



2024

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APRIL 19-20

P A C I F I C U N I O N C O L L E G E



WELCOME



Welcome to Homecoming 2024!

I understand what draws you back to Pacific Union College—it is memory.

You come back to Howell Mountain because you made lifelong friends here. You have memories of serious conversations, dubious pranks, and arduous achievements.

You remember certain professors, deans, and work supervisors – men and women who had high expectations and life-changing questions. These people who influenced your life linger in your mind.

You may be back this weekend, envisioning buildings that have vanished or trees that have fallen.

The reasons you love PUC are still strong and active in 2024.

The fashions may have changed, but today's students are still making promises, reflecting on what really matters and looking for God's leading.

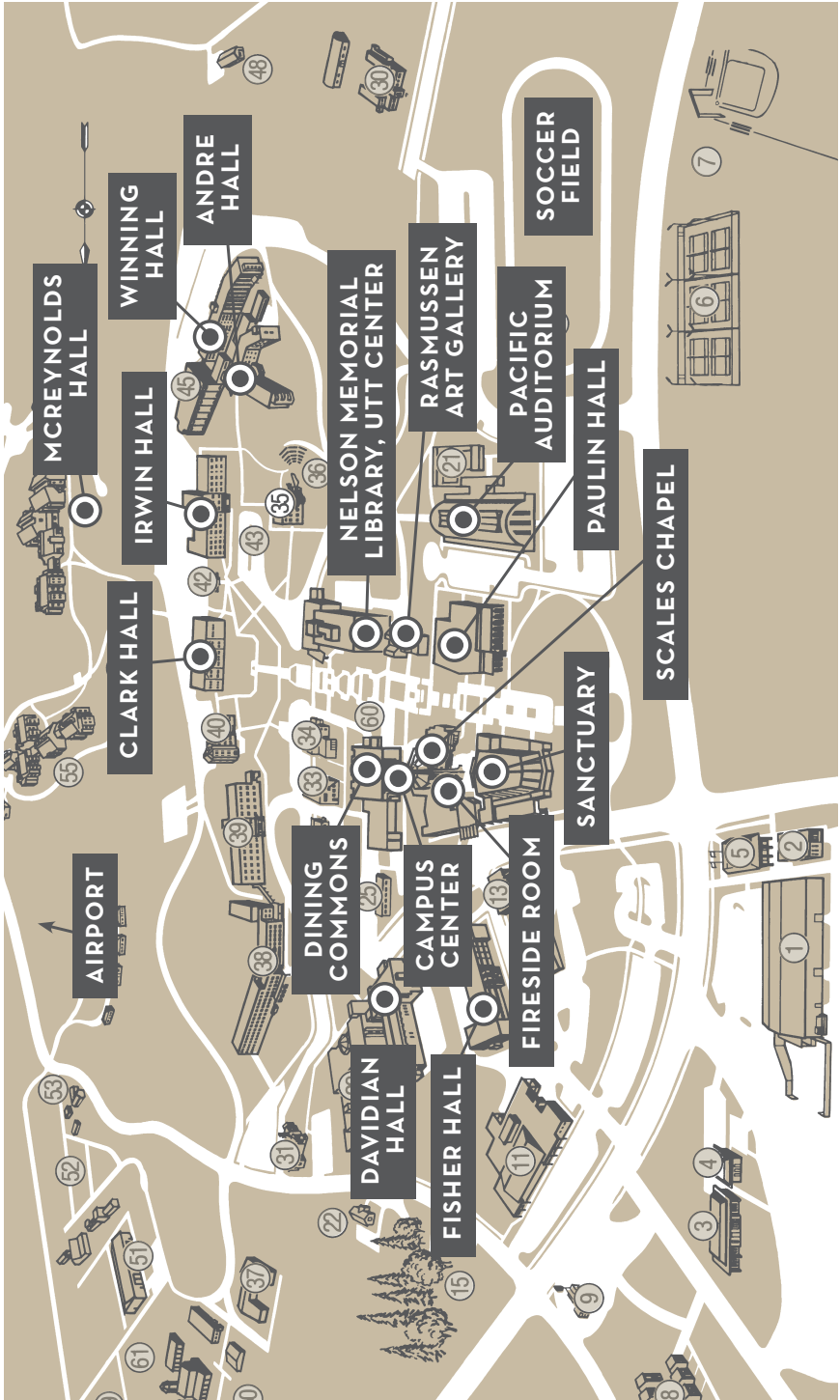
We are building, repairing, and innovating, but we haven't forgotten our mission and the words on our seal: "They shall be all taught of God."

