, ’43, began teaching at PUC, and later chaired the PUC theology department, then the Loma Linda University division of religion. Twin brothers Mervyn and Lawrence both graduated in 1946; Mervyn chaired the church history department at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University, and Lawrence became the editor of *Signs of the Times*. Maureen, ’39, founded LLU’s graduate school of nursing, and became one of the first females in the nation to earn her Ph.D. in nursing. Their youngest sibling, Deirdre, ’61, followed her passion for history, working in the library and earning her degree in library science.

“Growing up surrounded by academia, it’s a privilege to be around educators,” says Malcolm’s daughter, Wendy, who is herself a teacher. PUC’s “world-class education” is one of the main reasons why Wendy is glad that her own daughter, Sydney, currently attends PUC. “The education offered to us through generations...has always been applicable to what’s going on in the country at large,” adds Wendy.

Steve Chang, ’66, an ophthalmologist, particularly remembers the education he received at 4 a.m. in the morning, miles away from the PUC main campus. As a biology major, he visited the Albion Marine Field Station one summer—memorably digging in the mud for ghost shrimp during the pre-dawn hours. On the main PUC campus, Steve also added a term as Student Association President and a pilot’s license from the college’s then new airport to his college education.

“Kids [in our family] understood that they would go to PUC; it was a given,” says Steve’s brother, James Chang, a retired superior court county judge who attended PUC from 1960 to 1962. Like many others, James and Steve’s parents, Stephen, ’42, and Elsie, ’43, wanted their progeny to see how faculty and staff related to God in the context of daily living. “PUC was ideal in that regard,” says James. “A Christian atmosphere excels at PUC.”

PUC’s “strong spiritual base” remains unchanged, says Earl Larsen, ’63, although now men and women are no longer separated across the chapel aisle, as in his day. With a “good academic program in the



The area’s irresistible beauty stays in the memories of PUCites through the years.



Generations of writers served on the *Campus Chronicle* staff, including Bruce Anderson, ’60, (left) and his father Charles Anderson, att. ’32-’36 (above).



Attending PUC from the ’30s to today, the Maxwells are a prime example of a multi-generational legacy. (Top to bottom: Malcolm Maxwell, ’56; Deirdre (Maxwell) Smith, ’61, with parents Rachel and Arthur Maxwell; Brandon Zinke, ’97, receiving his diploma from his great-uncle Malcolm Maxwell)



# “The connections are many and the roots are deep.”



Today's family connections reach back to the earliest days. Anderson family matriarch Agnes (Lewis) Caviness, '12, who attended PUC when it was still located in Healdsburg, was the college's first degree candidate.

context of the church's belief system," PUC was the natural choice for over 50 members of the Larsen family, across three generations.

The Larsens' legacy at PUC echoes the heritage of their Camino, Calif., farm; Earl and his wife still live on the land purchased by his grandparents in 1892. His grandparents' generation began the family's history at PUC. "After my grandparents became Adventists in 1915, education was a high priority," says Earl. He and his cousins, Harold, '60, and Tom, '70, '79, worked as teachers after graduating, before going on to share their PUC education with others.

For Jan Davidian, '59, PUC's multidimensional education—spiritual, as well as skill-based—is why he wouldn't trade places with anyone else in his profession. "Many other schools don't often address the dimension of being a good person," the orthodontist adds, "but PUC addresses it very well." Jan points out that the Adventist system is unique in its breadth; students can enjoy the benefits of an Adventist education all the way through college and professional training, as Jan, a graduate of the Loma Linda University School of Dentistry, did. He and his four younger brothers, who lived near the college, all attended PUC, much to their parents' pride.

"My dad promoted PUC every chance he got," says Jan's brother Arlen, '63, an author and business owner. Born in Turkey, in a home with the only running water in the family's village, Jan's father Caleb, '33, immigrated to the United States, attended PUC and later became a dentist. Because of his fundraising efforts for the college, Davidian Hall was named in honor of his wife, Fern. Caleb also founded the Committee of 100, PUC's longest tradition of giving, which consists of philanthropists who support PUC at a certain level each academic year.

Faculty and staff have changed since the days of "Healdsburg College," but PUC continues to help students grow intellectually and spiritually. As Theodore notes, "The goal is still the same: to train good citizens for the here and the hereafter."

## A BEAUTIFUL LOCATION

Voted 2012's "Most Beautiful College" by *Newsweek* and the news commentary site thedailybeast.com, PUC's backyard is a popular place to hike, bike, run, and, in Theodore Utt's case, roam.

"I don't know many places nicer to live than PUC," says Theodore. "I couldn't have grown up in a neater place for kids. There were essentially no fences; we just had hills and mountains, and could roam everywhere." Now retired, he's returned to the PUC area. Aside from a few improvements to local roads ("People think there's a lot of curves now, they should have seen it 75 years ago!"), the beauty of the area is much as he left it.

"The location was outstanding," remembers Esther (Chang) Tan, who attended PUC's pre-nursing program '64-'66. "I was so happy to have been ensconced on a hill, rather than in a town." Sabbath afternoon hikes promised a break from coursework, and exercise for desk-bound limbs. For Steve Chang, Esther's brother, weekend trips to Linda Falls were also a chance to learn a new skill not offered in classes: fishing. The biology major remembers the excitement of finding small trout wriggling at the end of his fishing line.

At PUC's Angwin Airport, Virgil O. Parrett Field, two-winged tickets away from campus cares awaited Steve and his fellow students. The "challenging" landing strip, where Steve earned his pilot's license, taught him how to handle difficult landing spots, still a useful skill when he flies to Montana or Nevada.

Earl Larsen also remembers enjoying the PUC landscape from up above, behind the controls of a small airplane. The PUC airport was very new at that time, and "the runway was just a dirt strip," he says. The aerial perspective reminded him of one reason that he and his family came to PUC in the first place: a rural setting in a beautiful location. "I don't think the reasons [to attend PUC] have changed that much over the years," Earl says.

Sundrenched Angwin afternoons found Jan Davidian on the Grainger rooftop. "We used to climb out the window of the upstairs bathroom to lay in the sun," says Jan. A dedicated student, he also explored the world outside his dormitory, whether Linda Falls or just across the street at the Campus Market, where fresh sandwiches beckoned.

As a child growing up on the PUC campus, the animal life outside residence halls appealed to Audrey (Maxwell) Zinke, Graham

Maxwell's daughter and the literary agent for Arthur S. Maxwell's writings. The college "was a great place for a critter lover like me," Audrey reflects. "I learned a love of biology from PUC." Audrey remembers collecting lizards, polliwogs and other out-of-doors mementos—which she would then take home and stash under her bed, with the patient permission of her mother, Rosalyn Gildersleeve, who attended PUC from 1940-1942.

After Rosalyn suffered a stroke in her retirement, Audrey continued to bring her vivid reminders of Angwin: cheerful yellow Diogenes Lanterns. Following one visit to PUC, Audrey brought her parents an especially large bouquet. "When I walked into that house, you should have seen my mother's face," she recalls. "It was pure joy for her to see those Lanterns; it was something that meant so much to [both of] them."

At a Founders' Day address in 1956, Agnes Caviness, (Bruce Anderson's grandmother), commented on the hold that the area's natural beauty has on people. While Angwin might experience the range from hot sun to cold storms, she mused, "there are days so perfect that the Angwin-bred will be lonely for them wherever he goes."

## LIFELONG CONNECTIONS

Bonded by dormitory life, community worship and perhaps group projects, friendships formed during college often last well beyond graduation. For many PUC students, those relationships developed into lifelong unions.

"My father was full of stories," Wendy Maxwell says. One favorite family tale was how Malcolm met his wife, Eileen (Bolander) Maxwell, '55. "When my dad was interested in my mother, the sexes couldn't intermingle. Mother used to practice the organ in Irwin, so my dad would go to the bottom of the dorm and cut the electricity to the organ," Wendy relates. "She would have to come down to the basement to turn on the electricity." The two became better acquainted with each "power outage," and eventually love mingled with the songs in the air. As a memento of their courtship, they kept the organ pipes that first helped them find each other.

"How did anybody ever meet?" wonders Theodore Utt, about the lifelong relationships that sparked at PUC. Like many other couples, his father and mother met on the campus, and later returned, teaching and raising his family at the college. But when Theodore was an un-



dergraduate, he remembers that "girls and boys couldn't even sit together." Sabbath afternoons offered one important exception: male and female students willing to fold copies of *Signs of the Times* for shipping could spend an hour and a half together—until the women had to go "straight back" to their residence hall.

Despite the strict rules, Arlen Davidian once found unexpected grace from their enforcers. He and a date took an unsupervised trip to St. Helena in Arlen's MGA car. The car broke down, and by the time the two returned to campus, all the students were in their respective residence halls. Sneaking in would have been impossible. So, the pair decided to tell the unvarnished reason for their late arrival to the desk monitor on call. But when they walked through the dormitory doors, the women's dean awaited them instead. In her office, Arlen revealed their story, and then waited to hear their punishment. The dean simply said, "If it was anyone else but you, they would have tried to sneak in. Just get up to your dorm and forget about it."

Rules have been updated, campus buildings remodeled and the list of course offerings increased. Yet PUC's commitment to developing

The learning legacy at PUC reached many generations – and many have contributed in turn (from top: Walter Utt, '42; George Caviness, '36, an Anderson family patriarch who served as professor and administrator at PUC, Newbold College, Union College, and Walla Walla College). And from dressmaking at Healdsburg to digging for shrimp at Albion, the legacy is full of variety for students.





Even campus buildings are part of family legacies— some contributing to stories and some funded by alumni (left to right: Irwin Hall, Virgil O. Parrett Field, Davidian Hall).

