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president's message



“Whether a graduate of a few weeks or of multiple decades, you understand what a gift it was to spend time in this incredible place.”

The Difference Four Years Makes

Four years ago, the Pacific Union College freshman class and I had something wonderful in common: we were new to PUC. While my career in academia was extensive and theirs was just beginning, we were both starting our PUC journeys with excitement and anticipation for the impact this place would make in our lives and the contributions we could in turn make here.

From the day in September that those freshmen arrived on campus, full of enthusiasm and potential, to the day in June when they donned their caps and gowns for graduation, they have experienced growth, maturation, and learning in an environment tailored to support and nurture. Each student had access to professors who are experts in their field and have a true passion for teaching undergraduate students in a Christian liberal arts setting. Student Services staff from residence hall deans to chaplains to counselors provided them with the resources and opportunities to thrive emotionally and spiritually. And in this place of unparalleled natural beauty, opportunities for physical growth and spiritual refreshment were available by enjoying time with classmates and in the work of our Creator.

During the same time this cohort of students was experiencing the transformational power of a Pacific Union College education, the college has also been undergoing a transition. PUC continues to realize new relevance and vitality as we make plans and take action to capitalize on the potential of this blessed institution. This upward trajectory in our intentional and exciting journey from “good to great” can be tangibly observed not just in renovations, reaccreditations, and national rankings, but also in the emphasis on the daily work that is our true mission at PUC: providing each student with an excellent Christ-centered education for a lifetime.

So as the sun dawned bright in Commencement Grove on the celebratory Sunday in June, it was with pride and joy that I shook each graduate’s hand as I presented him or her with a well-deserved diploma. I did so confident in the knowledge that the degree they earned at this institution is the springboard they need in today’s

competitive world for the next step in their calling, whether that is graduate school or entering the workforce in the field of their choice. This graduating class, PUC’s largest in seven years, joins every graduating class as a visible tribute to the purpose and vision of the pioneers who established this institution over one hundred and thirty years ago.

The students who began their PUC experience four years ago are now part of the extensive alumni family we share, a community over 25,000 graduates strong, all engaged in the worthy endeavor of a lifetime of learning and Christian service. Each alumnus has established a connection with this mountain and this school, one born of the relationships made with classmates, professors, staff, and with this incredibly beautiful location.

It is that connection that brings generations of graduates back for events like Homecoming Weekend. If you were one of the hundreds of attendees of this banner event in April, you know what a pleasure it was to fellowship together on this weekend specially built to honor the legacy of our college and the ways Christ has blessed our alumni family, including our Honored Alumni. Through concerts from our department of music and the vocal group Committed, to the class parties and departmental gatherings, Homecoming Weekend was a wonderful celebration of the shared experience of being part of the PUC family.

Whether a graduate of a few weeks or of multiple decades, you understand what a gift it was to spend time in this incredible place, as I do. Just as importantly, your time here was a gift to PUC. Every student who drives up Howell Mountain and studies in these halls makes a lasting difference. This is one of the things that makes Pacific Union College so special: every graduate has an impact.

Thank you for making a difference here.

Heather J. Knight, Ph.D.
President

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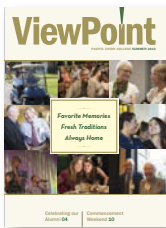
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A collection of photographs from a Homecoming Weekend full of special moments.

Favorite Memories Fresh Traditions Always Home

A revamped Homecoming Weekend
brings the alumni community together

By Larry H. Peña



Homecoming is centered around favorite memories, decades-long friendships, and reliving experiences of years ago while walking across a campus that was truly home for your college years. At this year's Homecoming celebration, April 19-21, PUC graduates experienced a weekend celebrating the alumni community and honoring the college's heritage. Classic events appreciated for generations were joined by new traditions, all with the purpose of enjoying the incredible PUC experience.



Golf Tournament
Silverado resort
was the location
for this year's
Maxwell Cup
Golf Tournament,
where Team Bon
Appétit took
home the prize.



Friday morning, April 19, dawned bright and clear as players headed for their carts at the start of the Maxwell Cup, an annual golf tournament that raises money for student scholarships and that usually takes place later in the spring. This year PUC's alumni and advancement staff brought the tournament to Friday morning of Homecoming.

"There were 104 players that joined—we were initially trying to get to 90 and we exceeded that number. There were 32 sponsors," said Doug Sumaraga, '82, one of the tournament coordinators and a sponsor himself. "But what was very special was that we had student representation at the holes. It was their smiles. It was their excitement. It was their representation of PUC that bonded our golfers to the tournament."

The Pioneer Dinner on Friday evening was the first formal program of Homecoming Weekend, dedicated to recognizing a high-impact PUC volunteer. This year's honoree was Shirley Chang, a member of PUC's board of trustees for 20 years and a key leader in the college's recent re-accreditation proceedings. "I really think that there are so many people here tonight more deserving," said Chang upon accepting the award. "We have to work with what meager talents we have. 'Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.'"

After the dinner, alumni gathered at the Church Sanctuary for Vespers. The program



was distinctly mission-oriented—PUC service and mission coordinator Fabio Maia showed alumni where students are currently serving as overseas missionaries, and honored alumni Zachary Benton, '09, and Laura LaBore, '94, described their experiences serving impoverished communities in South America.

Benton showed a video describing two projects he's undertaken recently in Argentina: Pisas Saludables, a partnership with TOMS Shoes to provide shoes and health education to children in rural villages, and Vision Wichi, an effort to encourage agricultural and economic development in indigenous commu-

nities. "For me, living an extraordinary life means doing whatever you can to share [your] blessings and make life better for others," he said.

LaBore gave a slide presentation of photos from her life as a missionary and medevac pilot serving remote jungle villages in Guyana. The images and accompanying stories were sometimes uplifting, sometimes heartbreaking, as they chronicled the successes and losses of her work—as well as her daily life performing what she calls "friendship evangelism" in the communities she serves. "We can fly all day long, but if we don't bring people closer

A New Generation

Reaching out to young alumni at Homecoming



There was an exciting sense of urgency in the Alumni and Advancement office on Friday morning of Homecoming—the chaotic thrill of plans changing for the better, but at the last possible minute. Carolyn Hamilton, '81, interim vice president for alumni and advancement, and Taylor Khoe Mupas, '11, a member of the newly-formed Young Alumni Council, were planning a first-ever reunion party for young alumni at Pizzeria Tra Vigne, a St. Helena restaurant popular with PUC students.

Only no one knew just how many people were coming. Twenty? Twenty-five? Forty? Facebook was abuzz with chatter about the event, but not many had committed by pre-paying for dinner.