Your intangible memories are the rock-solid foundation of this college.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ralph Trecartin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ralph Trecartin, Ph.D.

President, Pacific Union College



WEEKEND OVERVIEW

Friday, April 19

PUC Forest Guided Tours

Church loading zone. Driving tour includes Inspiration Point. Two vans each hour. First come, first serve.

3 & 4 p.m.

Homecoming Registration

Church Foyer, **5:30 - 8:30 p.m.**

Pioneer Dinner

Fireside Room, **6 p.m.**

Registration required.

Vespers

Church Sanctuary, **8 p.m.**

Speakers: Daniel and Carla Monnier

Saturday, April 20

Alumni Continental Breakfast

Fireside Room, **8 - 9:30 a.m.**

Hosted by the Class of '99, open to all

Homecoming Registration

Church Foyer, **9 - 11:45 a.m.**

Alumni Sabbath School

Church Sanctuary, **9:30 a.m.**

Speaker: R. Scott Alvord

Church Service

Honored Alumni Presentation

Church Sanctuary, **10:50 a.m.**

Speaker: Nate Furness

Alumni Lunch

Dining Commons, **11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

Mexican Cuisine Buffet

Registration required.

Visual Arts Faculty + Friends

Exhibition: Panoply

Rasmussen Art Gallery, **2 - 6 p.m.**

Earth Day Arts & Crafts

Clark Hall 301, **2 - 4 p.m.**

Hansen Wildlife Museum

Hansen Museum, May Pavilion,

Ground Level, **2 - 4 p.m.**

Wildflower Walk & Scavenger Hunt

PUC Airport, **2 - 4 p.m.**

Meet in the airport parking lot.

Academic Department Tours

2 - 4 p.m.

Business, Biology, Education, Music, Nursing, and Visual Arts

PUC Forest Guided Tours

Church loading zone. Driving tour includes Inspiration Point. Two vans each hour. First come, first serve,

2 & 3 p.m.

Campus Trees Walk

Meet in front of Clark Hall, **3 - 4 p.m.**

Friends of Walter C. Utt Gathering

Nelson Memorial Library Utt Center

3 p.m.

Alumni Concert Vespers

Scales Chapel, **5 p.m.**

Host: John Owens & Family

Alumni Supper

Fireside Room, **6 p.m.**

Waffle dogs for a suggested donation to the Howell Mountain Pathfinders.

Honored Class Parties, 6 p.m.

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GUEST SPEAKERS

R. Scott Alvord, '86



Scott Alvord, a dedicated leader and entrepreneur, was elected to the Roseville City Council in 2016 and re-elected in 2020. Known for his transparency

and responsiveness, Scott leads by example across neighborhood, business, and civic spheres, winning awards such as Favorite Local Business Person and Local Hero.

Passionate about community education, Scott founded the Roseville Volunteer Force and chairs the Economic Development Advisory Committee, among numerous other positions. As founder and CEO of Advanced Development Concepts, LLC, he helps businesses thrive.

Scott also previously owned the award-winning restaurant A Dash of Panache. Scott's extensive community involvement includes leadership in neighborhood associations, serving on boards like the Roseville Police Activities League, and founding the Roseville Coalition of Neighborhood Associations. Scott earned a bachelor's degree in computer science from Pacific Union College and a master's degree in business administration from Sacramento State University.

Scott and his wife Karen are the proud parents of seven adult children (some by birth, some through

adoption) and grandparents to 13. They have long called Roseville home. They've established and nurtured companies there and remain committed to inspiring positive change in the community.

Nate Furness, att. '95-'97



Nate Furness is the lead pastor of the Pacific Union College SDA Church. He attended Pacific Union College and graduated from Southern Adventist

University. In 2001, Nate started his ministry as an elementary teacher. He has been a pastor since 2006. He has completed a Master of Theological Studies at La Sierra University.