“The friends that you make are a lifelong part of your family; that’s what you want for your children.”

a connection with God, and relationships (romantic and otherwise) with one’s fellow man remains the same. “There’s still a good strong spiritual base,” observes Earl Larsen. “PUC offers something no other school can because it is part of the Adventist family,” reflects Esther Chang, whose parents met at PUC. “It’s a tight network... You realize how small and how far-reaching the Adventist family is.”

“The friends that you make [in college] are a lifelong part of your family; that’s what you want for your children,” adds Audrey Anderson, ’60, who met her husband Bruce at PUC. “Almost any place you go in the world, there’s a connection.”

This year, a new bearer of the Maxwell legacy, freshman Sydney Henderson, Wendy Maxwell’s daughter, is exploring family history and making her own memories at PUC. Now preparing for a career in dental hygiene, Malcolm Maxwell’s granddaughter remembers listening to her grandfather preach at the PUC Church, and, like her mother, taking Sabbath walks in the back woods. “When professors talk to me, they share stories about [my grandfather]... I was only 13 when he passed away, so I love to hear more about him,” she says.

“Sydney is now taking classes from people I took classes from,” enthuses Wendy, who adds that it is “worth any kind of sacrifice” to have Sydney at PUC. And when Sydney’s own children are of college age, it is likely that they could say the same as Wendy; Sydney thinks her kids will attend PUC, too.

The Anderson, Chang, Davidian, Larsen, Maxwell and Utt families are among PUC’s legacy families for reasons as numerous as the Angwin alumni in each clan. Yet perhaps Steve Chang finds the common ground among them when he explains why his family has sent so many students to PUC: “We do so because whatever experience we had, we enjoyed,” he says. “One’s personal experience tends to influence what they do for future generations. If we enjoyed the [PUC] experience, we want our [children] to experience the same.”

“PUC is a big part of where we fit in,” concludes Bruce Anderson. “The connections are many and the roots are deep.” **VP**



Despite the strict rules of yore (above: students separated by gender in chapel), Students through all generations have found lifelong love at PUC (Elizabeth (Caviness) Anderson, ’38, and Charles Anderson, ’36).

# THEOLOGY & FILM

## Sharing a passion for Christian media

Lainey S. Cronk and Giovanni Hashimoto

WITH A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE IN SCREEN-writing/producing and pastoring, a passion for Christian media, and a goal of creating a sci-fi-esque version of *The Great Controversy* in eleven episodes, Rajeev Sigamoney brings no small energy to PUC.

When he transitioned from Southern California to PUC as the film program coordinator this past year, he arrived with some inspiring ideas about the potential Christian media has for Adventist evangelism — and a current project that is exploring some of those ideas in front of a worldwide audience.

“Two of my biggest loves have always been theology and film,” Sigamoney explains. “I’ve always loved theology and religion, obviously in relationship to my relationship with God... And I’ve always loved film.” Observing a culture in which people seem more willing to pay for movies than to attend sermons, he remarks that “at some level [film is] shaping culture and world view in a lot larger of a scope than I think that religion is in a lot of places.”

So it makes perfect sense that he’d combine these two loves in a project called *The Recordkeeper*, a web series that Sigamoney and Jason Satterlund are producing for the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists (GC). The GC was looking for creative ways to promote their worldwide Great Hope Project, which aims to distribute massive quantities of an abridged version of *The Great Controversy* and get people engaged in topics that are important to Adventism. So far Sigamoney and Satterlund have produced two episodes of *The Recordkeeper* and are working on nine more, and Rajeev has high hopes that the project will become a global, immersive story that will use a variety of media to draw people into the narrative and also serve as an evangelism tool for churches across North America and Europe. “If we can garner a lot of interest in the series just as a pure narrative,” he muses, “then it will create these really cool bridge events that hopefully



As the new film program coordinator, Rajeev Sigamoney brings a passion for Christian media to the visual arts department.

will get people talking about our theology and what our beliefs are as a church.”

Sigamoney spent a good part of his life avoiding “church work,” he explains. “The two things I didn’t want to write were Indian characters and Christians. I didn’t believe that either of them could be done well. But the two things I had the strongest voice in were my Christian beliefs and how it could relate to real characters, and the same thing with Indian characters that weren’t cliché.” In addition to letting him write from his strengths, working on *The Recordkeeper* has encouraged Sigamoney about the Adventist Church in general—that it “still aims to be relevant, and still aims to work on things that can connect with regular people in the same way that Ellen White did when she wrote her works.”

At PUC, Sigamoney brings all this experience into play in a new way: helping students navigate their own individual journey with film and faith. “I feel my experience both in mainstream Hollywood and in the Church has given me a unique perspective into both

worlds,” Sigamoney explains. “And with the students here at PUC, I find students who want to follow both paths — which is exactly what we need. To teach film in the Adventist system means to equip our students to both strengthen the work in media that our church is already doing and also to equip those who desire to work in the secular world, to succeed and have an impact on mainstream culture. Both are valuable and relevant and both have challenges that are unique.”

In his own journey, Sigamoney has come to focus on authenticity. And he asks that his students follow that path as well. “The one thing that I strive for each student that I interact with to maintain is honesty,” he says. “Honesty to who they are as an individual. Honesty to what God has called them to do. And honesty with their coworkers in giving their all to the work that they have committed their lives to. If a student in Film & TV at PUC can commit to this journey, then I know they will be successful whatever tasks God gives them, and that they will have joy in their career.” **VP**





# A MESSAGE FROM “LITTLE ROCK NINE”

## Terrence Roberts opens Black History Month at PUC

Giovanni Hashimoto

THE CELEBRATION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH at Pacific Union College began with a prestigious guest sharing his experiences from the American Civil Rights Movement. Congressional Gold Medalist Terrence Roberts, who became one of the iconic Little Rock Nine as a 15-year-old Adventist, spoke to the gathered PUC students, faculty and staff on February 7.

To his PUC audience, Roberts spoke about his motivation and participation in the journey toward civil rights. While still in high school in 1957, he became one of the Little Rock Nine when he and eight other African-American students put their lives on the line to integrate Little Rock Central High School in Arkansas. In 1999 he received his Congressional Gold Medal from President Bill Clinton for his part in this remarkable moment in U.S. history.

Roberts reminisced about life in Little Rock in those days — noting that people had had hundreds of years to develop an expertise in

discrimination: “For 335 years, it was legal and constitutional to discriminate against people based on racial group memberships,” he said. “Discrimination seemed to be second nature to white people in Little Rock.”

For Roberts and his young friends who became “the nine,” it wasn’t about making a revolutionary change in their world. At that point in their lives, the motivation was basic: “We simply wanted to go to school, that’s all,” Roberts recounted.

The nine black students who enrolled at Little Rock Central High were to begin its desegregation process, as supported by the United States Supreme Court’s Brown Decision. “The Brown Decision was a bold step towards changing the narrative,” Roberts noted, “but such a change was truly not welcomed by the masses.”

Over 100 congressmen signed the Southern Manifesto detailing plans to prevent implementation of the Brown Decision. Meanwhile, in response to the students’ actions, the gov-

ernor of Arkansas called for armed resistance. Roberts called the situation “bizarre” but “not so unusual when you know the history [of America]—not an aberration, when you understand the dynamics of racism.”

For Roberts, that momentous experience was the beginning of a life work. Since the ultimately successful effort to desegregate the high school, Roberts has been a strong voice at the forefront of the Civil Rights Movement. At PUC, he spoke about lessons he has carried with him from those early experiences, and noted areas in contemporary American life in which improvement is still necessary.

Finally, noting the disparity in education and other measures of success affecting African-Americans in the United States, Roberts asserted that “the real question facing us today is not why there are so many people of color who don’t prosper, who don’t flourish or bloom to their full potential. The real question is, why are there so many who do?” **VP**



# First Door

## Renovating for a Warm Welcome

A HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR, THRILLED BUT APPREHENSIVE about pending freshmanhood and accompanied by equally thrilled but apprehensive parents, opens their first door at PUC: the door to the Office of Enrollment. They step into a lobby that may very well be giving them their first impression of PUC’s interior.

That’s why PUC is particularly pleased at the outcome of a recent beautification project — the renovation of the entry and lobby for the offices of enrollment, admissions, and public relations. Changes ranged from opening up the space to re-painting (in a chic new palette) to adding a flat screen that displays snippets of PUC scenery and information. Together, these renovations not only create a welcoming first impression but also offer practicalities such as a conference room where parents can meet with enrollment counselors. Guests are invited to enjoy the comfortable seating, reading selections that include the *Diogenes Lantern* and the latest *ViewPoint*, and a hot drink.

“The purpose of this renovation was to create a warm and welcoming space for prospective students and their families that would help to give a better first impression of PUC, as well as to provide five-star customer service to our wonderful constituents,” says PUC President Heather J. Knight.

This is part of Knight’s goal to undertake a high-impact project on campus every summer. Other projects in this line-up have included the Dining Commons, Campus Center, and Nelson Memorial Library. **VP**



# TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

## A revival in missionary service at PUC

Larry Peña

*“Go off and be a catalyst around the world for one year of your life.”*

THERE’S AN OLD WOODEN MAP STORED IN a back room at Pacific Union College. Thick and heavy, its surface shows a flattened image of the globe, beams of light radiating out from a certain point just below the middle of the western edge of the United States. Older alumni will recall the tiny light-emitting diodes poking out of each country, and how those lights used to twinkle when the map was hung in the church sanctuary every Homecoming Weekend—each light representing a nation where PUC students were currently serving as long-term missionaries.

But a few years ago, the inevitable began to happen. A few at a time, the transistors and fuses in the complex system behind those lights began to wear out. It wasn’t long before the whole map went fully dark, as the decades-old parts went out of production. To the disappointment of many at PUC, the old map disappeared from the Homecoming service—a seeming symbol of the simultaneous decline in students volunteering to leave the country for a year as international missionaries.

