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This Thursday, the student body elected their SA officers for the 2022-23 school year. The officer-elects discussed their plans and the experiences that prepared them for their jobs.

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After almost one year of service, Dr. Ralph Trecartin has officially been inaugurated as the 24th president. Colleagues, past and present, came together to share their faith in his leadership for the future of the college.

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Homecoming Weekend brought alumni back to campus for reunions and recollections. Campus Chronicle staff spoke with members of the 50-year classes to learn how campus life then compares to today.

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Film Students Attend Sonscreen Festival



Megan Lira, Fabiola Ixcot, and Isai Martinez at the Sonscreen Festival



Filmmakers speak about their projects

By Dani LaBore

Students from the film department attended and competed in this year's Sonscreen Film Festival held at Loma Linda University. The event, sponsored by the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists, allows undergraduate students from SDA institutions to connect with fellow filmmakers and to participate in the

annual short-film competition, now in its 20th year.

All eyes were fixed on the screen as each participating college showed off a selection of their best films. Five PUC student-produced films were featured, including Miryam Andrianarijaona's drama titled *Last Desire*; *Five Breaking Calls*, also a drama,

by Kevin Lembono; *Horrorstor*, an artistic experimental film by Eliasib Sandoval; and *Fading*, Fabiola Ixcot's narrative film.

All of the films were student-led, allowing for new and diverse voices to be showcased. "The director or producer of the films must be a student, with at least 70% student crew, so it really is made for students," Atlas

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FROM THE EDITOR

Bread day is one of my favorite days of the school year. If you are unfamiliar with bread day, allow me to explain.

Once in a while, though not too often, the Dining Commons announces that there will be freshly made Hawaiian bread for sale in the café, and they put a cart full of warm, delicious loaves in the middle of the food area for the taking. I live locally, so ever since high school it has been my tradition to head up to the café, buy a loaf all for myself and munch on it for the rest of the day. I love bread day.

It is week four and motivation is low for many of us, but there is still so much to be done. I was feeling pretty overwhelmed by this fact at the beginning of the week, and finding it hard to keep my head up. But then yesterday, bread day arrived.

I'm not saying bread day solved all my problems, and I'm also not advocating for eating your feelings. My point is that in the midst of all I had to do, the excitement over my favorite food holiday made it all just a

little bit easier.

I read once that joy is not rankable—that the feeling we get from huge happy occasions makes us feel just as good as the smaller gifts that pop up in life and bring contentment. The author compared little joys like cuddling her dog to life-altering events like world travels, sharing that she loved both equally and ending with a call to appreciate the mundane daily joys that make life worth doing.

The unexpected popping up of my favorite bread in a tough week was one of my little joys—a small thing that lifted me up just enough to face the uphill and look for more bright spots, big and small.

So here is an ode to freshly baked loaves and small joys. Whatever your equivalent of bread day is, I hope it comes soon.

*Sincerely,
Lauren VandenHoven
Editor-in-Chief*



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Introducing the 2022-23 Student Association Team

By Lauren VandenHoven

The student body voted to elect their Student Association leaders for next school year following the SA elections Community program on Thursday, April 28. The incoming officers took the time to share about themselves and their visions for their next year of leadership.



President

President-elect Alexander Chuquimia, a junior English pre-medicine major, said his experience working as executive vice president this year has helped him “explore his leadership style” so that he will be able to quickly adapt to working with a new team of SA officers. He emphasized that as president, he will “be there for SA officers when they want to help with their various affairs.”

Chuquimia explained that his presidential ambitions came from a desire to bring the student body together. “I want to give back to my college and to the student body,” he said. “I would like the students of PUC to know the office is always open if anyone would like to share suggestions or concerns!”

Executive Vice President

The students voted for Andrew Penners, a junior communication major, as their executive vice president. Penners voiced



Andrew Penners

his excitement to lead Student Senate in “creating all kinds of positive changes on campus and making this school a better place for years to come.”

Penners said he has a “huge passion” for the work being done at PUC and developed that passion during his time as a senator this school year. “It is exciting to see things

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Trecartin Inaugurated as 24th College President

By Madison Brogan

Homecoming Weekend brought together students, faculty, staff and alumni for the inauguration of PUC's 24th president, Dr. Ralph R. Trecartin Jr. on April 16, 2022.

