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PUC COLLABORATES WITH WALLA WALLA TO REVIVE THE ENGINEERING PROGRAM ON CAMPUS For decades, PUC's Physics Department has cooperated with Walla Walla University's School of Engineering by offering an engineering program at PUC with a clear pathway to transfer to WWU's Bachelor of Science in Engineering program (BSE). That cooperation was recently formalized in a Memorandum of Understanding, providing a strong connection between the two institutions for the benefit of students. An Associate of Science degree will be available for PUC students, after which they will be able to transfer to WWU to continue their education and earn the BSE, splitting the four years of college between the two schools.

PUC'S EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM NOW OFFERS ONLINE A.S. TO B.S. DEGREE The Emergency Management Program at Pacific Union College, tucked away in Fisher Hall, has been an important and well-known program. The number of times students have heard the school's siren go off, as members of the EMP rush off to their cars for a drill, has been a constant, thrilling reminder

of its existence. In previous years, the department has only offered an associate's degree, but now things are shaking up for a new and brighter future. This coming school year, EMP will be offering a new online program with an A.S. to B.S. degree.

PUC & LLU CREATE STEM WORKSHOP FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS Beginning more than 50 years ago, Pacific Union College's science departments have had a longstanding math and science workshop. To introduce a first-of-its-kind, PUC collaborated with Loma Linda University to create a STEM and health professions-focused workshop for high school students, grades 10-12, interested in those areas to learn and engage in activities outside their classrooms while working with professionals from both institutions.

FROM CAMPUS TO THE TRAIL: PUC PRESIDENT'S 230-MILE HIKE This summer, PUC President Ralph Trecartin embarked on a three-week hike along the John Muir Trail in the Sierra Nevada mountain range with family. Now back home from his hiking adventure, President Trecartin looks forward to the upcoming school year and creating a stronger environment at PUC where students can experience their own adventures and grow in character as a result of those experiences.

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Master's in Theological Studies from La Sierra University. He has been the youth pastor for both Oceanside SDA Church and Calimesa SDA Church. In 2019, Aren ventured into being the youth director for the SECC before working for the Pacific Union Conference.

PUC'S NEW MATH PROFESSOR: VICTORIA WAMBUA PUC is happy to introduce Victoria Wambua as a new faculty member in the math and physics department. As the new math professor, she has had over 10 years of teaching experience in different high schools and universities in the US and Kenya. In 2018, Victoria graduated from Syracuse University with a PhD in mathematics education.

TRUMPET, TENOR, TEACHER: MEET KRISTIAN LEUKERT Kristian Leukert officially started at PUC in July; he is half-time faculty in the department of music and half-time in Enrollment, also helping with music-focused recruiting. He and his family moved to Angwin in June from southern California, and we are having so much fun getting to know Kristian, and we wanted to give you that opportunity, as well.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Nov. 14-17: College Days
Email visit@puc.edu for more information about high school visits.

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