This year that trend began to reverse, when scores of students answered a call to action from visiting speaker José Rojas, att. ’78-’82. A PUC alumnus who recently served as the director of the office of volunteer ministries for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America, Rojas visited PUC last fall to deliver a presentation encouraging students to return to the mission fields.

“It was an intentional God thing,” says PUC campus chaplain Laffit Cortes. “When we invited him to come and speak, it was for the purpose of helping us recruit student missionaries. Before he went up front, he asked us for a goal—how many students we wanted to sign up. We asked for 50.”

Citing the biblical call for Christians to be “salt of the earth,” Rojas drew an analogy between service to others and salt’s role as a catalyst in melting ice. Saying today’s students are part of the most advanced generation in history, he appealed for them to use their abilities to become catalysts for change.

“If your mind is that of a catalyst, if you’re out to make this world a better place no matter how many people make fun of you for being an idealist—if you really have a vision for your life—then you can turn this world upside down,” he said. “Go off and be a catalyst around the world for one year of your life.”

He urged students to participate in service and mission opportunities while in college. In addition to the Adventist Church’s student mission programs, Rojas mentioned government programs, such as the Peace Corps for international service and AmeriCorps for domestic volunteerism, as opportunities for service.

“We have a million American young adults going around the world, across the countries serving, and most of these people don’t even know Jesus,” he said. “It changes your life when you serve. Jesus said, ‘If you really want to



Sixty students responded to a call for mission service given by José Rojas.

know what it means to serve me, do unto the least of the people as you do unto me.’ You want to serve God? Serve people.”

Rojas’ call resonated deeply with students, and 60 signed up that day to express their interest in taking up missionary postings around the world—10 more than the campus ministries team had hoped for. That number is a significant jump from the eight students who began this year as student missionaries, and the 11 who served the year before.

“I really enjoyed Jose Rojas’ visit to PUC,” says Ben Speegle, a PUC student and the director of the student missions program. “He speaks with real conviction about serving God as a way of life, and I think that heartfelt message really speaks to people, students in particular. Having had the chance to talk with him after his message, I was able to clearly see that this isn’t just a job to him—it is something he lives. I know that he gains real joy out of being able to inspire people to live their faith and beliefs.”

But even before Rojas’ visit, PUC’s office of service, justice and missions had been laying the groundwork for renewed efforts to recruit students to volunteer missionary service. Chaplain Cortes and mission and service coordinator Fabio Maia, both hired in 2010, started their jobs with a plan to refresh the missionary culture on campus.

“When we first got here, we decided to focus right away on ministries—local, international, and eventually long-term,” says Maia. Under their direction, short-term mission trips, such as excursions to Latin America and underserved communities here in the U.S., have been huge draws in recent years, as have local community service projects in the Bay Area. Rojas praised those efforts in his presentation.

“PUC already has incredible projects—for the homeless, [community service] projects in Calistoga—you got stuff going everywhere!” he enthused. “I praise God for the vision of this campus which has been steady for many years.”

“When Fabio and Laffit welcomed me to the team, we talked about the fact that we were all committed to seeing more student missionaries and mission-minded people this year,” says Speegle, who has been a key part of the campus ministries team. “Jose Rojas’ message definitely helped us with that goal, and that was the reason we invited him to come speak. But I think the culture of the campus is changing to a more spiritually real environment. Students have the faith and they are willing to demonstrate it by their willingness to get involved as missionaries.”

Whether they were inspired by Rojas or are just part of that resurgent culture of volunteerism, many students are excited—if a little

nervous—to get out into the world to preach, teach, heal, or serve others in a variety of ways.

“It was just an instinctual feeling. I’ve always wanted to do it,” says Kylie Brock, who signed up for a year of foreign service and is hoping to work at an Adventist school in Denmark. “I spent two and a half weeks [on a mission trip] in Vietnam. But I’ve never spent a full year so far away from home.”

“I actually was unable to go to José Rojas’ presentation... I decided to go last year because I felt like God had called me to go,” says Timothy Giang, who hopes to spend next year teaching in either Vietnam or Norway. “After much prayer and thought, I cannot think of a better way to show God’s love to others.”

As the missionary culture returns at PUC, it feels like the beginning of a new generation of students committed to serving God and others around the world. The light bulbs may still be out on the old missionary map, but as student missionaries fan out across the globe, the light of the Gospel is still radiating from Angwin. **VP**



## Water and Warmth

### Students build relationships on the Navajo Reservation

FIFTEEN STUDENTS BRAVED THE FREEZING DESERTS OF northern Arizona over Christmas vacation to provide aid to a Navajo community. This was PUC's third trip to the community with a student-led ministry called Project Pueblo.

"The whole idea for these repeat mission trips is to develop relationships with people in the community," says Fabio Maia, PUC's service and missions coordinator. "We're there to minister to their practical needs."

Initially, the project was intended to focus on repairing and renovating a church that the Adventist group on the reservation had recently purchased. However, when the student group arrived in the reservation town outside of Page, Ariz., they discovered a more immediate need—this winter's unusually cold weather had frozen the water lines serving the town's community center.

"We had to change our plans and spent two days digging deeper trenches and heating the pipes up to get water," says Jeremy Lam, one of the student leaders of the group. That meant more than just shoveling dirt—to get to the pipes, the students had to build fires to thaw the frozen ground and hack at the icy earth with picks.

With water flowing again to the vital community center, the group turned to the church project. Although well-built, the old building badly needed cleaning and insulation to keep out the below-freezing winter temperatures. "We worshipped in the church on Sabbath, and even with radiant heating in the sanctuary it didn't get above 55 degrees," says Lorie Johns, the student success advisor in PUC's nursing department and a co-sponsor on the trip. "It needed a lot of work to be usable."

Students set to work clearing out dust and debris from the old building and installing insulation into the cinder block walls.



Although the tighter schedule didn't allow them to finish everything they had planned, they left behind a much warmer sanctuary.

In the coming months, the church will host Adventist evangelistic meetings and health seminars, and will likely host PUC students again when they return for a planned trip over spring vacation. Like the new pipes in the community center, the church and the students will be a lasting blessing to the community on the reservation.

The repeat trip highlights PUC's emphasis on practical, relevant service to people in need. "There are great opportunities to help the community out," says sophomore Clifford Young. "Every student here can help serve, because there are so many opportunities—every weekend, every month—to do something. I think PUC does a great job of pushing the service role and doing what Jesus would do."

Larry Pena



President José Martini, Dr. Norman Knight, and Dr. Bahia in Brazil.

## PUC Partners with Brazil

### Adventist University

THIS YEAR PACIFIC UNION COLLEGE LAUNCHED A PARTNERSHIP WITH BRAZIL Adventist University (UNASP). Discussion began last spring, when UNASP president José Martini suggested the partnership to PUC president Heather Knight, initially with the main objective of UNASP students learning English.

"Having more international students on our campuses helps to foster global understanding," commented Knight. "Being part of the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist global church, we want to help other institutions as well, by partnering with them."

With the residence halls open in the summer, PUC offers UNASP students the opportunity to study here at PUC for a five-week program. Students will also take field trips to places like the Bay Area, including San Francisco.

"This idea is that they come for a short term, [and gain] language and culture experience, where they have an opportunity to be exposed to American culture and to have some formal language instruction at the same time," said Assistant Academic Dean Ed Moore.

But the partnership is an opportunity for both schools—UNASP will send students to study at PUC while PUC students will have the chance to learn Portuguese and study in Brazil. Knight noted Brazil's emerging economy, and the especially great opportunities it presents for PUC's business students.

"This is part of a larger vision that I have, in terms of international partnerships," explained Knight.

Additionally, PUC will host a group of three administrators from the Euro-Asia division of Seventh-day Adventists in January 2013 for a similar five-week program. "They want to improve their English listening and speaking skills, primarily, so that they can more effectively participate in international meetings," Moore said.

Both Hong Kong Adventist College and Sahmyook University in South Korea have also approached PUC about partnerships. This partnership with Brazil—a first for PUC—will help lay foundations for similar relationships in the future.

Lauren Armstrong

## Following in Your Footsteps

THIS YEAR WHEN PUC BEGAN ITS ANNUAL PHONATHON FUNDRAISING endeavor, we decided we wouldn't ask for help with one big project. Instead, Phonathon gave alumni the chance to provide better opportunities for students who are following in their academic footsteps. The result was \$123,428 in gifts with \$39,552 in additional pledges. Of the \$123,428 raised, almost half specifically supported a series of department projects, while the rest went to support the Pioneer Fund, student missions and the Worthy Student Fund.

Through additional fundraising, the total raised for the department Special Funds was \$118,215, which allowed a number of department projects to be fully funded. The biology department was delighted at funds for a high-powered sterilization unit for the microbiology lab; new data loggers and sensors will be purchased for the chemistry department; and computers for the testing lab can become a reality in the nursing department. That's just a start on a number of projects which are fulfilling wishes for the faculty and students!

To see a department's wish list, visit [puc.edu/alumni/phonathon](http://puc.edu/alumni/phonathon). Though Phonathon has concluded, you can still contribute to many projects. Just visit [puc.edu/give](http://puc.edu/give) where you can select a departmental venture to support.

## PUC Named "Healthiest Company"

IN RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE IN "SUPPORTING MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT" and being a trendsetter in employee wellness, PUC was named one of the "Healthiest Companies in the North Bay" this year. The Healthiest Company awards, announced by the *North Bay Business Journal* at its annual Health Care Conference in November and in the November 12 issue of its publication, recognize "outstanding efforts of organizations and businesses across the North Bay in the critical movement toward wellness."