The service commenced with a performance by the PUC orchestra with soloist James Woodward.

Following the processional entrance of the board of trustees, faculty, program

participants and administration, Board Chair Sandra Roberts gave the welcoming address followed by an invocation prayer from Bradford Newton.

Multiple musical interludes were given throughout the service. After the responsive reading of Psalms 121, led by Nancy Lecourt, the PUC chorale and orchestra performed an anthem of praise, the traditional hymn "Great is Thy Faithfulness." Alumna and soprano singer Marnie Breckenridge sang "Alleluia" by Ferdinand Hummel.

Guest speaker Justin Oliver, who previously worked alongside Trecartin at the State University of New York, Brockport, testified that his current career as the new student and pre-college programs administrator at UC Berkeley is thanks to PUC's newest president. "My career [...] would not have taken me to where I stand today if it was not for the impact and influence of Dr. Trecartin," he said.

Ten years ago, Trecartin hired Oliver as a study abroad adviser. Oliver described his time working for Trecartin as one of the fondest memories of his career. Oliver expressed that both he and his colleagues at SUNY Brockport believe that PUC has gained a special individual for leadership, as Trecartin's contributions at Brockport remain recognized through the study

abroad program and the SUNY system where "his impact is everlasting from him being such a pioneer."

The inaugural address was given by the current president of Andrews University, Dr. Andrea Luxton, who worked alongside Trecartin in his time as a professor there. She included a similar affirmation of his skills as a Christian educator and leader. Luxton attested to his influence, sharing, "If you walked in a room where Dr. Trecartin was present, there would be laughter, there would be creativity, and there would be thoughtful and informed engagement with mission. That is very much who he is."

In his response to Luxton's address, Trecartin thanked the speakers and attendees and offered his belief in a shared purpose and commitment. "God called us to this place for this time," he said. "We have an exciting adventure before us. Join me in watching the amazing things that God will do, and jump in with me to join him in any way that we can help."

The inauguration ceremony concluded with Trecartin's official investiture by the school board, pastors, family and friends. Sandra Roberts bestowed the medallion, symbolic of presidential authority, upon Trecartin, officially inducting him as the 24th president of PUC. ■



Trecartin is given his presidential medal

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Snarr, a junior film major, explained.

Students weren't the only ones attending the event, however. The festival was also a place to meet with people who have already had years of experience and success in their film career. Freshman film major Marguerite McHenry said, "You get to hear personal stories of how people have found employment in the industry or how they have created their own niche."

Along with showing student-directed films, the festival screened a few professional ones as well. Afterward

there was a Q&A session with industry professionals for students to hear firsthand from those with years of experience in film companies. Aspiring filmmakers had the chance to ask questions about how these professionals got to where they are, as well as what students can expect as they enter the industry.

"I'm not sure where I'm headed career-wise after graduating, but it was nice to hear from professionals!" Snarr said. "It was definitely an interesting experience and it gave me more connections to others

in the film industry, because it was also a networking opportunity."

Out of the professional category of films, McHenry reported that one of the most fascinating films for her was *Life on the Line*. The feature was a documentary which "... followed a doctor at Loma Linda Hospital during the height of the pandemic," she said. "The film gave the audience a real glimpse at what the COVID-19 pandemic was like for doctors while also being very visually engaging." ■

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Humans of PUC: Alumni Edition

By Kaylyn Jakubczak

The green and gold balloons and signs with the words “celebrating 130 years” marked the arrival of Homecoming last weekend. PUC students of the past came to reunite with one another and celebrate their time in college.

Several events marked the occasion, including the official inauguration of President Trecartin, the dedication of the Walter Utt Center, a special alumni church service and welcome dinners for each cohort of graduating classes.

Campus Chronicle staff Mani Chavez-Duron and Kaylyn Jakubczak stopped by one of the alumni parties to speak with members of the classes of 1970, ‘71 and ‘72, who were celebrating 50 years since graduating college.

At the reunion dinner, they learned about campus life in the 1970s, looked at yearbooks, and found out about the mischief they were up to and the love they found. The alumni were happy to share their stories, although their identities are kept anonymous by request.