"I think we're going to have a lot more people than we think," said Khoe Mupas.

Traditionally, Homecoming is an event that appeals to older generations. Alumni will sometimes get excited for their 10 year reunions. The 25 and 50 year classes have more reliably high turnout. But getting new grads to return to the Holy Hill for old times' sake—just months after leaving campus and likely without much of a travel budget—has never been an easy sell.

"I probably wouldn't come back in the first five or even ten years, but maybe after that," said one PUC senior early in the weekend, despite expressing many things she'd miss deeply about her college experience. "After there's been some distance and I've had a chance to get nostalgic, maybe then I'd want to come back and see the campus and see what's different."

This year's celebration would be the first concerted effort at flipping that trend. As the coordinator of an event aimed at people in their twenties and early thirties, Khoe Mupas had a ready ally.

"Facebook. The glory of young alumni is that they're all connected on Facebook," she said. "That was a really easy, cheap way to do it. We didn't pay for any PR—we didn't mail any invitations, we didn't send any postcards."

But ironically, the very tool that makes reaching out to invitees easier also presents a challenge to keeping young alumni involved with PUC. Thanks to social media communities like Facebook, new graduates can keep in relatively close contact with each other without maintaining their ties with the college itself.

"There's that drop off," says Dan Ganancial, '05, another member of the Young Alumni Council. "You're so involved when you're here, with faculty and campus. And when you leave, you're still involved with your friends, but not with the school itself."

On Friday, PUC communication professor Michelle Rai, '97, asked Khoe Mupas, a graduate of the department, to guest lecture at three different classes. She works as a fundraiser at Loma Linda University, and shared both her professional advice and her experiences as a new grad looking for and starting a career.

"When I graduated, I felt unprepared. Man, I was nervous!" she said. "I was nervous that I wasn't going to find anything, and that I wasn't a qualified candidate. And once I started reading job descriptions and what they were looking for, I started realizing, 'I have that. I know that. I know how to do that!' And it made me realize that PUC had totally prepared me."

Tad Worku, '07, another member of the council, thinks those kinds of interactions are a key part of building an active and useful young alumni community. "Most students have no idea what happens when you leave," he says. "But connecting them with young alumni who just left can give them a lot of information and save them a lot of time."

On Saturday evening, the patio at Pizzeria Tra Vigne was packed with young PUC alumni—over 75 people in all. Favorite flavors of pizzas and piadini were enjoyed as friends renewed relationships that can be hard to maintain over the internet alone.

Over the weekend, Khoe Mupas met up with friends she had graduated with and spent some time reconnecting with both the campus and the Napa Valley that had been her home for four years. She feels that it's those physical, irreplaceable experiences that will draw young alumni back to PUC.

"What's different from social media is that you can taste the food. You can feel the atmosphere. You can reconnect with your professors," she said. "Walking through Irwin Hall was so surreal for me. That's something you can't experience through a photo or a tweet."

Committed (left top)
The Adventist *capella* vocalists shared special arrangements of sacred favorites on Sabbath afternoon.

Maxwell Cup (left)
Samantha Angeles, '13, Student Association President, provided golfers with snacks and a ready smile during the Friday tournament.

Jonathan Young, '10, catches up with friends during the young alumni party.



Honored Alumni

Recognizing the leadership and achievements of true Pioneers



L-R: Zachary Benton, Shigenobu Arakaki, Lawrence Downing, Arleen Downing, Heather J. Knight, Laura LaBore, Michael Carrick, Shirley Chang



sented this year's five Honored Alumni Awards to Shigenobu Arakaki, '51; Lawrence and Arleen Downing, '63; Michael Carrick, '68; and LaBore and Benton.

Keynote speaker and noted Adventist evangelist E. Lonnie Melashenko delivered the sermon, "The Giants' Coup de Grace." Referencing the biblical story David, Melashenko described five "giants" that each Christian must defeat in order to obtain the fullness of God's blessings: isolation, mediocrity, hypocrisy, extremes, and pride. He encouraged PUC alumni to rely on each other to stay accountable in their personal struggles with those challenges. "That's why we need each other, why we need the church, the community, the Alumni Association," he said. "Stay close to one another."

After a luncheon in the Dining Commons, alumni spread out across campus for a variety of simultaneous afternoon events—another change from the traditional Homecoming program. Several academic departments, including chemistry and nursing, hosted their own reunions. The English department held a particularly lively and well-attended event in the Alice Holst Theater. The gathering featured tributes to former and current faculty and even an original dramatic production by professor Thorvald Aagaard, '00, and former artist-in-residence Mei Ann Teo, '02.

The afternoon program also featured the annual music department concert and a meeting of the Friends of Walter C. Utt.

The highlight of the weekend for many alumni was the Saturday evening program. Committed, a Christian a cappella vocal group that recently rose to fame as the winning contestants NBC's talent competition *The Sing-Off*, gave a concert in the church. Alumni and music fans packed the sanctuary from floor to balcony for the performance, which featured a blend of original songs and intricate renditions of classic hymns and spirituals.

"This is going to be an inaugural concert," said President Knight after the show. "We want to have something like this every Homecoming, something that's very exciting, that our students would be familiar with and that they'd be excited to come and see next year."

The evening wrapped up with class parties for the honored class years of 1953, 1963, 1973, 1988, and a young alumni dinner for members of graduating classes from 2003 to 2012. The reunions ranged from a quiet supper in the Maxwell Reading Room of Nelson Memorial Library to a lively dinner party at the popular Pizzeria Tra Vigne in St. Helena.

Sunday morning the weekend concluded with two events: a special heritage recording session where alumni shared memories to be preserved for posterity, and the second annual Homecoming volleyball game, pitting alumni players against current students. The ladies of

the Pioneers varsity volleyball team defeated their alumni counterparts in two sets, 25-22 and 26-24; meanwhile the alumni men beat an informal squad of current male students in three, 25-21, 25-23, and 25-19.

While this year's Homecoming Weekend featured many new and different elements, the biggest draw remained the same: the PUC community coming together to share wonderful memories. Bonnie Blythe, '55, who helped coordinate the class of '53 party, has only missed two Homecoming celebrations in nearly half a century. "I liked it when I was here, and I still like it!" she exclaimed, explaining what keeps her coming back so consistently. "Every year that I'd come there was always somebody I hadn't seen for a while, and that was always the fun part." **VP**

Nelson Memorial Library Sabbath afternoon was the perfect time to share memories with friends and peruse past copies of the *Diogenes Lantern* and *Campus Chronicle*.