Nate lives in Angwin with his wife, Jennie, and their two sons, Alex and Anders. He enjoys cycling, snowboarding, and traveling with his family. Nate is dedicated to Christian education and is passionate about PUC. His hope, in his personal life and in the church community, is that we will reveal Jesus by loving one another.

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this, everyone will know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another." (John 13:34-35 NRSV)

Avery A. Browne, '85, '90 **2024 Honored Alumni Award**



Colonel Avery A. Browne retired after serving 30+ years as a United States Army Officer, with over 16 years of experience in command positions within the United States Army and the United States Army Reserve. Most recently, Colonel Browne was assigned to the 7452 Medical Operational Readiness Unit, where he served as OIC within the ICW, Special Projects Officer, and as a senior advisor to the BN commander.

He graduated from PUC with a nursing degree. He went on to earn a licensed Public Health Nurse certificate, and a Lifetime Teaching Credential in Health Occupations and Safety from the State of California. He also earned his State of California Basic, Intermediate, and Advanced Law Enforcement credentials from Santa Rosa Junior College and the California Highway Patrol Academy in Sacramento. In addition, he co-authored and implemented the Napa County Semi-automatic Defibrillator Program for EMTs, and was a member of the task force that developed a helicopter air rescue program for Napa County, CA. He also authored and instructed the Napa County Advanced Scope of Practice didactic and clinical certification for Advanced Scope of Practice EMTs in Angwin.

He was married to the late Deborah M.V. (Brown) Browne, '87. They have three sons, Kenneth, Brandon, and Davon.

Daniel, '13 and Carla (Bartlett), Monnier, '12 **2024 Honored Alumni Award**

Daniel Monnier attended Bakersfield Adventist Academy from K-12 and graduated from PUC in 2013 with a



bachelor's in business administration. He met his wife Carla at PUC. They were always in the gym playing basketball, eventually started talking and then dated. According to Daniel, Carla never beat him in 1:1 basketball. After graduating from PUC, he began working at AdventHealth in Orlando, Florida, in finance and transitioned to hospital operations to his current role of Director of Operations for AdventHealth Kissimmee. Daniel earned a Master in Healthcare degree from AdventHealth University and he and Carla reside in Apopka, Florida.

Carla Monnier attended Mesa Grande Academy and graduated from PUC with an exercise science degree in 2012. She met her husband, Daniel at the PUC cafeteria after her brother Casey introduced them. Their first real conversation took place at the gym. Carla went to physical therapy school at Loma Linda University and graduated in 2015. She worked as a neuro physical therapist for two years until she went into orthopedic residency. Now, she works as a youth and young adult pastor at WholeLife Church in Orlando.

**Michael and Plerm
(Charoensaengsanga)
Sample, '83, '84, '86
2024 Honored Pioneers Award**

The youngest of six, Plerm Sample was born in 1962 in Bangkok, Thailand, to Chinese parents from China. After studying in Hong Kong, she graduated from PUC with two A.S. degrees in 1983 and 1984 and a B.S. degree in 1986 in office administration. She worked for PUC student finance as a student and later as staff but found her passion working for the library in 1989, especially as the acquisitions technician since 1994.

Michael Sample, the oldest of three, was born in 1951 in Mexico, Missouri, to Robert and Betty Sample.



He grew up in Missouri, graduated from Ozark Adventist Academy, and attended Union College and Weimar College. A few years later, Michael went back to Weimar as a facilities maintenance worker and then as a water treatment operator. After Weimar, he worked in American Canyon, where he cross-trained in water, water distribution, and wastewater treatment, becoming certified in all three. After working 23 years for the City of St. Helena water and wastewater treatment plants, he retired in 2016. Retired but not tired,

Michael accepted the invitation to work for PUC water and wastewater treatment plants, where he continues to passionately serve to this day.

**Tad Worku, '08, '14, and '15
2024 Honored Alumni Award**



Tad Worku is a family nurse practitioner, educator, musician, and a mission coach at Inland Empire Health Plan. At his core, Tad is committed to his purpose and serving those around him.

He is a Daisy Award winner, the Vanderbilt Outstanding Family Nurse Practitioner Student of the Year, the Loma Linda University Health Emergency Nurse of the Year, the Loma Linda University Children's Hospital Child Life Hero awardee, and more. He describes every recognition as a blessing and affirmation that he is doing purposeful work.