Campus Life

One alum mentioned that campus jobs played an important role. “We worked a lot,” they said. “We only socialized on Saturdays during events or at the Campus Center.”

Others recalled events like packed concerts at the amphitheater, Saturday night events such as rollerblading and monthly square dancing in the gymnasium.



Kellie Lind presents the 2022 honored alumni

One former student remembered being part of one of the largest graduating classes at PUC. During their time, the Grainger Hall dorm rooms each housed four students, and the Newton Hall rooms sometimes held five.

One woman enjoyed having the cafeteria located in the lower portion of Graf Hall at the time. “It was convenient for us ladies who dormed above,” she said.

Like students today, they had required chapel meetings. However, rather than our biweekly Community programs, theirs were daily. “If you weren’t there for roll call, you got punished,” one alum said.

Another noted that men and women were segregated during chapel. During this alum’s freshman year in 1968, the college had just begun to integrate the genders where students were seated “boy-girl-boy-girl” for the first time.

The stricter conduct was not just limited to the mingling of the sexes, however. One alum mentioned that “security would check cars to make sure you were allowed to enter or leave campus.”

Mischief

Despite past students having more restrictions than students do today, they still engaged in plenty of pranks and antics.

“One time this boy brought a donkey from his ranch up to the third floor of Newton,” one recalled. Others remembered skipping class to go skiing or going swimming in the water purifying tank. “Since it was such a busy campus, they got away with it,” they said.

One alum said they landed in the dean’s office for some of the editorials they wrote. Another recounted stories of students flooding the dean’s apartment, which was punished by not being allowed to leave campus during break, and not being allowed to date. However, this student said, “I was too shy to date at the time and I worked during break anyway, so it didn’t bother me much.”

Some of their adventures were more innocuous, such as repainting the thinker statue in front of Newton Hall, which is still a tradition today.

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Love

Several alum at the party found their match during their PUC days and shared their stories.

A few recalled using the “Funny Book,” which was published in the second week of school, to find out who had the “available” or “taken” status next to their picture.

“I worked in the salad and cold food department and Ray worked in the bakery section of the cafeteria,” one woman said of first meeting her husband. “I was making a jello dish and needed to get some whipped cream and I asked him for some. The next thing I knew there was a big mess that I had to clean up and he was laughing at me.”

Another recalled meeting her spouse through a friend. “I wanted to ask someone nice out to the dance,” she said, “just for a one-night fun time. We hit it off very well, he asked me for another date, and the rest is history.” ■

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Utt Center Supporters Dedicate New Library Wing