Class of 1963 Over 50 classmates gathered at the home of Dr. Carl Ermshar to reminisce and reconnect fifty years after graduation.

English Department Reunion Grads of different generations gathered in Stauffer Hall, including Gail (Selby) Aagaard, '67 and '69, Doris Tetz Carpenter, '01, and Allison Fox, att. '97.

Shigenobu Arakaki, D. Min., '51, spent decades serving communities around the Pacific. When he left his native Hawaii for PUC in the late 1940s, the islands were not even a U.S. state, but he went on to become the first person born in Hawaii to serve as president of the Hawaii Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. He has also been president of Japan Mission College and principal of Adventist academies in California and Hawaii.

Lawrence G. Downing, D.Min., '63, and Arleen (House) Downing, M.D., '63 have worked together to bring spiritual and physical healing to their communities—he as an Adventist pastor and she as a physician specializing in pediatrics and developmental disorders.

Michael L. Carrick, M.D., '68, was led to pioneer an innovative approach to Alzheimer's care—a network of specialized assisted living facilities called Somerford Place—through personal experience with his father's diagnosis. Carrick's approach has made lives of dignity possible for thousands of patients—and their families—suffering from the effects of Alzheimer's.

Laura (Kopitzke) LaBore, R.N., '94 has lived in jungles of the South American na-

tion of Guyana, serving an incredible mission of healing and hope. LaBore is a nurse and a pilot for Adventist World Aviation, a ministry that provides emergency medical care and evacuation, as well as friendship evangelism and routine health services, into the most unreachable areas of the world.

Zachary Benton, '09, PUC's Young Alumni Awardee, has worked with ADRA in the Salta province in Argentina for the past three years. During his time with ADRA, Benton has helped forge a partnership with TOMS Shoes to provide footwear to local villagers, and been instrumental in a project to help the poorest Argentinians develop self-sustaining community food programs.

Shirley S. Chang, Ph.D., att., was recognized as the college's Honored Pioneer. Over 20 years of service to PUC, Chang has been one of the most dynamic members of the Board of Trustees. After attending PUC, she completed her nursing studies at Loma Linda University, going on to earn a master's at the University of California, Los Angeles and a doctorate at the University of California, San Francisco. Her husband, Jim, and their three daughters are all PUC alumni.

FATHER'S DAY GRADUATION

Celebrates PUC's Largest Class in Seven Years

Midori Yoshimura



AS PACIFIC UNION COLLEGE'S LARGEST CLASS in seven years prepared to graduate, many dads in the audience celebrated Father's Day with a unique card: a commencement program listing their child as a 2013 graduate. On Sunday, June 16, 2013, PUC graduated its 125th class in the woodland peace—before the cheers and glad shouts—of the college's Commencement Grove.

"I guess it may be a cliché, but I would have to say, what better gift could a father receive than to see his daughter graduating from college on Father's Day!" said Melville Uechi, father of Colleen Uechi, who left the platform with a bachelor of arts degrees in Spanish and intercultural communication, with an emphasis in Spanish. The cum laude Student Association leader was the 2012-2013 Campus Chronicle editor and also one of the first Maxwell Scholars to graduate from PUC.

The 360 members of PUC's class of 2013 hailed from 19 different states and seven different countries. One hundred and nine students received academic distinctions and honors, with nine summa cum laude graduates, 24 magna cum laude graduates, and 63 cum laude graduates. Nine students from PUC's Honors Program and four Maxwell Scholars were also among the throng. The greatest number of graduates came from the nursing program, 137 strong, followed by 31 from department of business administration and 29 from the health sciences fields.

The weekend celebration of the class of 2013

began with Friday evening's consecration service in the PUC Church Sanctuary. Roy Ice, pastor for young adults at the Loma Linda University Seventh-day Adventist Church and former PUC campus chaplain, addressed graduates on the topic of "One Thought Away." The program also featured music, a class video and a presentation to parents.

On Sabbath morning, members of the senior class presented a Sabbath School program that included a scripture reading in 15 languages. During the baccalaureate service, It Is Written Director of Evangelism Yves Monnier shared his thoughts on "Living Well," after an introduction by his son, senior class vice president and cum laude accounting major Daniel Monnier.

Nursing graduates and their family and friends reconvened in the sanctuary later that afternoon for the nursing recognition service. The president and CEO of Glendale Adventist Medical Center, Kevin Roberts, a nurse and PUC graduate himself, addressed graduates in a ceremony that included the awarding of ceremonial nursing pins. In the cool of the Dining Commons that Sabbath evening, PUC President Dr. Heather Knight, faculty members, parents, and graduates gathered for an elegant reception.

The weekend culminated in the commencement service on Sunday morning. Before their stately processional down the two center aisles, the excited soon-to-be graduates posed for photos and straightened well-decorated mortar-

boards, enjoying their last moments as undergraduates, while others struggled to see over the colorful leis piled around their necks.

Class president Hollie Macomber gave the valedictory, and Bill Knott, editor and executive publisher of the Adventist Review and Adventist World magazines, gave the commencement address. Knott encouraged the audience to shift their gaze from "The Cathedral in the Distance" (the title of his address) to the many "broken people God puts in your path."

Knott used the example of George Herbert, a brilliant English poet and rector who traded secular success for life in Bemerton, a small parish in sight of the world-famous Salisbury Cathedral. Despite concerns that Herbert's intelligence was better suited to Salisbury than Bemerton, noted Knott, Hebert was truly doing God's work by caring for those nearest him.

"All around us are the sights and sounds of real human need, the opportunities to make a significant difference in a neighbor's world," said Knott. He encouraged the multitalented graduates to "bend your considerable powers of intellect into plotting the end of poverty. Use your literary skills to write passionately about the needs of a hungry world. Harness your impressive scientific minds to develop new crops, new irrigation systems."

After Knott's address, graduates received their diplomas from PUC's president, then, with a flick of their mortarboard tassels, transitioned en masse from students to PUC's newest alumni. **VP**





Former Miss America Presents Colloquy Speaker Series

First Asian-American Winner Speaks About Values, Faith

FORMER MISS AMERICA ANGELA PEREZ BARAQUIO GREY PRESENTED THE Colloquy Speaker Series May 30, celebrating Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month. Grey was crowned Miss America in 2001, as Miss Hawaii. She made history by becoming the first and only Asian-American to hold the position. Grey was also the first teacher to earn the title, as an elementary school physical education teacher. During her year as Miss America, her platform was “Character Education.” Grey grew up in Hawaii. Her family moved to America from the Philippines in 1970. “Like so many others, they were trying to achieve the American dream,” she said. At age 18, she entered her first beauty pageant. After six years, she took what she saw as her last chance: the Miss Oahu pageant. She placed first runner-up and she came to a realization. “I knew then that my goal wasn’t just to win the title or a new identity,” Grey recalled, “but it was to win the platform from which I could show myself as a role model.”