In 2012, Tad was set to embark on an international tour and release his debut pop album, for which he received grant funding. Instead, Tad canceled his tour, returned his financing, and stepped away from music entirely in search of a more profound calling.

That decision prompted Tad to become an emergency nurse at a level-one trauma center in Southern California. He credits six years as an ER nurse as the inspiration of the music he began to write as he processed his experiences as a clinician.

In 2020, Tad reunited with his award-winning team of musicians and released his debut album. He uses his stories and healthcare experiences to create new music that inspires hope in listeners.

Dan Wyrick, '77, '84 **2024 Honored Alumni Award**



Dan Wyrick's whole life was filled with a love for education and nature and was a testament to his faith. He was born in Northern Cali-

fornia and attended Pine Hills Junior Academy and Sacramento Adventist Academy. At PUC, he earned a bachelor's degree in biology and a master's in teaching.

Dan's career was deeply rooted in Adventist education, serving as principal, classroom teacher, editor of science textbooks, and, most recently, leading outdoor education programs. His classroom teaching years were at Pine Hills Adventist Academy, Fort Bragg Adventist Elementary School, and Lodi SDA Elementary School, and even as a teacher of teachers for the PUC education department.

Dan strongly believed in the value of education beyond the indoor classroom and curated and led programs on the coast at the Albion Field Station, in the deserts and fossil beds of Nevada's Great Basin, and a myriad of other locations along the West Coast.

Dan passed away on February 8, 2024, and is survived by his wife Chris and daughters Aimee and Emilie.

John, '99 and Catherine **(Bennett) Owens, '98**

Worshiping through music has been a part of the Owens family from the beginning. John and Catherine first met while in Pro Musica at PUC. They continued to be active in leading worship during their time at Loma Linda University where John attended medical school. This passion for worship continued as they pursued their careers and raised their children, even as the Lord moved them to multiple states, churches, and ministries.

Currently living in Knoxville, Tennessee, John practices as a physician, while Catherine, "retired" as a formal educator, homeschools



both their children, Madeleine and Sam. Madeleine has spent two years in Kansas City studying music and worship. Sam, graduating from high school this year, actively leads in worship as part of multiple groups. The Owens family's ongoing passion is leading people to recognize and enjoy the presence of Jesus through the Holy Spirit.

VESPERS

Church Sanctuary | 8 p.m. | April 19

Welcome

Ralph Trecartin, PUC President

Music

PUC Praise Team

Adam Parker, '24; TJ Ussery, '25; Leila Beltran, '26; Dani Tarango, '27;
Kyra Grant, '26; Taytan Bereket, '26; Lilliana Chaffee, '27;
Christian De Jesus, '25; Ronnie Zanella; Lem Garcia, '09

Opening Prayer

Ashley Castro Rodriguez, '25, Student Association Religious Vice President

School Song

"Our College on the Mountain" (See music on page 19)

PUC Praise Team

Mission to Kenya

Ryan Smith, Vice President for Student & Spiritual Life,
Gabriel Manzano, '25

Mission Spotlight Video

Kindra (Hablitzel) Griessert, '99 and Family

Introduction of Speakers

Hernan Granados, '99

Alumni Speakers

Daniel, '13 and Carla (Bartlett) Monnier, '12

Benediction

Anna Ramos, '25

Postlude

PUC Praise Team

SABBATH SCHOOL

Church Sanctuary | 9:30 a.m. | April 20

Song Service

James Ball, Facilities
Elle Wheeler, '79

Welcome

Lindsay Hayasaka
Vice President for Academic Administration

Panel Discussion

“Rise in Faith: Spirituality at PUC”
Lem Garcia, '09, PUC Church Associate Pastor for
Worship and Administration, moderator
Nate Furness, att. '95-'97, PUC Church Lead Pastor
Hernan Granados, '99, Athletic Director
Christian De Jesus, '25; Catherina Garcia, '24,
Daneca Nelson, '24, Ashley Castro Rodriguez, '25