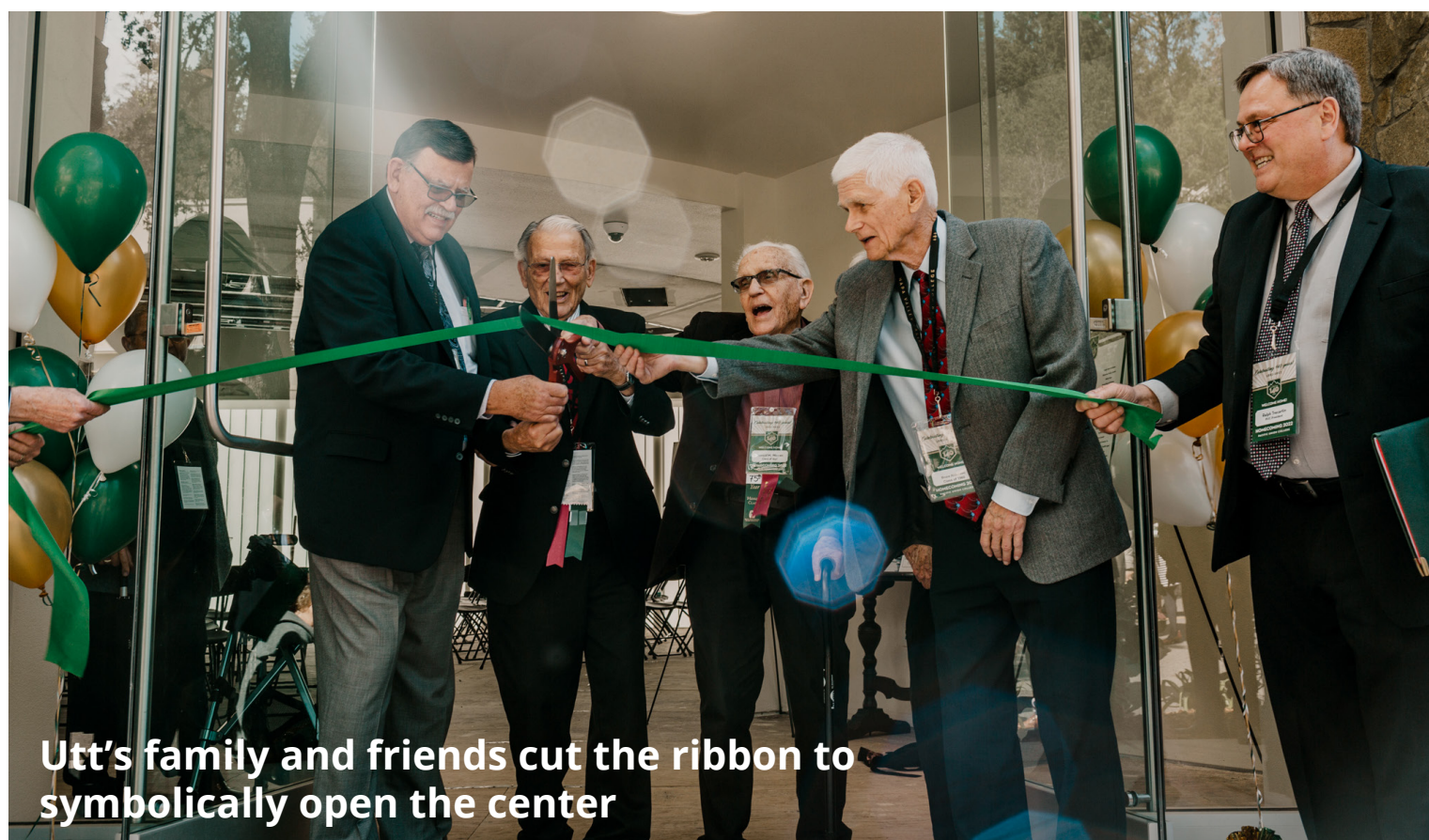
By Abigail Mayan

On Saturday, April 16, PUC held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to officially dedicate the Walter Utt Center, located in the new wing of the Nelson Memorial Library.

Construction on the building project is not yet completed, but according to Utt Center Director Eric Anderson, it is expected to be finished by July. As it stands, the flooring has yet to be installed, along with electrical work and furnishings.

Despite construction still being underway, the dedication took place early in order for alumni who fundraised and donated to the project to be able to attend during Homecoming Weekend. A posterboard hung for the dedication displayed a blueprint showing what the finished project will become. The finished center will include a new conference room, upstairs offices and downstairs archival storage.

Many attended the dedication, including friends and family of Walter Utt himself. During the event, which was held in the future conference room, supporters of the project



Utt's family and friends cut the ribbon to symbolically open the center

recounted their favorite memories of Utt.

As the ceremony came to a close, Anderson announced his plans to retire as director and the appointment of his successor, Carl Wilcox. Anderson will see the project to the

end of its construction before his departure.

Following the dedication, the audience moved outside for the ribbon cutting which was followed by a round of applause from the audience. ■

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on campus change in a way that benefits everyone," he said.

One of Penners' main goals is to facilitate "more opportunity for students to want to create bills and have their ideas heard," and he promises to be a listening ear for their opinions and concerns. "I want students to know that we do have a large influence on campus, and we can create all kinds of positive change," he said.



Paola Velazquez Reyes

Financial Vice President

Paola Velazquez Reyes, a junior accounting major, was elected as the Student Association's new financial vice president. She believes the position to be "a great way to learn and gain more experience in [her] field of study."

Velazquez Reyes recounted her past working experience in finance, including her current position as an accounting and payroll assistant, which prepared her by teaching her ahead of time the skills she will need when managing the budget and payroll for the Student Association. She also feels prepared by her leadership experience as an RA at Andre Hall.