As Grey reflected on her journey both as an Asian-American and a Christian, she recalled something her mother told her: “Angie, if you obey God and you do His will, your life will be better than a fairytale.” Even after earning the crown, Grey continued to hold to her values, making sure to attend church every week while on the road. In encouraging the audience to stay dedicated to their dreams and faith in God, she closed with the following statement: “One person can make a difference, but together as a collective whole we can change the world.”

Lauren Armstrong

Student Week of Prayer 2013



OVER A SPAN OF SIX DAYS, MAY 6 – MAY 11, students, faculty, and staff gathered together as a school family to take a break from classes and studying. During the week, thirteen students shared the ways God has brought them “out of the darkness.” Students shared amazing stories of God’s faithfulness as He pulled them out of dark periods in their lives. Shared themes of faith, surrender, and love ran through these stories.

Incoming SA Religious Vice President Adam Washington spoke for Vespers. “To be honest, PUC, I’m still in the process of coming out of darkness,” he said, “and I think I will always be in the process of coming out of darkness.” He shared with students that it’s okay not to have all the answers. “If you could figure out God, He probably wouldn’t be God anymore,” Washington said, recalling a point Chaplain Laffit Cortes made in the last sermon of last school year. The week closed with four student baptisms, two Friday night and two on Sabbath.

Lauren Armstrong

New Health Programs

PUC RECENTLY DEBUTED TWO NEW PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO HELP pre-professional and allied health students advance their careers.

The Bachelor of Science in health communication is designed for students who wish to combine a pre-professional track and a communication degree. Housed in the communication department, the degree will offer students a broad background in interpersonal, intercultural and organizational communication, as well as communication research. This concentration will be useful to students who intend to pursue health-related careers requiring broad knowledge of scientific concepts, as well as the strategies and technologies for designing and delivering effective communication.

The A.S. degree in health sciences is new to the 2012-2013 academic year. The degree provides pre-professional students with a strong foundation in the life and social sciences, complementing their preparation for allied health careers.

With it, the newly combined nursing and health sciences department “looked for a way to do two things,” explains Shana Ruggenberg, the department chair. First, the new program provides a departmental home for pre-allied health students. Second, it offers a PUC degree to students who have finished prerequisite education at PUC before they continue on to their allied health program of choice.

Midori Yoshimura



REVOfest Supports Love146

THE LAST AND LARGEST REVO EVENT OF THE YEAR TOOK PLACE SUNDAY, May 19. The day’s festivities included a rummage sale, a live benefit concert, and a fashion show. REVO, a student-led philanthropic movement, first came to PUC in the spring of 2008. This year, all proceeds of REVO-related events went to Love146, an organization working to abolish child sex-trafficking and exploitation.

Senior nursing student Brittney Foldvary was involved with this year’s event by overseeing publicity about REVO’s charity. “I love children and believe strongly in the protection of their vulnerabilities,” said Foldvary, “so knowing that I could be a small part of contributing to the lives of these children by providing information about these issues was extremely rewarding.”

Events held throughout the year include a student art show and a 5k color run. Although numbers are still coming in, an early estimate shows that approximately \$8,000 has been raised for Love146 by this year’s REVO efforts.

“What I especially love about REVO is that it is completely student-run and student-led,” student leader Kristianne Ocampo commented. “It serves as an instrument through which students can make a difference in the hurting communities around the world—to be a part of something much greater than themselves.”

Lauren Armstrong

PUC Wins Top Honors

OVER 30 PACIFIC UNION COLLEGE PSYCHOLOGY STUDENTS AND FACULTY attended the 93rd Western Psychological Association (WPA) convention in Reno, Nev., April 25-28, to present undergraduate research projects. This year, a PUC group was awarded the top honor in the Psi Chi poster session, which included an accompanying cash prize. All of PUC’s projects were accepted into the prestigious Psi Chi poster session this year.

“Going to WPA gives us the experience of presenting our research, gaining more opportunities for the future, and keeping up to date with developments in the field,” said Holly Batchelder, a senior psychology major whose group’s research on humorous political advertisements in the 2008 election won the Psi Chi poster award.

The annual trip to the convention is an integral part of the departmental philosophy of promoting undergraduate research. “I believe there is nothing more satisfying than working hard and developing new interests in research and psychology,” Batchelder noted. “I am grateful for PUC’s research-oriented program and am confident it will lead me into a successful future.”

Giovanni Hashimoto



Music with Mission Students enjoy the REVOfest '13 benefit concert for LOVE146, an organization working to end child trafficking and exploitation.



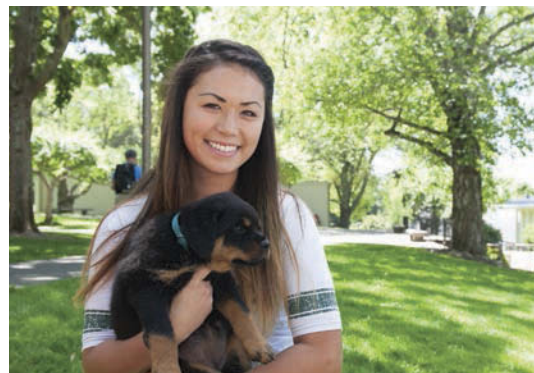
Final Projects Visitors admire the work of PUC students at the 2013 senior thesis exhibition in the Rasmussen Art Gallery.



Colloquy with Sparkle Miss America 2001 Angela Perez Baraquio Grey shares her crown with student Janelle Evano at the May 30 Colloquy.



Beauty of Grace Students committ their lives to Christ through baptism on the final day of PUC's Student Week of Prayer.



Puppy Love Students take a break to play with furry friends at PUC Puppy Day.



Hot Air Balloons Summer is full of spectacular mornings on Howell Mountain, home to "America's Most Beautiful College Campus" (Newsweek, 2012)!



Class of 2013 Colleen Uechi, one of PUC's first Maxwell Scholars, cheers on her graduating classmates.



Nursing Pins Crystal Kim and Angela Ajejo celebrate a rite of passage at the 2013 Nursing Pinning Ceremony.



Special Memories A newly graduated nurse captures a special moment with department of nursing and health sciences chair Shana Ruggenberg.



Sound of Celebration PUC alum Kayloni West enlivens the crowd in Commencement Grove as she cheers on the 2013 graduating class.