The award nominations are gathered through the summer and companies are surveyed about their health practices. The *Business Journal* then selects companies to honor at their Health Care Conference. PUC was cited as earning its award for a thorough and accessible wellness program that includes onsite health screenings, health risk assessments with progress reports, and health education opportunities. Such wellness programs as the "Inertia Initiative" and "Lunch and Learn Series," the Wellness Studio and Health Services Clinic, and classes ranging from the Archibald Fitness Boot Camp to martial arts and Zumba were also mentioned. PUC employees are listed as having 27 percent fewer health risks than the national average. "We work in a faith community that acknowledges our Creator's wisdom in weaving each person into a seamless combination of mind, body and spirit," PUC president Heather J. Knight told the *Business Journal*.

Lainey S. Cronk





**Christmas Vespers** Students welcomed the Christmas season with candlelight and choral music at the Christmas Vespers program.



**Biology Club** The PUC Biology Club retreated to Albion Field Station, PUC's remote campus, for a weekend of fellowship and exploration on the Mendocino coast.



**College Days** Seniors from Hawaii, Northern California, and Central California academies visited the PUC campus in November to participate in spiritual, academic, and social activities — including sitting in on real college classes.



**President's Circle** PUC president Heather J. Knight hosted a Christmas dinner for the President's Circle (major PUC supporters) at her home in Angwin.



**Academy Basketball Tournament** Sixteen men's and women's teams visited campus for four days of nonstop action at the Academy Basketball Tournament.



**Women's Basketball** The Lady Pioneers basketball team ended their season with two players receiving league awards.



**Live Nativity** Just before finals, a vespers service embraced the meaning of the Christmas season with a live nativity.



**Winter Revival** A week of revival gave students the chance to rest and renew spiritually, featuring various faculty and staff members speaking on the week's theme: "In One Accord in Fellowship."



**Open House** Women's Christmas open house was a chance for residents of the four women's dorms to invite friends to come visit their rooms and to enjoy refreshments provided by the dorm.



**Rasmussen Art Gallery** Artist Anthony Hansen opened his "Recycled" exhibit, featuring reclaimed metal art, at the Rasmussen Art Gallery.



**Career Day** The Dining Commons was filled with career consultants in just about every field, giving students the chance to ask professionals any questions they may have about the industry.



**Sophie-Veronique Cauchefier-Choplin** This world-renowned improvisational genius performed a recital on PUC Church's Rieger organ.





## Tyner Joins Administrative Team

PACIFIC UNION COLLEGE HAS named Jennifer Tyner the new vice president for enrollment management and public relations. Tyner has extensive history in Adventist higher education, communication, and

administration. She officially began her position with PUC during winter quarter 2012.

At PUC, Tyner oversees recruiting and enrollment efforts and all of the college's communication and publications. "I am really excited about PUC's growth and development," says Tyner. "It's inspiring to be a part of the college's increased enrollment, improved retention, and commitment to innovation."

Since 2007, Tyner served as project director for Community Care of Western North Carolina, a nationally recognized health care delivery system aimed at providing better, more efficient and more cost-effective health care for our country's most vulnerable individuals. Her duties included collaborating with government agencies and local health care providers, developing the organization's brand, and overseeing marketing and communication.

Before that, Tyner served from 2000 to 2006 as vice president for student life at La Sierra University in Riverside, Calif. In that role she provided strategic leadership for a department of 35 employees, directing all areas of student affairs, including campus ministries, counseling services, health services, and overall student satisfaction. Perhaps most notably, under her direction La Sierra's student retention increased by six percent and graduation rates by 13 percent.

Tyner holds an M.A. in English from La Sierra, and B.A. degrees in business administration and English from Loma Linda University.

Tyner is pleased to return to the higher education environment. "There is an energy on a college campus that just does not exist elsewhere. I feel I am returning to a very special place of learning, empowerment, and transformation."

"She's a go-getter. She's very entrepreneurial. If she sees something that needs to be done, she's going to go get it done," says PUC president Heather J. Knight, Ph.D. "She is someone who is very passionate about Adventist education, and she certainly understands how Adventist higher education works."

Larry Peña

## PUC Students Take Top Honors at National Communication Convention

TWO OF THE TOP FOUR AWARDS, INCLUDING THE TOP GROUP AWARD, IN THE Lambda Pi Eta division of the National Communication Association (NCA) convention were awarded to PUC students this year at the NCA annual event. Three of the students and communication professor Tammy McGuire traveled to Orlando, Fla., to present their research at the convention.

The NCA convention is the largest annual gathering of communication teachers, researchers, students and other



professionals in the nation. Over 5,000 attendees from every state and around the world were present at the convention.

A paper by five PUC students, "Conflict Resolution Patterns in Intercultural Couples," won the Stephen A. Smith award for the top

group paper in the Lambda Pi Eta division. The other award-winning PUC paper was titled "Birth Order and Communication Styles in Romantic Relationships."

The research was done as part of a communication research class taught last year by McGuire. The class is a graduation requirement for communication students, and papers are submitted the previous year and undergo a peer review process before being accepted.

"The experience of presenting was very educational, as well as the exposure to the other various communication research studies," said Janna Vassantechart, '12. "I even attended panels on health communication. The studies in these categories looked at improving physician communication in the context of end-of-life care and health care websites."

McGuire said she was impressed by how prepared her students were at the convention. "They did as well or better than students from bigger universities," she said. "They showed a level of professionalism, a level of preparedness and a level of knowledge that was impressive not only to me, as their instructor, but to the people in that room. They fabulously represented the department and PUC and themselves and their families... I was extremely proud."

Giovanni Hashimoto



## Charles White: Prioritizing People

### PUC celebrates Adventist heritage

WITH THE WARMTH OF A FAMILY MEMBER, CHARLES WHITE, A PASTOR AND GREAT-GRANDSON OF ELLEN G. WHITE, drew students closer to their Adventist inheritance at PUC's annual Adventist Heritage Colloquy this year. White is the senior pastor of Camelback Seventh-day Adventist Church in Phoenix, Ariz., and a PUC alum.

The Heritage Singers opened the morning's program with a toe-tapping rendition of "Satisfied." Afterward, Dr. Heather Knight introduced White and the accomplishments of his great-grandmother, Adventism's co-founder and the world's most translated female author.

"Our priority should and always must be on people," White said, as he shared family stories to create a "sense of connectedness." Often asked if he met his great-grandmother, White called on the reasoning skills of math majors in the audience to do the calculations: Ellen White passed away in 1915. However, through his stories students had the chance to become better acquainted with members of the White family, such as "Sleeping Willy," Ellen White's somnambulance-prone son.

"I thought it was very interesting to hear about E.G. White from a family member. Even though [the speaker] had never met E.G. White, obviously he had many stories that many sources didn't," said PUC student Michael Borchik. White also noted his family's passion for the gospel and commitment to sharing the advent hope, whether in the U.S. South or abroad in Australia.

Ellen White's great-grandson began and ended his morning talk at PUC by referencing the college's rich Adventist heritage. Adventism's co-founder was instrumental in the formation of PUC, and also spent the last years of her life at nearby Elmshaven. White spoke from the pulpit his great-grandmother used when preaching at PUC, but also noted that "just because I'm a great-grandson of Ellen White doesn't [make] me any closer to who she was and her mission than any of you can be."

"I've been in ministry for over 40 years, and every day I use something I learned or was directed to learn from my education at PUC," he said. White also noted that "God has a purpose and destiny for this school," and that PUC and its students "were not here by chance."

White encouraged students to take full advantage of their time at PUC. "Offer a blessing to everyone, not a bowed-head blessing, but an open-eyed one," he advised. "May God be with you as you continue your growth in education here at PUC."

Midori Yoshimura

### academic highlights

**Vola Andrianarijaona**, professor of physics, has traveled twice this year to Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Thanks to a National Science Foundation grant that Andrianarijaona facilitates, math and science students were able to participate in these research trips, giving them access to a second-to-none experimental apparatus in atomic, molecular, and optics physics.

**Fiona Bullock, '83**, associate professor of social work, is working with the Lake County Hunger Task Force to research food instability needs of this impoverished county. This research will update a study completed by the Psychology and Social Work Department in 2005.

**Linda Gill**, professor of English, contributed a chapter to The Oxford Handbook of the British Sermon 1689-1901, published by Oxford University Press. Her chapter is titled "Conclusion: The Sermon and the Victorian Novel."

**Milbert Mariano, '91**, professor of art and chair of the visual arts department, served on the jury panel for the 2013-2015 Napa Art Walk, which chose 15 sculptures to be featured in downtown Napa. The panel chose works from artists from several western states.



# A Week of Reawakening

WINTER REVIVAL WEEK AT PUC GAVE STUDENTS A CHANCE TO REAWAKEN their spiritual experiences. This quarter, the week featured a lineup of PUC faculty and staff speaking on the week’s theme: “In One Accord in Fellowship.”

At each event, speakers shared personal experiences that led them to their current life values and beliefs. PUC chaplain Laffit Cortes urged students to live according to God’s plan and noted that doing so had led him to his current job as chaplain at PUC. Director of student



activities Doug Wilson and Grainger Hall dean Jonny Halversen performed a comedic presentation in duo: “Things don’t always work out the way you plan,” said Wilson, but asserted that what’s important is having purpose. The two ended their presentation by singing an inspirational ditty.

Revival week concluded Sabbath morning with speaker Leo Ranzolin, chair of the religion department. He ended the series with a heartfelt call for listeners to give their hearts to God. “You and I have a God-shaped vacuum,” Ranzolin said. “It can’t be filled by anything created, but only by God — the Creator — made known through Jesus.”