Velazquez Reyes shared that two of her goals include making sure that "money is being used effectively and efficiently" and setting office hours so that students can visit and ask questions.

Social Vice President

Social vice president-elect Eden Salazar, a freshman English major, wants the student body to know that she "absolutely loves talking about new ideas and what they want to see. I am always open to hear from you and am very excited to see what we do next school year!" she said.



Eden Salazar

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GASP's Campus Return Provides Community for Queer Students

By Lauren Jones

After two years online, the student-run support group for LGBTQ+ students, Gay and Straight People (GASP), returned to in-person events for the 2021-22 school year.

"The pandemic cut our numbers severely," admitted Nat Nguyen, president of GASP. "I want to reestablish GASP to the new freshmen on campus. Just to let them know that GASP is there for them, in the same way that GASP was there for me when I was a freshman."

For Nguyen, GASP's greatest impact is the community that it fosters. The meetings provide a shared space for LGBTQ+

students on campus and a place for for non-LGBTQ+ students to show support for their queer friends. Both faculty and students attend the meetings, and often engage in discussion regarding sexual orientation and gender identity, along with other unrelated topics. "Sometimes it's about queer stuff," Nguyen said, "but sometimes it's not."

This quarter, there will also be a renewed focus on the group's theme of "Our Place," with events held specifically for queer students on campus.

Meetings often include movie screenings and guest speakers. This past Thursday the

entertainment was the documentary feature, *The Right Girls*, centering on three young transgender women who immigrated to the United States. At least two speakers will be hosted by GASP this quarter, including a transgender PUC alum who will share her experience as a member of the church and LGBTQ+ community.

GASP meets at 7:30 p.m. every other Thursday in Davidian Hall 108. Keep an eye on the GASP Instagram for information about meetings and special events at [instagram.com/gasp.est.2008](https://www.instagram.com/gasp.est.2008). ■

Global Health Program Partners with Loma Linda

By Marina Maher

The global health program, housed in the Nursing and Health Sciences Department, has partnered with Loma Linda University to offer a bachelor of science degree in global health with a seamless transition to LLU's Master of Public Health in five years instead of the usual six.

The global health program is designed to offer students the opportunity to pursue health on a less clinical basis and more on a community and global scale.

The major's curriculum teaches students to develop skills in research, systemic analysis, writing, advocacy, surveying, education and awareness, and the ability to understand various cultural health beliefs and practices.

According to the National Center of Biotechnology Information, "Global health is a highly interdisciplinary, rapidly evolving field that spans health sciences and also bridges a broad range of academic disciplines, including agriculture, sociology, business, engineering, environmental sciences, law, English and psychology."

Program director Nancy Jacobo has

worked for PUC for 26 years. She served as director of the TLC until her retirement, but returned two years ago to chair the global health program because of her passion for public health.

"There are so many issues that we hear about like human trafficking and climate change, water scarcity, malnutrition—global health aims to impact that," she explained.

PUC decided to offer a global health degree due to rising national interest in the field and recognition of the importance of making a difference and giving to the world by tackling global issues.

After establishing the major, Jacobo wanted to expand it, so the administration reached out to Loma Linda University to create a partnership. She noted the global nature of the Seventh-day Adventist institution as a helpful factor in the partnership's development.

After a year of planning, they gained approval from both schools and introduced the 4+1, a seamless transition process for students graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Global Health from PUC in 4

years to Loma Linda University School of Public Health's Master of Public Health (MPH) in Global Health in 1 year.

"To me the most exciting part about directing this program is seeing how this thought has been developed," Jacobo said. "I thought it would be a really big challenge, but it was embraced by both PUC and Loma Linda boards and administration. God was leading that way and it was very rewarding."

"Our students should be able to get a rich experience worldwide and locally as well," she continued. "We would really like it to be hands-on, practical experience and not just textbook based. The world continues to shrink, and international interactions are becoming increasingly common. Our students need to be prepared to work in such a globalized world."

Enrollment for the global health program 4 + 1 track is now open for fall 2022. GLBH201, the introductory course, is offered in the fall and spring and is open to all students.

For more information about the global health program, contact njacobo@puc.edu. ■

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Title IX Serves as a Voice Against Sexual Assault

By Lauren Jones

This past April was Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM). The Title IX office explained the idea of SAAM as a nationally recognized month with the goals of educating students about sexual violence and ending rape culture.