Walter E. Collins Joins Administrative Team

Leading Advancement and Alumni Relations with New Vision, Strategy



ON MAY 16, 2013, THE PACIFIC UNION COLLEGE Board of Trustees confirmed Walter E. Collins as the college's new vice president for advancement and alumni relations. Collins officially began his appointment on July 1, 2013.

Most recently, Collins was the executive director of the California Symphony Orchestra, which he led for three seasons and where he was responsible for all orchestra operations. Under his direction, the symphony completed a strategic plan, doubled its number of donors, and increased ticket sales revenue while reducing operating costs. Furthermore, during Collins' tenure, the orchestra received a National Endowment for the Arts award, as well as a Getty Foundation/League of American Orchestra's Community Arts Awards grant for developing *Sound Minds*, a novel music and literacy education program that works to effect transformational change in the lives

of disadvantaged children. In the course of his professional career, he has also established close relationships with the Irvine, Hearst, Haas, and Ford Foundations.

Prior to his work at the California Symphony Orchestra, Collins served as president and CEO of United Way of the Wine Country in Sonoma, Mendocino, Lake, Humboldt, and Del Norte counties for four years, leading a three million dollar organization that was distinguished as the leading non-profit organization in Sonoma County. Under his leadership, this United Way increased revenue by over \$700,000 in less than two years and special event, sponsorship and in-kind revenue by over 300 percent. During this time, Collins implemented a new strategic plan with an emphasis on achieving and measuring community benefit that was accompanied by effective fundraising and campaign plans. It was also recognized as the leader in public policy and advocacy work among all 38 California United Ways.

A product of K-12 Adventist education who attended Conejo Adventist Elementary School and Newbury Park Adventist Academy, Collins, who is bilingual in Spanish, received his B.A. from the University of California at Berkeley in political science with minors in music and astrophysics. His wife Amy, a magna cum laude graduate of U.C. Riverside with a B.A. in English, is a freelance writer and editor. The Collins' have two young children, son William and daughter Everley.

"I am simply delighted that Walter Collins has accepted my invitation to join the administrative team here at Pacific Union College, his brother's alma mater. His extensive experience in fundraising, nonprofit management, and community-building will add an entirely new set of community connections for PUC, which I know will add great value to our team as we work to create even greater linkages with our regional and alumni communities," said President Heather J. Knight.

Cambria Wheeler

academic highlights

Susan Bussell, associate professor of nursing, graduated from Loma Linda University in June 2013 with her Doctor of Nursing Practice degree. Bussell has instructed nursing students since 2005.



Tamara Tirado, '01, associate professor of nursing, also completed her Doctor of Nursing Practice degree at Loma Linda University in June. Tirado has served on the faculty since 2008, and has been a medical clinic manager, public health nurse, and a family nurse practitioner.



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Class Notes, Births, Weddings, and In Memory

Class Notes

1930

J. Paul Shively, '34, and his wife Mabel recently celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary at the Yountville Adventist Retirement Estates and at the Silverado Country Club in Napa, Calif. Shively is retired from long years of service as a physician in San Francisco, Calif.

1940

Lawrence D. Longo, '49, founder and long-time director of the Center for Perinatal Biology at Loma Linda University (LLU), was recently honored by scientific leaders from around the world at a celebration of the center's fortieth anniversary. Ferid Murad, a Nobel Peace Prize Recipient, paid tribute to Longo, noting that, "it is intriguing that the center has developed over the years because of one individual who had a mission and an idea." Additionally, Dr. Longo received LLU's Lifetime Service Award at the 2013 graduation ceremonies, as he was honored for his continued "push for research vitality for the institution."

1950

Ronald A. Hershey, '53, was named Loma Linda University's University Alumnus of the Year at LLU's graduation in June 2013. Hershey retired as an associate professor in LLU's Department of Physical Therapy in the School of Allied Health Professions. At the same event, **Halford "Reid" and Virginia Price, both '53**, were honored by LLU as Distinguished Humanitarians. The Prices were noted for spending "the past six decades focusing on serving others. From serving a predominately minority population in Arizona, to printing and distributing millions of books through the Seventh-day Adventist Missionary Foundation, to donating their jet airplane to the Wings of Hope to provide medical transport services in Sudan, the Prices remain committed humanitarians."

1960

Robert W. Frost, '65, retired in 2011 after forty-five years of service at Seventh-day Adventist institutions around the world. He was honored with a Distinguished University Service award in 2013, and continues to volunteer with the Loma Linda Foundation while serving as the chief financial

officer for Adventist Health International.

Eleanor Lawton (Kimitsuka) Kirk, '67 and '68, retired from eleven years of teaching languages at Sedona Red Rock High School in Sedona, Ariz., in May, 2012. She and her husband, L. Dean Kirk, live in Cottonwood, Ariz., are excited about what God is doing in their lives and in the Verde Valley.

Dale Morrison, '67, retired from practicing cardiology at Ukiah Valley Medical Center, where he served after working as a missionary in Korea for over a decade. Most recently, he and a group of colleagues travelled to Haiti for a medical service mission.

1970

John T. Anderson, '72, published *Three Angels, One Message* with the Review and Herald in May 2012. The book guides readers on explaining the three angels' message clearly to others.

Lori (Mallory) Eckhart, '77, married husband Eric, a school counselor, in 2006. They currently make their home in Chico, Calif., where Lori works as a registered



nurse at Enloe Outpatient Surgery Center.

Glen Robinson, '75, professor of communication at Southwestern Adventist University, recently published *Infinity's Reach*, a retelling of *Pilgrim's Progress*, and *The Champion*, part of a trilogy based on the Old Testament.

Tom Shepherd, '73, and wife Sherry now make their home in Berrien Springs, Mich., where Tom is a professor of New Testament interpretation and director of the Ph.D. and Th.D. programs of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University.

Martin Wareham, '73, is a physician practicing Otolaryngology with a six-person specialty group in Ventura County, Calif., where he has served patients with head and neck disorders for over thirty years.