Giovanni Hashimoto

# A Call to Civic Engagement

PUC HOSTED REPRESENTATIVE MIKE THOMPSON FOR THE ELECTION 2012 installment of the Colloquy Speaker Series. His lecture was part of a campus focus on civic engagement in the run up to the 2012 General Election, as well as supporting the Colloquy theme, “Knowledge for a



World Lived in Common.”

Thompson urged students to involve themselves in the civic process and the upcoming election. “What happens in politics influences your day-to-day life,” he noted, explaining that many issues at stake in this election would affect students.

“I happen to believe education is one of the most important things for the future of our country,” he said. “What you’re learning today, you’re going to put in practice tomorrow. The future of our country — our economic well-being, our national security, the health of our environment, the sustainability of our country, our principles and our values in part are going to be formed by what you and your colleagues across the country are learning today in schools, and it is so incredibly important.”

“Less than 300 hours until polls close,” Thompson told students at the conclusion of his talk. “Don’t forget to vote!”

Following his talk, Thompson fielded a variety of questions from students on a wide range of topics. He also spoke with interested students individually following his talk. After his visit, he wrote that “the students [at PUC] were outstanding and asked great questions.”

Giovanni Hashimoto



# GoPro Creator Speaks for Career Day

SCOTT CAMPBELL, A PACIFIC UNION COLLEGE ALUMNUS WHO IS NOW SENIOR director of camera architecture at GoPro, spoke for PUC’s annual career day in November. The colloquy lecture was followed by a career fair featuring over 60 professionals, the majority of whom were alums.

Following a dramatic video showcasing footage shot using GoPro’s newest camera, Campbell spoke to students on how they could achieve success in their careers.

Rather than focusing on helping students decide what to do with their careers, Campbell said he wanted to help students decide what to make. Whether it be making a difference, making an impression, creating history, having an adventure, or something completely different, making something is what students should focus on in their careers, he said.

Campbell described what he calls the seven stages of professional growth: comprehenders, deliverers, owners, creators, leaders, commanders and arrivers. He added that each student needed to think about how they would make it in their careers. “You need to plot your own course,” he said. “Don’t be silly about this.”

After telling students what their goals should be, he gave some specific advice to get there. “Slow and steady finishes but doesn’t win,” he said, “focused and steady [wins].” He added that career advancement in the modern world requires “inventing yourself over and over,” so one must learn to continually adapt and migrate. “Versatility is just as valuable as having a specialty or having depth,” he emphasized.

He also left students with a piece of professional advice: “Make it fun,” he said, adding that one can succeed in their jobs if they’re having a good time.

Scott Campbell graduated from PUC in 1987 with both A.S. and B.S. degrees. Campbell, who also holds a doctorate from the University of California, Santa Barbara, has worked in the technology sector for years. Before joining GoPro, he worked in research and development at AT&T Bell Labs and worked on the world’s first cell phone camera and camera in a pill.

Giovanni Hashimoto

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Class Notes, Births, Weddings, and In Memory

## Class Notes

### 1960

**Honesto C. Pascual, ’63**, has been a resident of Riverside, California, since 1977, and has practiced internal medicine, adult and pediatric allergy, all that time. Other adventures have included three medical missions to the Philippines and serving as President of Alumni of Western North America of Philippine Union College (now Adventist University of the Philippines). He and his wife are members of La Sierra University Church. Honesto, who turned 70 in January of 2013, is looking forward to attending Homecoming this year as a member of the golden honored class!

**Elissa Kido, ’64**, was recently given the Journey to Excellence Award for her work with CognitiveGenesis. Elissa is a curriculum and instruction professor at La Sierra University’s School of Education. She is the director of the Center for Research on K-12 Adventist Education and of the CognitiveGenesis project, which is a study assessing Adventist academic achievement in the North American Division school system.

### 1970

**William Bossert, ’70**, has recently been named pastor of the Riverview Church of Seventh-day Adventists in Reno, Nev. Formerly pastor of The Edge Christian Worship Center near the Twin Cities of Minnesota, Bill has also served other Adventist congregations in California, Oregon, Massachusetts and Wisconsin.

**Jim Marxmiller, ’72**, has taught science at Mountain View Academy for 40 consecutive years. He was also recently given a plaque for his contributions to PUC’s Albion Field Station.

**Charles deWitt, ’73**, is an attorney and Dean of Social & Life Sciences at Nashville State Community College.



**Jim Pedersen, ’74**, is serving as the interim pastor of the PUC Church, along with his full-time duties

as president of Northern California Conference. He is filling in for Tim Mitchell, ’76, who is now serving as campus chaplain of Mountain View Academy.

## births



► Devin William Cochran, son of **Heather (Fernando) Cochran, ’95, ’97**, and William

Cochran of Apopka, Fla. Born 6.29.12



► Brooklyn Rae Halversen, daughter of Laurie Halversen and **Jonny Halversen, ’95**,

of Angwin, Calif. Born 10.16.12



► Gareth Reed Browning, son of **Audrey (Grube) Browning, ’06**, and **Daniel Browning, ’04**, of

Menifee, Calif. Born 4.7.12

Emily Marie Meza daughter of **Maria Balderas, ’03**, and Martin Meza of Napa, Calif. Born 12.18.12

**RosAnne Tetz, ’76**, is the author of the new preschool children’s book Love Letters From Jesus. Published by the Review and Herald Publishing Association, the book contains 180 devotional readings for preschoolers, using simple object lessons that a child can touch, smell, squish, color and laugh over.

### 1980

**Nick Walters, ’85**, has spent 20 years in medical missions. After studying family medicine at Florida Hospital and Tropical Medicine at the University of London (at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine), and then serving in Singapore, Guam, and Ethiopia, he’s now in Bangkok, Thailand.

### 1990

**Lysa Wright, ’96**, writes: “Much time has passed since PUC days, though the memories are vivid and often fill my dreams. I have been involved in online ministry the last ten or so years, talking with people, individually and in chat rooms.” You can find more about that on Lysa’s website, OneMoreHeart.org. She has been doing more with music recently, working on



alumni events

You are invited to a one-of-a-kind event at Homecoming!

April 20, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. in the PUC Sanctuary



Come up to your College on the Mountain and be lifted up by the music of **Committed**, a six-man a cappella contemporary Christian vocal group. With powerful lead vocals, soaring harmonies, booming bass lines, Committed never fails to get an audience’s attention, and they use their unique musical sound to minister to audiences of all kinds.

In 2003, four talented sophomores at Forest Lake Academy started an a cappella quartet. From there, they kept singing as students at Oakwood University. They came to national attention when they won season 2 of NBC’s *The Sing Off*. The members in Committed say their goal is to continue to sing until Jesus returns. The ultimate goal of Committed is to draw souls to Christ and to reach of all kinds of people with their music ministry.

They will be performing at the PUC Sanctuary on Sabbath, April 20, at 5:30 p.m. All are invited.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Seating in the PUC church is limited and this concert is expected to be full. Preferential seating will be given to alumni who are PRE-REGISTERED for Homecoming. **Registered alumni with name tags and up to three guests will be allowed to enter the church before general seating begins.**

Honored Class Parties

Join your classmates to celebrate your milestone year! All reunion parties are Saturday evening, April 20. Call the Alumni Office for the cost of your party.

**1953 7 p.m.,** *Maxwell Reading Room*  
Join classmates for an intimate fireside supper. Practice your five-minute memory and come back Sunday to record it for posterity!

**1963 7 p.m.,** *Home of Carl Ermshar*  
Celebrate your golden anniversary with a festive reunion, including a video of memories, great music, and wonderful appetizers!

**1973** *Time and location to be announced*  
After 40 years, you definitely want to reconnect with your friends! Stay tuned for the location.

**1988 7 p.m.,** *Home of Jeff and Jaime Robison Herman*  
Come enjoy Napa-Valley-style appetizers and bring your graduation, class, or family photos to share.

**Young Alumni Party: 2003-2012 7:30 p.m.,** *Gott’s Roadside Diner*  
It’s outdoors so bring a jacket! There will be great music and food.

weddings



► **Kayloni Hagelgantz, ’11,** and **Darin West, ’11,** in Oak Glen, Calif. 9.9.12



► **Amanda Baker, ’11,** and **Jeffrey Figueroa, ’12,** in Claremont, Calif. 7.8.12



► **Ashley Redlich, ’12,** and **Ruben Betancourt, ’12** at Albion Field Station, Calif. 9.23.12



► **Aimée Oliver, ’14,** and **Jeffrey (J.R.) Rogers, ’07,** in Angwin, Calif. 12.16.12

developing a ministry in that area. “Health-wise, I’m doing well,” she adds, “though I had a benign brain tumor removed in 2009 that resulted in a three-year brain infection fight.” Thomas and Becky are Lysa’s two teenage children. She also welcomes those who know her to find her on Facebook.

**Dustin Jones, ’98,** is now serving as associate director of Public Relations of the Loma Linda University Health System at Loma Linda, Calif. Dustin and his wife, Heidi, along with their son, Nolan, make their home in Mentone, California.

**Benji Ferguson, ’99,** reports that 2012 was a busy

one for his family. “After 12 years of pastoring at the Minnetonka church, a suburb of Minneapolis, we made the move back to Northern California where I am the youth pastor for the Carmichael Church.” His wife, **Stephanie (Crane), att. ’97-’00,** is teaching part-time at Sacramento Adventist Academy but is also a full-time mom of “our three wonderful blessings” Dylan, Holly and Liesl. Benji writes that “it’s great to be back in PUC country again!”

2000

**Meshach Osborne, ’01,** is a physical education teacher at American Canyon High School in American Canyon, Calif. This summer, Osborne was named American Canyon’s varsity basketball head coach. In addition to his work at American Canyon, Osborne has teaching and coaching experience at PUC, Harvest Middle School in Napa, and Napa Valley College.