Introduction of Speaker

Craig Philpott, '86, Director of Institutional Research

Presentation

“Integrating Faith and Leadership”
R. Scott Alvord, '86

Benediction

Nahomi Mendoza-Mayen, '27

CHURCH SERVICE

Church Sanctuary | 10:50 a.m. | April 20

Prelude

“Fanfare for a Farewell,” by Paul Fey
“Improvisation on In Christ Alone,” by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend,
Arr. by Benjamin Cull; Ronnie Zanella, Assistant Professor of Music

Welcome

Nate Furness, att. '95-'97, PUC Church Lead Pastor
Ralph Trecartin, PUC President

Presentation of Honored Alumni

Avery Browne, '85, '90; Daniel, '13 and Carla (Bartlett) Monnier, '12;
Tad Worku, '08, '14, '15; Dan Wyrick, '77, '84, '04

Presentation of Honored Pioneers

Michael and Plerm (Charoensaengsanga), Sample, '83, '84, '86

Honored Alumni and Pioneers presented by Carignane von Pohle, '10
and Ralph Trecartin, PUC President

In Memoriam

Ringling of the Healdsburg Bell
Milbert Mariano, '91,
Dean of the School of Arts, Humanities, & Professional Studies

Call to Worship

“Awake, My Soul,” by Elaine Hagenberg
Ronnie Zanella, Assistant Professor of Music, Conductor
Pacific Union College Chorale

Invocation

Lilliana Chaffee, '27

Hymn of Praise

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor,” Hymn #230,
arr. by Dan Millier and Rachelle (Berthelsen) Davis
Pacific Union College Chorale and Orchestra
Rachelle (Berthelsen) Davis, '94, Professor of Music, Conductor

Alumni Roll Call

Amanda (Umek) Granados, '99
Sam Heier, '99, Executive Director of Financial Administration

Offering Appeal

Kaitlyn Nakanishi, '24, Student Association President

Offertory

“Forevermore,” by Dan Forrest
Pacific Union College Chorale and Orchestra

Scripture

Gayle (Wilson) Haeger, '64

Prayer

Ernie Burse, '64

Prayer Response

“Welcome Home,” words and music by Tad Worku
Tad Worku, '08, '14, '15

Introduction of Speaker

Jonathan Wheeler, '84

Message

Nate Furness, att. '95-'97, PUC Church Lead Pastor

Hymn of Response

“A Song of Heaven and Homeland,” Hymn #427
Corla Crase, '74; Ronnie Zanella, Assistant Professor of Music

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Benediction

Isaías Jacobo, '74

Postlude

“Toccata” from Suite Gothique, Op. 25, by Léon Boëllmann

Ronnie Zanella, Assistant Professor of Music



FRIENDS OF WALTER C. UTT

Nelson Memorial Library Utt Center, 3 p.m.

Invocation

Welcome

Dr. Ralph Trecartin, PUC President,
Bruce Anderson, '60, Chair of the Utt Committee

Farewell to Ted Utt

“Walter C. Utt, Teacher: How He Did It”

Eric Anderson, PUC Professor Emeritus of History

The Class of 1964 Remembers

Ted Mackett, '64

The Class of 1974 Remembers

Jim Pedersen, '74

Your Recollections of Walter Utt

“Teaching Truth: Walter Utt’s Legacy of Narrative History”

Karl Wilcox, Director of the Utt Center, PUC Utt Professor of History

EVENING VESPERS

Scales Chapel | 5 p.m. | April 20

Welcome

Ralph Trecartin, PUC President

Musical Selections

John, '99 and Catherine (Bennett) Owens, '98 and family



*Thank you to all the volunteers, alumni, faculty,
and staff who have helped curate this year's
Homecoming weekend program.*



Come and spend time with fellow bird lovers and alumni to relive your favorite college memories and catch up with the Biology department. Join us for worship and participate in a variety of activities and outings focused on coastal birds & biology.

TWO EVENTS, ONE WEEKEND!

Birding Bonanza - August 22-25
3 nights and 8 meals at Albion Field Station

Alumni Retreat - August 23-25
2 nights and 5 meals at Albion Field Station

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AT REST

I heard a voice out of Heaven, "Write this: Blessed are those who die in the Master from now on; how blessed to die that way."

"Yes" says the Spirit, "and blessed rest from their hard, hard work. None of what they've done is wasted; God blesses them for it all in the end."