1980

Samuel Young, '83, recently was named the director of information technology service at Inland Empire Health Plans, a company working with individuals with Medicare and Medi-Cal.

births



► Eliana Danielle Engeberg, daughter of **Lars Engeberg, '01**, and Jenny Engeberg of Rota, Spain. 5-19-13



► Jacob Jonathan Fox, son of **Jonathan Fox, '06**, and **Rachel (Jensen) Fox, '07**, of Eastsound, Wash. 7-13-13



► Zoe Truth and Willow Audrey Galusha, daughters of **Andi (Tucker-Brown) Galusha, '00**, and Ben Galusha of St. Helena, Calif. 11-30-12



► Jude Paul Gibson, son of **Nathanael Gibson, '98**, and **Jorely (Ocampo) Gibson, att. '96-'98**, of Arlington, Va. 6-28-13



► Lincoln James Dean Gienger, son of **Brad Gienger, '10**, and **Kristen (Feldbush) Gienger, '09**, of Pierre, S.D. 5-28-13



► TJ Nickolas Mitchell, son of **Tyler Mitchell, '09**, and **Lisa (Bobst) Mitchell, '11**, of Mountain View, Calif. 7-6-13

1990

John Maguire, '93, spent the last decades teaching in Korea, working in business, and in service to the Adventist church, before spending nine years as a special education teacher in Arizona. He is now licensed for life and health insurance

in Arizona and works as a representative for Aflac.

Bradley Setterlund, '96, received his nursing degree from PUC and has volunteered with the Angwin Fire Department and Angwin Community Ambulance. He currently works as a firefighter-paramedic in South San Francisco, Calif. He also serves as a medical specialist for a FEMA task force and a technical rescue specialist on a heavy rescue unit. “Most importantly, on September 9, 2012, I married my best friend, Dana Sorensen of San Francisco,” Brad reports.

2000

Nathaniel Gamble, '09, graduated with honors from Denver Seminary on May 18, 2013 with his master of arts in theology. He was listed in *Who's Who* and received the Zondervan Award for Excellence in Theology.

Rachel Reeves, '07, is a Ph.D. candidate in British history at UC Davis. She has recently completed library fellowships with UCLA and Yale research libraries and an interdisciplinary writing fellowship with the Mellon Research Initiative. In October, she will begin a six-month fellowship with University of London's Institute of Historical Research.

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weddings



► **Allison Atkin, '09**, and Jose Vargas, in Forestville, Calif. 6-23-13



Marcus Carty, '12, and **Lauren Dunn, '10**, at Monterey Bay Academy in

La Selva Beach, Calif. 7-28-13



Thea Hanson, '74, former PUC professor and *ViewPoint* editor, and Timothy Hood, in

Scott's Valley, Calif. 2-18-12



Michelle Miracle, '00, and Alan Hansen, in Cancun, Mexico. 12-29-12



Kristi Tungesvik, '01, and Frank Kooger, in Lodi Calif. 4-22-12

In Memory

Rosalie Brown-Hamilton, '31, passed away on April 4, 2013. Born September 3, 1910, Rosalie worked as a schoolteacher before retiring with her husband, Alfred, in Camino, Calif. She is survived by her sons Roland and Paul; grandsons Timothy, Roland, and Paul; and one great-grandson, Trey.

Mamoru Takeno, '37, who served others as a physician, passed away on April 5, 2013,

at the age of ninety-six, in Englewood, Colo.

Shirley Cavin Johnson, '39, a retired teacher and registrar of the Seventh-day Adventist Home Study Institute, died November 27, 2012, in San Marcos, Calif. She was born in Oakland, Calif., on August 13, 1919. Shirley is survived by her daughter, Danette; her sons, George and Stemple; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Everette Jackson Mallory, Att. '40-'41, died January 18, 2013. Jack was born January 29, 1924, in Boulder, Colo. He practiced dentistry in Chico, Calif., for decades. He is preceded in death by his wife, Thelma. He is survived by his sons Barry and Paul; daughters Wendy Pruett, Lori Eckhart, and Jill Theriault; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; his brother Bernie; and his dear friend Gerry Eastman.

Louis P. Schutter, '46, a retired editor with the Pacific Press Publishing Association, died May 6, 2013, in Grand Terrace, Calif. He was born on November 13, 1923, in Memphis, Tenn. Louis is survived by his daughters, Cheree Aitken, Linda Dunn, and Sylvia Retzer; and six grandchildren.

Manuel Rosado, att. '49, died on January 29, 2013, in Redwood Valley, Calif. He was born December 28, 1916, near Arecibo, Puerto Rico. Manuel was raised on a farm and was only able to attend school sporadically, finally graduating from eighth grade at the age of eighteen before continuing his education in Cuba, where he met and married his wife Abda. He worked as a minister throughout the United States and as the director of theology at Antillian College in Puerto Rico. He is survived by his

daughter, Irma Turner; son, Edgar Rosado; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

James Haskins, '49, died on April 26, 2013, at the age of 93, in St. Helena, Calif. He is survived by his wife of seventy years, Mille; his daughters Lyn Howe and Margo Haskins-Fillmore; and six grandchildren.

John Harvey Wallace, '50, a surgeon and family practice physician, died March 23, 2013, in Loma Linda, Calif. He was born in Madison, Tenn., on March 19, 1928. John had a long and helpful medical career at St. Bernadine's Hospital in San Bernardino, Calif. He is survived by his wife, Noreen; his daughter, Suzanne; his sons, Jim and Mike; his stepdaughter, Ashley Moore; his stepson, Michael White; and nine grandchildren.

Arthur Melbourne Owens, '51, passed away on May 22, 2013 at the age of eighty-six. “Mel” was born September 13, 1926, in Ocean Falls, British Columbia, Canada. He began his medical career in the Public Health Service and was a medical missionary in Nigeria for ten years before practicing family medicine in Dunlap, Tenn. and Covelo, Calif. He was an accomplished biblical scholar and lay theologian. He is survived by his wife, Luthea; sons Geoffrey, Gregory, and Douglas; and four grandchildren.

Harold C. Sundean, '51, died March 16, 2013, in Santa Cruz, Calif. He was born in Santa Cruz on July 21, 1926. After serving as a medic during World War II, he attended PUC and then Loma Linda University. During his 35 years as a family physician, he delivered 1,999 babies; practiced anesthesia, obstetrics, and gynecology; performed

numerous surgeries; served as medical director for Community Hospital of Santa Cruz; and was a consulting physician for the Abundant Living Series for LLU. He is survived by his wife, Marjorie; his children Connie, Marvin, Mel, and Julie; and grandsons Timothy and Jason.

Harry E. Darby, '53, a Seventh-day Adventist pastor and auditor in several Adventist church conferences, died on April 20, 2013, in Sandpoint, Idaho. He was born on June 17, 1928, in Marshall, Mo. Harry is survived by his daughter, Cyndee; two grandsons; his sister, Shirley Brown; and his brothers Bob and Calvin Darby.