**Mei Ann Teo, ’02,** a former PUC artist in residence, is currently an MFA theatre student at Columbia University, New York City. She has worked for over four years with Bryonn Bain on his one-person show *Lyrics on Lockdown*, which has toured in Singapore, Belgium, and all over the U.S. The show ran this winter in NYC at the National Black Theatre, Inc. in January and February.

2010

**Jonathan Pichot, ’10,** recently joined Collective Idea, a small, agile custom software–development company in Holland, Michigan. He is in his fifth year as webmaster of *Spectrum Magazine*, which he joined during his sophomore year at PUC. He also recently

started a new volunteer organization, Friendly Code, a Code for America Brigade in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Friendly Code organizes developers and interested citizens to deploy civic software applications and work toward open data policies in local government.

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In Memory

**Joy Yeaman Lacorazza, ’38,** a medical executive, died on February 21, 2012. She was born on June 10, 1918, in St. Helena, Calif. Joy served for many years as executive assistant to the administrator of Kaiser Hospital in Vallejo, Calif. She is survived by her daughter Maria Boele; and her sister, Ruth Asher.

**Patricia Emerson, ’41,** a dental hygienist, died August 23, 2012, in Redlands, Calif. She was born in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, on January 8, 1920. Patricia is survived by her daughter, Sharon Lemons; her son, Bill; and three grandchildren.

**Ruth K. (Bullock) Darnell, SHSHSN ’43,** who retired from nursing after some 40 years of service at St. Helena

Hospital, died in St. Helena, Calif., on October 16, 2012. Born in North Dakota, on September 24, 1922, Ruth is survived by her daughters, Lorena Miller and Shirley Allen; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and her sister Edna Rue.

**Carol Phillips, SHSHSN ’43,** died October 8, 2012, in Grass Valley, Calif. She was born on December 25, 1939. Carol spent her entire 47-year nursing career caring for patients at Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital in Grass Valley. She is survived by her husband, Ralph; her two sons, Mark and Scott; and five grandchildren.

**John Marshall Hamilton, ’43, ’51,** a psychiatrist for over 40 years, died July 27, 2012, in Columbia, Md. He was born on May 16, 1923, in Washington, D.C. A veteran of World War II service in the Pacific, John graduated from the Howard University School of Medicine. He served in leadership positions at Clifton T. Perkins State Hospital and Spring Grove State Hospital; was the director of quality assurance for the State of Maryland, and served as deputy director of the American Psychiatric Association for a number of years. He is survived by his former wife, Jeanette; children, Karen Cooper, Marsha Powell, John, Andrea, Karissa, and Leah Hamilton; and 13 grandchildren.

**George Gerne, att. ’45-’48,** a retired interior designer, died August 11, 2012, in Lakeport, Calif. He was born on June 10, 1919. In addition to his expertise as an home interior designer, George earlier was a home builder and a mortician. He is survived by his wife, Norma Burton; and his three children, Lynette, Chris and Ronald.

In Memory of Jon Speyer  
A man of authenticity and impact



When Jon Speyer, ’80, passed away on December 31, 2012, he left a legacy of mentoring, authenticity, and faith. Jon had touched the lives of thousands of young people, especially during the 26 years he spent at Monterey Bay Academy teaching religion and drama and serving as associate pastor of the academy church.

Jon was born in 1957 in Charleston, South Carolina, to a couple named Fred and Patricia. They traveled as musical evangelists, raising a family in a 10x50 trailer and moving to a new location every few weeks. Eventually they settled at MBA, where Jon graduated in 1975. He earned his bachelor’s at PUC in 1980 and a master’s in counseling from the University of San Francisco in 1992.

Jon was a talented musician and skilled at woodworking — he had originally been interested in studying architecture but felt called to ministry and, while a freshman at PUC, changed his major to theology with the goal of teaching Bible. While at PUC, Jon also married Kinzie. He became the reader for theologian Desmond Ford, and when Ford left PUC suddenly, Jon even took over some of his teaching duties while still a student.

After PUC, Jon and Kinzie moved to Oregon to work at Klamath Lake Youth Ranch. Jon was the education director for the facility, which served delinquent boys who were wards of the state. In 1987 Jon returned to teach at MBA.

In his work there, he was known as a wise, real, trustworthy mentor and a man who was honest about life and the gospel. Many people remember his support and lessons with profound gratitude.

Jon is survived by his wife, Kinzie; father, John Frederick; two brothers, Randy and Stephen; sons Ryan, Brandon, and Jordan; and five grandchildren.

**Grover Rieger, ’46,** died February 9, 2012, in Birmingham, Ala. He was born on May 17, 1925, in Mountain Dew, Calif. Grover was a minister of the Christian gospel, a veteran of U.S. Army military service, and an early civil rights activist. Grover is survived by his wife, Shirley; his sons, Greg and Gary; his daughter, Sonja; and two grandchildren.

**L. Beth Robinson, ’46,** a former teacher and librarian, died May 22, 2012, in Canon City, Colo. She was born on June 18, 1923, in Warburton, Australia. The daughter of missionary parents, Beth grew up in China, received her American citizenship in 1955, and lived in 22 places in seven countries during her married life. She is survived by her husband, Arthur; her



daughters, Judy Schwarz and Julie Johnson; four grandchildren; and her sister Irene Bowers.

**Clifford R. Teghtmeyer, att. '47-'50**, a retired laboratory technician, died September 5, 2012, in Grass Valley, Calif. He was born on January 8, 1929, in South Dakota. A veteran of U.S. military service, Dick worked for some 30 years for SNMH Laboratory. He is survived by his daughter, Pamela Thomas; step-sons, Lacey and Rick McFarland; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

**Wesley J. Ivy, '49**, died December 12, 2012, in Rochester, Minn. He was born on December 19, 1919, in Fresno, Calif. Wesley served as an elementary school teacher and principal in a number of Seventh-day Adventist schools. He is survived by his daughter, Anna Elaine Delgleish; his son, James; a grandson, and 15 great-grandchildren.

**Sally Peterson, '49**, an educator, died May 17, 2012, in Visalia, Calif. She was born in Deer Park, Calif., on February 23, 1925. Sally is survived by her husband, Orval; her daughter, Ann Dunn; her son, Orley; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**Lynn C. Johnson, '51**, a teacher at Monterey Bay Academy and then Rio Lindo Academy for 31 years, died February 18, 2012, in Glendale, Calif. He was born in St. Paul, Neb., on August 15, 1923. Lynn is survived by his wife, Maxine Sears-Johnson; his daughter, Lynette Clement; his son, Daniel Lee; his step-daughters, Shirley Sears-Babienco and Linda Sears-Martella; two grandchildren and four step-grandchildren.

**Nord S. Nation, '52**, a pediatric physician and medical educator, died December 8,

2012, in Long Beach, Calif. He was born on July 12, 1929, at Black River, Jamaica, British West Indies. During his 54-year medical career, Nord was clinical professor of pediatrics at the University of Southern California Medical School in Los Angeles; an associate professor of pediatrics at Loma Linda (Calif.) University; and chief of pediatrics at the White Memorial Medical Center in Los Angeles, Calif. He is survived by his wife, Ann; two sons, Douglas and David; two granddaughters; his sister, Olive Fletcher; and his brother, Murl.

**Clarice Salsa, '53**, a volunteer clergy person, died on September 14, 2012, in Chico, Calif. She was born at Berbice, British Guiana, on February 1, 1921. Clarice served as a Bible worker in the Northern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists for more than 32 years.

**Myron O. Eberhardt, '57**, a physician, died March 1, 2012, in Cleveland, Ga. He was born on November 12, 1929, in Mountain View, Calif. Myron practiced medicine in Cleveland from 1966 until his retirement many years later. He is survived by his wife, Jane; his sons, Michael, Tommy, Jan, Tim, Russ, and Ed; his daughters, Judi DeFoor, Penny Reynolds, Pam Scroggs, Sheila Turner, Jeanie Cearley, Rosa, and Sonya Bruce; his sisters, Ivanette Silvera, Arlene Mussato, and Ardith Denler; his brothers, Merlin, Max, and Ron; and 17 grandchildren.

**Carl Siess Jr., att. '59-'63**, died January 25, 2012, in Salem, Ore. He was born in Glendale, Calif., on October 25, 1941. Carl was a print-shop pressman at the Adventist Media headquarters, as well as a veteran of U.S. Army service as a member of the “Whitecoats” at Walter Reed Army Medical

## In Memory of Dowell Martz

### A life of science and service

**Dowell Edward Martz** was born September 29, 1923, in Livonia, Missouri, and died February 9, 2012, from complications of Parkinson's disease. The son of Pearl Edward Martz and Manda Morrow Martz, Dowell grew up on the Martz farm on Shoal Creek near Glendale. During World War II, Dowell served for three years with the U.S. Army in the China-Burma-India theater of operations. After the war he received a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Union College in 1950, a master's degree in physics from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, and a Ph.D. in health physics from Colorado State University in Fort Collins. Dowell married Mabel Hunter in 1950.

Dowell was employed as a research physicist by the U.S. Navy at the Naval Weapons Laboratory in China Lake, California, from 1953 to 1961. There he contributed to the development of infrared guidance systems, including the Sidewinder missile. He was later employed by the California Institute of Technology to design infrared photometers for the Mt. Wilson and Palomar Observatories.

Dowell served as chairman of the department of physics and computer science at PUC, where he taught from 1964 to 1984. While living in the area he served two terms as a Napa County Supervisor, representing the up-valley portion of the county.

More recently, Dowell was employed as a senior engineering specialist with the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory at Idaho Falls, Idaho, and retired from the Department of Energy Grand Junction Office in Colorado in 1991. After retirement, Dowell and Mabel lived in Drain and Portland, Oregon, and Vancouver, Washington, where they enjoyed growing things and hiking to the great forests and waterfalls of the Pacific Northwest.