—REVELATION 14:13, THE MESSAGE BIBLE

Alumni

James W. (Jim) Ashlock,
'57, '58
Lawrence D. Bennett, '71
Arthur Bigelow, '66
Kevin S. Boggs, '87
George Boghosian Jr., '80
James Carritte
Charleen R (Kunza)
Davidson, '78
Robert Douglas Chong,
Att. '80s
Curtis W. Dybdahl, '75
Allison D. Fox, '01
Lela M. (Rathmann)
Franzman, '46
Nathan Lee Garcia, '04
Sarah Jean (Geraty) Gard,
'42, '45, '66
Roy T. Gee, '64
Patricia (Martin) Hare,
Att. '50s
Lucy M. (Pratt) Heald,
'44, '47
Mae L. Holland, '49
Dale M. Isaëff M.D., '61
Laurel Anne (Mundall)
Jones, '49
Gary Klemp, '63
Ralph J. LaFave, '59

Don P. Lane, '66
William Edward Maddox,
'52, '71
Darlene E. (Marsh)
Milholland, '79
R. Merrel Olesen M.D., '54
Carol J. (Trecartin)
Pontynen, '55, '68
Kathryn D. Ratzel, '73
Gwynne M. Richardson, '58
Marilyn Lavonne (Miller)
Rollins, '51
Dennis Brian Ruuska,
Att. '60s
Orville Kenneth Scheller, '59
Jerry L. Schull M.D., '60
Malek Sheen, '19, '23
Onitta M. (Williams) Smith,
'54
Esther Johanna (Pavla)
Tarangle, '44, '47, '50
Mark Alan Umek, Att. '68
Ted P. Utt M.D., '46, '47
Donald M. Warren Ph.D., '47
Dan John Wyrick, '77, '84, '04

Faculty & Staff

Ivan Blazen
Fredrick E. Hess
Bruce E. Ivey
Serhii Kalynovs'kyi
Fred Kinsey
Ronald Karl Qualley

CLASS PARTIES

1953, 1954, 1955

Fireside Room, **6 p.m.**
George Evans
gothbergevs@gmail.com

1963, 1964, 1965

Dining Commons, Room A & B
6 p.m.
Ernie Bursey
ernie.bursey@ahu.edu
407-312-9614

1973, 1974, 1975

Dining Commons, Room C, **6 p.m.**
Alumni & Advancement Department
alumni@puc.edu
(707) 965-7500

1974 Nursing Department

Davidian Hall Room 108, **4:30 p.m.**
Arlene (Emerson) Badzik
funloverab@yahoo.com
916-804-2508

1983, 1984, 1985

Rita Hoshino Campus Center
6 - 7 p.m.
Patrick Benner
pbenner@puc.edu

1993, 1994, 1995

Andre Rec Room, **6 p.m.**
Tad Fuller
tfuller@puc.edu

1998, 1999, 2000

Hirdler Residence, **6 p.m.**
Sam Heier
3 College Avenue, Angwin, CA 94508
sbheier@gmail.com

2003, 2004, 2005

Fireside Room, **6 p.m.**
DeAnna Cordis
dcordis@puc.edu

2013, 2014, 2015

Fireside Room, **6 p.m.**
Alumni & Advancement Department
alumni@puc.edu

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OUR COLLEGE ON THE MOUNTAIN

Words By—George H. Jeys

Music By—Margaret Vollmer



Our college on the moun-tain, Among thy fir clad hills, The light of inspi-
Pacific Union College, The pride of all our hearts, The school where book and
Dear school on Howell Mountain, Thy loyal sons we'll be, We'll none of class dis-



ra - tion my heart with rapture fills; We love each precious moment that in thy
Nature each plays its proper part, Dear "College in the Crater," we love you
tinc - tions, we'll stand for liberty. We'll carry forth thy message to all the



halls we spend, Thy principles shall guide us unto our jour - ney's end
more and more; Your halls, your hills, your wood - paths, we all of them a - dore.
wait - ing land In spirit of un - self - ish love, in purpose true and grand!



P. U. C. is our school you know, we're P. U. C.-ites where'er we go. P. U. C. we all



love you sol May we always be, Dear Old P. U. C., loyal to Thee!

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