“Sexual assault is a real and present issue,” their campus-wide email explained. “Much of the population is still uninformed on its prevalence and how it’s perpetuated.”

Since January, Title IX intern Kaila Respicio has worked with coordinator Tanya Healy to raise awareness for SAAM by engaging the community through a plethora of educational efforts and events on campus.

One of these was the information table stationed in the Dining Commons, where students could stop by to ask questions and receive information.

On April 14, a space was provided in the Grind for students to express themselves

and show solidarity for survivors of sexual assault by making art, a way for them to commit to standing against rape culture and participate in tasks to heal the mind.

A discussion was hosted in the Fireside Room on April 20 for students to talk about all aspects of their relationships, as well as ask questions about what is healthy in a relationship dynamic and what is not. Panelists included Judy Ness, Jim Wibberding, Sandy Sargent, Kaila Respicio and Libna Arroyo.

April 27 was Denim Day, which seeks to dispel harmful myths about sexual violence by inviting students to wear denim as a means of protesting victim blaming. A guest speaker from Napa NEWS gave a speech on the topic in Scales Chapel that same day.

The Title IX office’s primary goal is to connect with PUC’s community and to remind people that they are a resource

for students. Respicio states that another important goal is to “open up the conversation of sexual assault and destigmatize reporting so that it’s easier for people to get the help and services they need.” Title IX aims to provide assistance and to offer support in any way they can to any PUC student who is in need of help.

The events showed students that it is important to discuss sexual assault and raise awareness because it can happen anywhere to anyone. Bringing attention to the problem can prevent it from occurring more and can help destigmatize the topic.

“We believe it’s important to have these campaigns on college campuses since it’s such a common setting for sexual violence to occur. Especially in smaller communities where it’s not as easy to have these conversations, we want to make sure that people are informed and empowered and the resources and services available to them,” Respicio said. ■

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Salazar loves planning and getting people involved with campus activities. She wants to “give students the ability to build a community with consistent fun events,” and establish a published schedule so that students are aware of upcoming functions they can attend or get involved with.

Salazar sees herself as action-oriented, and knows the value of working in groups and asking for help saying, “I am always looking for others who want to be involved.”

Religious Vice President

Alma Ramirez, a sophomore theology major, was elected as Religious Vice President for 2022-23. She believes her theology studies will help her to create an environment where students can “grow in God’s word but also create a strong group and grow together,” she said.

Two of Ramirez’s specific goals include bringing vespers outdoors on occasion and having the programs feature more student speakers. “I would want vespers to be a community-led program where everyone has a say in how it should be run,” she said.

Ramirez is known for her high energy, but she also brings a warm and thoughtful



Alma Ramirez

outlook to the position. “My doors will always be open,” she said, “and if anyone needs a friend, someone to pray or talk with, or just a funny ‘dad joke,’ I’m here for you.”

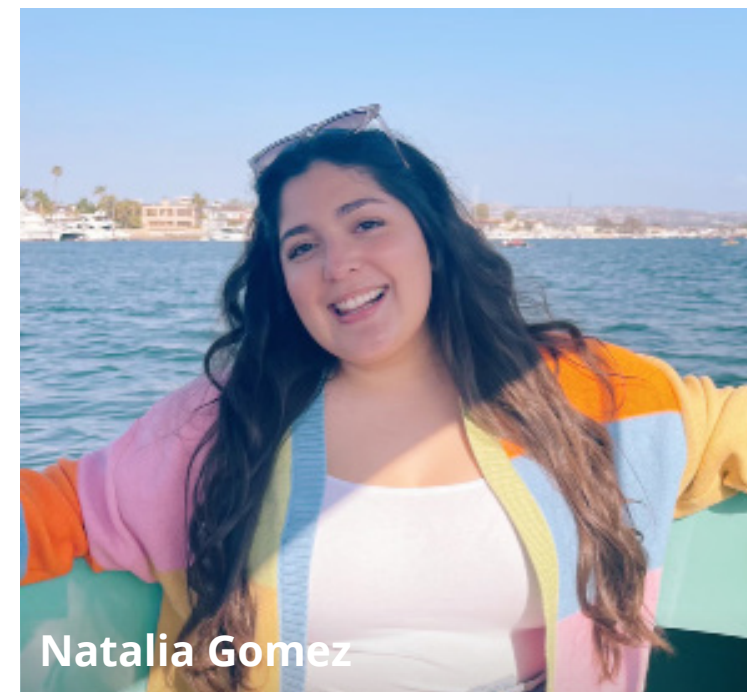
Vice President of Publications and Marketing