Dowell is survived by his wife, Mabel; four children, Martin, Marjorie, Marcum, and Merri; six grandchildren; and two sisters.

Center. Carl is survived by his daughters, Susan Crandell and Sandra Romero; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**Melvin Mitsuo Koon Wai Hayashi, '62**, an orthopedic surgeon, died March 11, 2012, in Ventura, Calif. He was born in Honolulu, Hawaii, on March 30, 1940. A lieutenant colonel in the United States Air Force following his medical residency training, Melvin specialized in sports medicine. He served as a team physician for the U.S.

soccer and water polo teams in the U.S. Olympics of 1984 and 1988. Melvin is survived by his wife, Vikki; daughters Shelley, and Brooke Fages; son, Grant; two grandsons; sisters Dianne O'hara and Avis Martin; and a brother, Wade Hayashi.

**Eldon Hulett, '63**, died November 19, 2012, in St. Joseph, Mo. He was born on March 14, 1933, in Macon, Mo. Eldon was a retired senior field claims insurance adjustor and a veteran of military service during the Korean Conflict in

the 1950s. He is survived by his wife, Kathryn; his children, Cyndy Lenk, RenTe Hulett and Christopher Hulett; three sisters, Juanita Howe, Delilah Scull and Rachael Farr; his brother, Dean Hulett; and six grandchildren.

**Roberson N. Humble, '65**, who enjoyed two 20-year careers, one in service with the U.S. Navy and the other as a high school mathematics teacher, died December 8, 2012, in Napa, Calif. He was born on February 22, 1921, in Banks, Ark. He is survived by his wife, Virginia; his sons, Roberson Norval and Roger; and his sister, Freda Acton.

**Carol J. (Dodge) Green, att. '67-'71**, died September 9, 2010. Carol was born October 19, 1949, in Grass Valley, Calif. She attended Rio Lindo Adventist Academy, and college took her from Pacific Union College to a master's degree in speech pathology from Cal State Northridge, San Fernando, Calif. As a speech pathologist, Carol worked at Daniel Freeman Hospital in Los Angeles before owning a private practice. Later, with her second husband, she developed and owned several senior retirement apartments throughout California. She also developed the President's Forum for the St. Helena Hospital Foundation to raise funds for the hospital programs, and developed an award-winning equestrian center called Sundance Ranch in Calistoga, Calif. She received numerous state and national equestrian awards. Carol is survived by her mother, Jacqueline Hershman; her sister, Patricia (Dodge) Kaufman; and a niece.

**Robert Sanford, '70, '75**, passed away on March 18, 2010. He had taught at Sacramento Adventist Academy for almost 35 years — his entire teaching career — and he impacted the lives of hundreds of sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade students. Bob attended PUC, where he met his wife, Katie Tooley. They were married in 1969, and he graduated the following year with a bachelor's degree in history and a minor in biology. He will be remembered for his positive outlook on life — even when it threw him a curveball. He is survived by his wife, Katie; daughters, Amie and Laurie; and brother, Ray.

**Nancy Lynn Adams, '91**, was born in Takoma Park, Md. on August 21, 1958, and died January 10, 2013, after a long battle with Multiple Sclerosis.

She graduated from Platte Valley Academy in Shelton, Neb., in 1976 and from PUC in 1991 with a bachelor's degree in graphic arts, her life-long dream. Soon after her college graduation, she was diagnosed with MS and lived with it to the best of her ability, raising two sons. She is survived by her sons, James Hill and Zachary Adams; her mother Marie Adams; three sisters, Carol Swinyar, Patty Denison and Krista Leirmoe; and four grandchildren.

**Gary Lee Barnhart, '70**, a social worker, died July 9, 2012, in LaQuinta, Calif. He was born on August 10, 1947, in Wadena, Minn. Gary is survived by his wife, Brenda; his daughter, Tonja Christianson; his son, Sean; and four grandchildren.

**Randolph “Randy” Sun, '70**, a dentist, computer businessman and electric vehicle enthusiast, died February 25, 2012, in Lakeport, Calif. He was born in San Francisco, Calif., on April 18, 1948. Randy is survived by his wife, Pamela; his daughters, Heidi Sun-Haley, Nicole and Krystal; one granddaughter; his mother, Elaine Sun; his sister, Bonnie Cohen; and his brother, Gifford.

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**Gary Wayne Love, att. '75-'76**, a framer and finish carpenter, died December 22, 2011, in Twin Falls, Idaho. He was born on February 15, 1940, in Bakersfield, Calif. Gary is survived by his wife, Judy; four children, Carlene, Mitchell, Melissa and Forrest; and four step-children, Deane, Dacia, Misty and Amber.

**Larry L. Sage, '80**, died July 13, 2012, in Reno, Nev. He was born on June 3, 1955. Larry was a retired director of the Nevada County Environmental Health Department and a cycling enthusiast with an impressive list of accomplishments in cycling. Larry is survived by his wife, Susan; his parents, Laural and Barbara Sage; his sister, Lynnette McCann; and his brother, Steven Sage.

**Nancy J. Morgan, '81**, was born in Detroit, Mich., on March 10, 1930. She died December 16, 2012, in Fresno, Calif. Nancy received her associate degree as a Bible Instructor and then accepted a position as a director of housekeeping, a job she loved. She retired in 1992 and moved to Fresno to be with her family. Nancy is survived by sons William Ward, Douglas Ward, and Huley Morgan; daughters Vernida Keys and Linda Williams; and 23 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

**William C. “Bill” Richards, '83**, died on October 6, 2012, in Minneapolis, Minn. He was born on January 4, 1962, in Glendale, Calif. Bill was a physician, and near the end of his medical practice career he served as president of the medical staff of Methodist Hospital in Minneapolis. Bill is survived by his wife, Shannon; and his children, Rachel Linda, Natalie Caroline and Noah Craige.

**Ronald Stanton Squier, '90**, co-owner of Squier Physical

Therapy in Loma Linda, Calif., died December 4, 2012, in Loma Linda. A specialist in back and neck therapy, Ronald generously underwrote the operation of a number of mission projects during his life. He is survived by his wife, Jill; his stepchildren, Andrew and Holly; his mother, Carol Squier; his brother, Jerry Squier; and one grandmother.

**Anthony Moffitt, att. '91-'92**, a former network administrator of the Orange, Calif., public school district, died December 15, 2012, in New Brunswick, N.J. A veteran of service in the U.S. Army, Anthony is survived by his wife, Elayna; and his children, Rhya, Melaney Eden, and Joshua.

**Anne S. Pabalan, '08**, a nurse, died May 28, 2012, in San Francisco, Calif. She was born on June 2, 1984, in La Maddalena Sardinia, Italy. Anne's nursing career included service at St. Bernardine's Medical Center and St. Mary's Medical Center. She is survived by her parents, Romeo and Jannet Pabalan; and her brother, Andrew Jeremiah.

## Faculty and Staff

**Einar Haugen**, who served as a teacher at PUC in its earlier years, died on May 2, 2012, in Walla Walla, Wash. He was born on December 3, 1918, in Brooten, Minn. During his long teaching career, Einar taught at five Adventist schools and colleges, and served as a missionary in Ethiopia. He is survived by his wife, Ellen; his daughter, Andrea Thorson; his son, Lynn; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

**Larry D. Lewis**, who was manager of the painting department of PUC's physical



plant services for 22 years, died August 24, 2012, in Napa, Calif. He was born on June 25, 1931, in LaCross, Kan. Larry is survived by his two sons, Lonny and Lowell; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and four sisters, Vema Coy, Norma Todorovich, Glenna Lewis and Gloria Horst.

**Margarete (Seilaz) Petersen**, a former assistant librarian at PUC, died May 7, 2012, in Walla Walla, Wash. She was born on June 29, 1915, in Knoxville, Tenn. During the working part of her 96 years of life, Margarete was a school teacher, a Bible instructor, and a librarian. She is survived by her two daughters, Beverly Scott and Glenda Merklin; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

**Evelyn I. Werner**, who worked at PUC for a number of years, died June 14, 2012, in Charleston, S.C. She was born July 12, 1926, in LaSalle, Colo. After service at the college along with her husband Roland, Evelyn retired to Florida. She is survived by her daughter, Sharon Kay Werner; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Corrections

**Rosalyn H. (Gildersleeve) Maxwell** attended '40-'42 (not '59).

Remembering Friends

➤ In Memory is our opportunity to honor and remember fellow alumni. Currently, we receive obituaries from various sources and information may not always be complete. Family members with obituaries or information can contact the Alumni Office; the names we receive are also displayed each year at Homecoming.

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leave a legacy

Never Too Young Now is the time to plan for your family’s future

You may have something sitting in your drawer and not realize how valuable it can be. Most of us acquire life insurance to help our loved ones or cover expenses in case we should not live as long as we hoped. Fortunately, many of us outlive our worst-case scenario. The typical result is that our insurance contract is paid regularly (maybe even paid up), and growing in value even as our life is lengthening. In most cases our other assets have also grown to the point where the protection we sought isn’t as important.

Your insurance policy can become a “hidden” asset evidenced only by a file you add to when the annual statement arrives. The value of the policy seems to be essentially frozen, even dormant. If it has little benefit to you today, what does that suggest if it really isn’t necessary for your heirs or to provide estate liquidity? Is there a better use for such a policy?