Melvin B. Ricker, '54, was born on December 31, 1926 in Soperton, Ga., and died March 8, 2013, in Modesto, Calif. After serving in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II, Mel attended PUC and went on to graduate from Loma Linda University's Medical Technology program. He was active in the Pathfinder program at the Adventist church in Modesto. He was preceded in death by his wife, Marilyn, and sons Rob and Tom. He is survived by his daughter, Debbie; sons Rick and Tim; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Grace Silvera-Thorpe, '55, passed away May 4, 2013, in Calimesa, Calif. She was born July 17, 1928 on the island of Jamaica. After two years as a teacher in Jamaica, she decided to pursue her dream of being a doctor. She was one of four women admitted to Loma Linda University medical school in 1955. She worked as a physician in communities in Jamaica, focusing on preventive medicine; in mental health and emergency room settings in Michigan; and was founder of a Health Improvement Program and medical clinics at the Jerry

James Jay Horning, 1942-2013
Pioneering Computer Scientist

James Jay Horning, '63, passed away January 18, 2013 in Palo Alto, Calif., at the age of 70. Horning was a leading figure in the field of computer science and a pioneer in the evolution of computer science as a discipline and a profession. Horning described himself as “hooked on computing since 1959” when he wrote his first computer program as a seventeen-year old freshman at Pacific Union College. He went on to make major contributions in the areas of programming languages, operating systems, programming methodology, and computer and network security. Horning was named an Association for Computing Machinery Fellow in 1998 for his impact and leadership in the field.

Born in Chattanooga, Tenn., on July 24, 1942 to James Sr. and Irma Lee Horning, Jim, as many of his friends and family knew him, would later become the older brother to a proud and devoted sister Pat. As the first child of Pacific Union College alumni, Horning graduated from Thunderbird Adventist Academy in Arizona as a sixteen-year old and graduated from Pacific Union College in 1963. One year after earning his bachelor's degree, with honors, in physics and mathematics, Horning married Jane Olsen in Westwood, Calif., on July 26, 1964.

Before the advent of personal computers, Horning learned programming on a refrigerator-sized computer in a temperature controlled room in the basement of the PUC library. In 1969, he became only the sixth person to be granted a Ph.D. in computer science by Stanford University.

Horning served as a member of the faculty at University of Toronto for eight years where he mentored a small group of protégés earning their own doctorates in computer science, and impressed his students with his intellectual honesty, knowledge, and generosity. He and Jane moved back to Palo Alto and worked in Silicon Valley for a number of different companies and organizations including Xerox PARC, Digital Equipment's Systems Research Center, InterTrust, and Advanced Elemental Technologies.

While Horning's long list of technological and professional accomplishments amazed many, it was his kind character and thoughtful devotion to family that will be remembered by those who knew him best.

Pettis Memorial VA Hospital in Loma Linda. She is survived by her sons Duane, Steve, and Paul Thorpe; daughter Sharon Blake; three grandsons; and her siblings Donald Silvera and Joan Linsay.

Robert Reid Culbertson, Att. '56-'64, died March 20,

2013, in Napa, Calif. He was born on November 17, 1935, in Los Angeles, Calif. Robert is survived by his wife, Sally; his daughters, Lorie and Connie; and his brother, Richard.

Vanessa Standish Ford, '70, died April 19, 2013. She was born October 22, 1920, in

Loma Linda, Calif.. She and her husband Elden Ford, both of whom completed Masters of Education degrees at PUC in 1970, were missionaries in Central America for the Seventh-day Adventist church for forty-eight years, establishing churches in Honduras, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Belize, and El Salvador. She was a founding member of the Loma Linda Spanish Church, where she and her husband retired. She is survived by her sons, Robert and Dan; daughters Kathleen and Patricia; four grandsons; one great-granddaughter; and her sister, Juanita Gosse McGann.

David L. Tigner, Att. '70-'72, passed away on December 11, 2012, in San Francisco, Calif. He was born in Santa Rosa, Calif., on May 28, 1951. A renowned bass-baritone, David sang extensively in the Bay Area, New York, and London and will be remembered for his outstanding performances and influence over young singers in over twenty-seven years as an instructor at UC Berkeley's Young Musicians Program. He is survived by his siblings Linda Tigner-Weekes, Joseph Tigner, Jonathan Tigner, and Lois Saunders.

Jeannine (Maddox) Warren, '73, died on March 15, 2013, in Sonora, Calif. She was born on October 18, 1932, in Herford, Ore. Jeannine is survived by her daughters, Kim and Tara; her sons, Clay and Van; eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; her sisters, LaRene Spady and Alberta Shull; and her brother, Dale.

Beverly May Hays, '77, a longtime resident of St. Helena, Calif., died in February, 2013. She was a talented pianist and organist, serving as the first organist at Elmhaven Adventist Church, a position she held for fifty-six years.

She was one of the founders of Rianda House Senior Activity Center. At the point of her graduation, she had amassed the largest number of credit hours of any PUC student up to that time. She is survived by her cousins Lorene Dahl and Sheldon Elicker.

Faculty & Staff

Anna Nieman, manager of the PUC soda fountain during the late 1960s and early 1970s, died February 27, 2013. She was born in Axams Tyrol, Austria, on November 2, 1930. Some of Anna's fondest memories were of working at the soda fountain while her children attended school, and many PUC Preparatory and college students became her friends. She is survived by her sons David, Stephen, and Michael; daughters Beverly and Julie; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

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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back in the day



Moving on the Mountaintop PUC Students Enjoy Outdoor Recreation

Over the summer, many families will enjoy a camping trip, a day at the beach, or an evening game of softball. In Northern California, these pursuits can happen nearly all year long, and the fir-clad hills of Angwin provide the perfect setting for spending time outside. Between classes and meetings, PUC students have always enjoyed a natural setting with plenty of things to do. Of course, enjoying a sunny day is always more fun with friends!

1948 A beautiful spring day can be quite the temptation for students who have been focused on textbooks for too long. These Men of Grainger were "powerless to resist the charms of spring" as they were lured away from studies for a game of football.

1962 This group of ladies proves that archery has always been in style during a physical education class that requires a strong arm and steady aim.

1972 "When I'm diving, I'm not thinking of school at all. I'm not sweating anything. In fact, a lot of times when I'm trying to study I'm thinking about diving," shared one of the flipper-footed members of this group of scuba enthusiasts.

1986 Three brave riders, perhaps members of the Howell Mountain Velo Club, enjoy world-class cycling and incredible views sans helmets.

2012 A skateboard provides transportation, expression, and a little bit of an adrenaline rush for those taking advantage of the many paved paths across campus.

What's your memory?