Junior graphic design major Natalia Gomez was elected as vice president for public relations and marketing. Equipped with past job experience and her graphic design studies, Gomez explained that she wanted to run for office because she “felt like it was a really great opportunity to grow as a designer as well as be able to serve PUC

in [her] last year on campus.”

One of her goals as an officer is to release new SA merchandise every quarter. “Whether that’s a series of stickers or t-shirts, I feel like unique merch is really exciting to see around campus,” she said.

Speaking on what she wants the student body to know about her, Gomez said, “I have a big heart and I care a lot about everyone around me. I am just excited to be able to work with them and for them in representing PUC as a great place to be.” ■



Natalia Gomez

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Angwin Food Pantry Feeds Community

By Madison Brogan

Twice per month, the Office of Service Learning invites students to volunteer with the Angwin Food Pantry (AFP). This service learning opportunity brings together students, staff, faculty and PUC Church members to serve those in need in the local community every other Thursday.

As case manager of the AFP since Sept. 2021, student social work intern Amadis Ortega described her role as overseeing the functions of the food pantry and ensuring that the clients are connected with the resources that the AFP is able to offer them. “A challenge that I have faced when case managing and volunteering at the food pantry is that a lot of the people in the Angwin community need other resources and it can be hard for them to get access to them for various reasons,” she stated.

While more resources are still needed to fully serve the needs of the community which AFP serves, the amount available has grown substantially since the program was

started in 2009 by professor of social work Monte Butler, who now works at Loma Linda University, and a group of his students. Food donations were previously held in the kitchen of the Fireside Room, but now a larger space behind the mailroom and copy center is being used as the donation space.

“I want to let you all know that we are always looking for volunteers and welcome you with open arms. The food pantry is a great way for you to meet new people and work with the Angwin community.”

Still, additional room is needed to better accommodate the amount of goods

provided. “Right now, the food pantry is working from a small space and [we] would love to see it grow and move into a bigger location where more items can be held,” Ortega said.

The AFP is open to the community on the first and third Thursdays of the month. Ortega encouraged students who want to serve the community to reach out, stating “for those of you interested in being part of the food pantry, I want to let you all know that we are always looking for volunteers and welcome you with open arms. The food pantry is a great way for you to meet new people and work with the Angwin community.” She also gave her thanks to the PUC Prep seniors for volunteering on the Thursday mornings in which the AFP is open. ■

FIND THE ANSWER, WIN FREE COFFEE!

In every issue we'll ask you a question with an answer hidden somewhere in the paper. The first person to find the answer and message us on Instagram @pucchronicle will win a free drink at the Grind! This week's question is:
True or False? Marguerite McHenry reported that *Life Online* was her favorite film at Sonscreen Film Fest.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Friday, April 29 | Vespers (Student Testimonies) — Dauphinee Chapel, 8 p.m. |
| Friday, April 29 | Water War — Maxwell Commons |
| Saturday, April 30 | Talent Show — Dauphinee Chapel, 9 p.m. (food at 8:30) |
| Thursday, May 5 | Doctor Strange Screening — Century Theater Napa Valley, 7 p.m. |
| Friday, May 6 | Vespers — Dauphinee Chapel, 8 p.m. |
| Sunday, May 8 | Ice Skating — Snoopy's Home Ice, 1 p.m. |

NOW HIRING

Bon Appetit is hiring students to fill kitchen positions at the Dining Commons next quarter, where they will serve meals and do light food preparation work. All necessary equipment and experience provided on the job. They are also looking to fill cashier positions. Cashier duties include cashiering at the register, stocking and cleaning the café and dining room. Interested students should email catering@puc.edu.

For more information visit <https://puc.joinhandshake.com/stu>. or scan the QR code below.