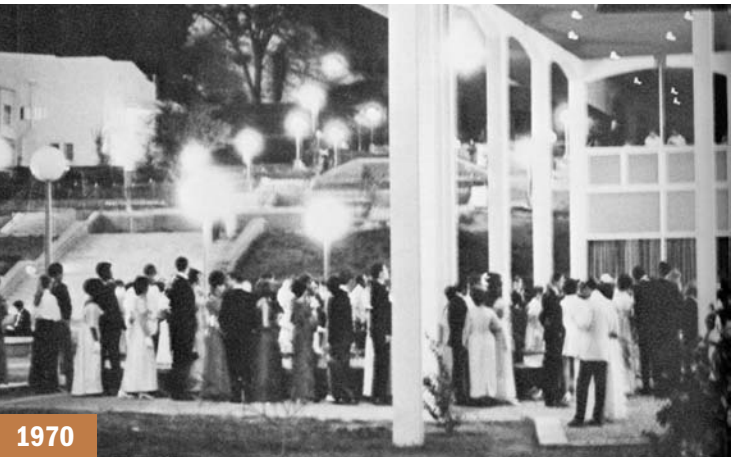
You might want to consider using that insurance policy to establish something meaningful to you at Pacific Union College, such as a named endowment. A future endowment named for you or a loved one would leave a lasting legacy. That nearly-forgotten contract could add significantly to your favorite project or program at PUC such as a capital project or annual scholarship to help worthy students. After all, this is an asset that you have held for some time, and it should have an impact that reflects its history.

If you are currently paying premiums on an older policy or have insurance you may like to contribute, you will want to contact PUC’s gift-planning director, Eckhard Hubin. He can describe the ways insurance might prudently create an important planned gift. He can talk you through this over the phone or, better yet, by meeting with you and your adviser in person. His goal is always to help PUC friends and alumni like you meet all their financial goals.

*Call or e-mail Eckhard Hubin at the Office of Planned Giving today for our complimentary brochure on gifts of life insurance or for more information on other types of planned gifts.*

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back in the day



Social Events Bringing PUC Students Together

All year long, social events bring students together on the PUC campus. Beginning with the Get Acquainted Party right at the beginning of the year to the Christmas Tree Lighting to the SA Picnic, by the end of the year PUC students are like a family.

What social events at PUC did you especially enjoy? Share a memory at [facebook.com/pacificunioncollege](https://facebook.com/pacificunioncollege).

**1944** The “Handshake,” as it was called, was a way for students to get to know one another as the school year began. Later it became the Get Acquainted Party. Now, this event is known as the Welcome Back Party. Though the name has changed, the sentiment has remained the same—for friends, both new and old, to come together.

**1970** Women, who undoubtedly spent hours choosing the perfect dress, and men, dressed in their best suits, enjoy refreshments by the fountain as the annual SA banquet begins. Always a much-anticipated event, the SA banquet is quite an event to remember.

**1975** The day of the SA Picnic started off looking gloomy, but the weatherman’s promise of sunshine came true just in time for some fun in the sun. The games, both on the football field and in the pool, lent to some friendly competition but really ended up contributing to everyone’s appetites.

**1997** PUC’s annual Fall Festival still features dancers from the Mabuhay Filipino Club. The choreography and the attire may vary each year, but this performance is always sure to draw a crowd.

**2002** At PUC, the Christmas Tree Lighting is the unofficial start of the holiday season. It’s an event where students get to come together, share some hot cocoa and celebrate together!

What’s your memory?

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# the interview

## An Experience of Humility & Gratitude



**Miriam Petersen, '14,** helps dig up frozen pipes.

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This winter, 15 PUC students traveled to northern Arizona to provide aid to a Navajo community there. This was PUC’s third time participating in Project Pueblo and junior biology/pre-med major Miriam Petersen’s first time on the project.

### Why did you decide to go on this service trip?

I really thought it would be a good experience! I hadn’t heard of many mission trips focused on a location in the U.S., so I really wanted to check it out! I had heard from friends who went last year that it was a fun trip, so that definitely helped me in deciding. Plus, to be honest, I’d never been on a mission trip in my life, mostly because of financial issues. When I realized it was only about \$200 – \$300, I took it as a sign to take the offer!

I have done several small local Sabbath service projects such as food packaging, but never an actual mission trip. So this was definitely a new experience for me.

### What stood out to you most while helping the people of the Navajo Nation?

I guess what stood out the most to me was the sense of community. The Navajos were extremely humble and thankful people, despite all of the work they had to do for heat and water — things that I and many others tend to take for granted every day. My favorite thing about the Navajos was the way they talked to us as if we had known them our whole lives. I felt they truly exemplified what God is about.

### Were there any challenges?

The biggest challenge was trying to adjust to the lifestyle. We had to conserve water for everything! Brushing our teeth, taking showers, and other things. Then there was the drastic drop in temperature once the sun went down. We had to have a fire constantly burning in the furnace throughout the day and night to keep warm. And then of course there was the daily work we did! We had to dig a trail to fix some pipes leading to a water heater, which seems like a pretty simple task. The only problem was that the ground was

frozen solid. We had to thaw it out and loosen it with a pickaxe. It ended up taking us two days of physical labor to install those pipes!

### Any surprises?

I was pretty surprised by how cold it was over there — I don’t know why we view Arizona as a warm state! When we first got to the community center we were staying at, there was literally an inch of frost covering the sand.

The frozen pipes were another good surprise! Before we made it to the Community Center, we were told we were going to have running water. When we got there, we found that because the water in the pipes was frozen, we had to use the outhouse, which was a few feet away from the house. That was quite the experience.

### How did this experience change your perspective on life?

While this wasn’t a huge mission trip, I felt very blessed that I got to go. There are so many things that we take for granted here in the city. I realized how important it is to just take time out of the day to thank God for what I have — my friends, my family, basic utilities, etc.

### Do you have any advice for others who might be considering a similar service project?

Definitely pray about it. If you’re not sure about whether or not you should go, then pray about it. God might be trying to tell you something. That’s what I did, and I had an amazing experience. I think that even a small mission trip, such as Project Pueblo, is enough for God to make an impact on our lives, be it through the people or just the environment you’re surrounded by. I would totally recommend that everyone go on at least one mission trip, especially while still in college, when you have the time!

# my viewpoint

## Four Years of Freshman Fusion

Freshman Fusion. Just one of many quintessential PUC experiences. It consists of three days designed to help new students “fuse” with one another and with God. Some love it and make friends they’ll have for the rest of their time at PUC. Others don’t love it, for various reasons including weather, a failed pickup line or just plain homesickness.

Unfortunately, as a freshman, I fell into the latter category. It wasn’t anyone’s fault — it was just hard for me, a homesick freshman, to suddenly be with hundreds of peers at a faraway camp and asked to do the “wave” on a regular basis. Sitting in one of hundreds of chairs in the chapel, entering a new stage of life, I felt lost in a sea of faces.

It’s so ironic, then, that the girl who disliked the Fusion retreat so much didn’t just go once — but *four years* in a row! Now, I see the Fusion retreat as my “Ebenezer stone,” the place that serves as the reminder of God’s presence and faithfulness in my life, year by year.

I may not have loved my first retreat, but one very special thing happened there. Pastor Roy Ice, PUC’s chaplain at the time, challenged all the freshmen to spend 15 minutes a day for 40 days in total silence with God, just listening. That challenge changed my year. For 40 days, I lifted all the worry and anxiety in my heart to God and began to learn how to listen to Him, developing a habit of daily devotions. That time kept me close to God, even when events that year severely challenged my faith. It spurred me to get involved in campus ministries and vespers. And it gave me peace about the future.

That practice of listening to God is how I ended up at the Fusion retreat again. Freshmen and transfer students aren’t the only students who attend Fusion. Assistant chaplains and musicians, Fusion leaders, and Student Association officers also attend to introduce the new students to PUC life. My freshman year, I never dreamed that I’d have the privilege of holding any of these positions — I just wanted to get good grades and have fun. So imagine my shock when, as a sophomore (who still looked like a freshman) I was in the camp chapel once again! I knew I was young and inadequate as I went up front to share the God I loved, but I knew God had called me, and He would be faithful. That

year was a lot of “crash-learning” as co-assistant chaplain Cameron Haley and I ran the college Sabbath school, oversaw campus ministries and helped with vespers, and said goodbye to Pastor Ice and hello to Pastor Laffit Cortes, the new chaplain. God used that year of crashing and learning to teach me that He can fix any mistake, to depend on Him, and to grow in me a deep love for Him and for my campus.

After that hectic year, I was ready for a break. But when Cameron and I were offered positions as head Fusion leaders, overseeing the men and women’s Fusion groups, we both saw an opportunity to keep serving and growing. This third retreat, I wasn’t up front, nor was I participating as a freshman. Instead, I got to be in the background and work behind the scenes, learn the dynamics of working with a team of leaders, and learn to be faithful whether or not anyone is watching. I gained a new appreciation for the work that went into the Fusion I had so casually “hated” my freshman year. That year, I realized that PUC felt like “home.” And as I looked at my “home,” God put one more thing on my heart, something that terrified me — running for Student Association president to serve Him and PUC in that way, using each year’s lessons and jumping into a new adventure with Him.

This year, at my fourth Fusion retreat, I stood before the freshman class (still looking like a freshman) with eight incredible Student Association officers as they shared lessons learned at PUC. I talked about PUC’s greatest gift to me — the ability to challenge and personalize my faith in a supportive environment, and encouraged them to take advantage of such a place.

Now, as my PUC finish line inches closer and closer, freshman Fusion is finally over for me. But the lessons learned from each retreat, and the God who taught them, will stay with me. I don’t know where I’ll be when the next Fusion retreat happens, sans me. But I do know that just as God was with me from Fusion retreat to Fusion retreat, He’ll be with me no matter what lies ahead.



**Samantha Angeles, '13,** is a member of the first graduating Maxwell Scholar class and is serving this year as the Student Association president.

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