What outdoor athletic pursuits did you especially enjoy during your time at PUC? Share those memories and more at:

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the interview

Forging a Vision, Advancing the Mission



Walter E. Collins
Vice President for
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Relations

“We want to help advance the mission of our college by serving our entire campus community—students, faculty, staff, and alumni—and forging connections of service that are meaningful and lasting.”

On July 1, Walter Collins joined PUC’s administrative team as the vice president for advancement and alumni relations (see profile on page 16).

Nearly all of your professional experience is working with non-profits. What led you to work with these types of organizations?

After college, I grew tired (literally) of working in the restaurant industry, so I looked for other opportunities. It just so happened that a local nonprofit organization needed someone to make telephone sales calls, and I wanted a change. So I become a telemarketer, and that led to my career leading nonprofits. This proves that something good can come of something evil, like telemarketing!

Now you’re coming to work at a very mission-minded college. What do you look forward to in transitioning to a higher education setting?

I’ve had the privilege of helping organizations forge a vision and find their mission, or true calling, throughout my career. This type of planning process is one of the most rewarding experiences I’ve ever had, so joining a college that has a strong sense of vision and mission is something I’m very excited about. The book of Proverbs reminds us that without vision, a people perish. I’m looking forward to helping PUC accomplish its compelling vision for the future, and advancing its mission for our community.

By coming to work at PUC, you’re now part of a family with over 25,000 members and over 130 years of heritage. As a new member to this group, what have your impressions been so far?

I must say that I’ve felt like a part of the PUC family for over two decades now, spending most of my weekends as a freshman at Cal here on the PUC campus, where my brother and all my academy classmates were attending school. So I have the same fond memories of Vespers and very restful

Sabbath afternoons and Giugni’s sandwiches that many PUC alums have! But since my official arrival, I’ve been impressed with the sense of intellectual heritage, community, and purpose our campus embodies, as well as the natural beauty that surrounds us and nurtures our soul. That’s something very few other campuses have, and something we need to communicate to as many prospective students as possible.

What is your vision for PUC’s Advancement and Alumni Relations offices?

Our team is undergoing an internal strategic planning process that will articulate a vision and mission for our department, particularly in support of the college’s existing strategic plan. But specifically I can say that we’re focusing on building a culture of philanthropy, service and support for our campus community and beyond. We want to help advance the mission of our college by serving our entire campus community—students, faculty, staff, and alumni—and forging connections of service that are meaningful and lasting.

Do you have any goals for your first few months as vice president?

My goals include the completion of our internal planning process, the formulation of specific goals in support of the college’s existing strategic plan, and to meet as many PUC students, faculty, staff, and alumni as possible, in order to listen to their needs and understand their vision for PUC’s future, and how our department can help support that vision.

You’ve spent much of your professional career working with orchestras. Do you have a favorite piece of music?

That’s like asking me which one of my two children is my favorite! But if I must pick one, then I would have to say Mahler’s 7th *Symphony*. It has everything in it! It’s like one condensed microcosm of every emotion, every tension one can imagine in life. It seems to contain all of human history within its five movements! That piece, and anything by Mozart and I’m good to go!

my viewpoint

A Shared Vocabulary

On September 21, 2003, I crammed the last box into my tiny 1957 Morris Minor 1000, got behind the wheel, turned the key, and pulled the knob that started the engine. Three tries later, the car finally started and I was on my way to college, a place I had dreamed about since I started my piggybank fund as a kindergartner.

As I came over Caiocca Pass, the butterflies started fluttering at a frantic pace in realization of everything I had to learn as a newly minted PUC freshman. Even after the orientation meetings, this college—the geographic layout and the even more complex campus culture—were unknowable entities, seemingly impossible for a scared teenager from a tiny academy to navigate.

Listening to upperclassmen and walking across campus, I encountered entirely new vocabulary that often left me baffled. *MOG, the Window Tree, Giugni Juice, the Covered Wagon—what are these things?*, I wondered. These weren’t the terms of textbooks and lectures; instead, this language spoke more of the personality of this place and the people who lived here. In those rough first weeks, beset by homesickness, I wondered if I’d ever be able to talk like a true PUC-ite.

By senior year, however, I had transitioned from that nervous freshman to someone who felt infinitely at home on Howell Mountain. While technically a resident of Andre Hall, I seemed to really live a split existence between Stauffer and Irwin Halls, home to my two loves, drama and history. The youngster who had lost ten pounds as a freshman for fear of the cafeteria now waddled confidently to enjoy the burrito bar as close to the eleven o’clock closing time as possible. And after Vespers on Friday evenings, I could count on joining dear friends in the stairwell of the residence hall, where we would sing hymns in the resonant space until the RA quieted us and we returned to our room to share laughter and too much Nutella.

By the time I collected my diploma, I spoke “PUC” with ease. More than that, I did so with a confidence borne of a college experience that gave me an outstanding academic preparation while I made incredible, lifelong friends amongst my professors and peers. The vernacular of this

place is one that I now immediately associate with learning, friendship, and faith.

Over the past five years, I’ve had the joy of serving as a “translator” for incoming students and their families, sharing the unique language of this incredible campus with tomorrow’s freshmen. My work as an enrollment counselor and director of recruitment allowed me to represent my *alma mater* throughout the United States, telling the story of the academic, spiritual, and social growth experienced on this campus. I did so with the first-hand knowledge of how transformative the PUC education can be.

As graduates or attendees of PUC, we share a common vocabulary. Whether we attended Pacific Union College five decades ago or five years ago, there is much that unites us as members of the same alumni family. High-impact professors, incredible friends, and an appreciation for the Angwin environment are things each generation has experienced. I observed this firsthand at this past April’s Homecoming. As I welcomed alums of different eras, sang the college song, and helped fellow Pioneers pin a “DL” to their Sabbath best, I was struck by the similarities of our PUC stories.

In my new role as editor of *ViewPoint* and director of college relations, I look forward to hearing your stories. While degrees have come and gone and some buildings have new names, spending time on Howell Mountain creates a shared experience that *ViewPoint* is built to recognize and celebrate. We will engage in some exciting conversations about the incredible successes of our alumni family, the many activities of our current campus community, and the future of this great institution and ways you can be involved. We’ll also look at issues that interest us as products of Adventist education and members of a greater church family.

Watching the latest crop of PUC students arrive on campus in a few short weeks, I’ll think back to the Cammie of ten years ago and how similar she was to the students of today. When they discover Inspiration Point, spy their first *Diogenes Lantern*, attend Vespers, and read the *Campus Chronicle*, they engage in activities that have been taking place for generations. They too will become fluent speakers of the PUC vocabulary.



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