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Living the Legacy: A Journey to Serve

Pacific Union College is truly blessed. There is no better word for the privilege, year after year, of offering Christ-centered instruction and inspiration — this unique confluence of knowledge, community, and spiritual enrichment that is the Adventist Advantage — to so many wonderful young people. In fact, in the course of this particular school year, over 180 dedicated students have stepped into the classrooms of one of the finest Christ-centered learning communities available.

For many of our students, the initial steps of their undergraduate journey were taken long before they registered for their first class at PUC. A number of our students came to us at a much younger age through PacificQuest, PUC’s unique summer study program. This summer, PacificQuest celebrates 20 years of success in offering burgeoning young academics a chance to experience higher education well before their first day of college. For others, their journey includes particular challenges and exciting opportunities, as they are the first in their families to access higher education. With more than a quarter of the PUC student body comprised of first-generation pioneers, the college’s commitment to its students’ academic experience has paid significant dividends in keeping them interested and engaged with our faith-based curriculum. These students’ successes are all the more laudable for the tenacity they show. Additionally, PUC’s retention rate for its first-generation students is 87 percent, an achievement that is quite atypical in higher education. We are incredibly proud of them and of the role their professors and mentors play in their accomplishments.

For over 11 decades, PUC’s commitment to developing servants for Christ has resulted in over 25,000 alumni worldwide. Their journeys do not end on our campus. Once students complete their course of study at PUC, most leave the campus seeking to fulfill the unique purpose Christ has designed just for them. Our faithful alumni honor us, and, more importantly, they honor our Creator and Savior through their deep commitment to service.

As PUC pioneers travel the long roads of their individual journeys, be it to the Ebola-ravaged wards of Monrovia, the refugee camps along Thailand’s border, or to the narrow, foggy tracks of Europe on two wheels, those who meet them will be changed. And, when the journey leads our alumni home to visit the “College on the Mountain,” we will hear their stories and recognize how the years of dedicated support and encouragement from professors, tutors, mentors, and spiritual leaders have formed a living legacy of PUC in our students.

Heather J. Knight, Ph.D. President

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Cycling for Chad
Alum rides across Europe to serve

Martin Sumidge

When Brandon Teshenriker, ‘12, was young, he rarely rode his bicycle longer than four or five miles at a time, and never more than that. He grew up, entered college and did not think much about biking, going years without fixing a flat or gripping slippery handlebars in the rain. Perhaps it was the discomfort of long-distance cycling that dissuaded him from jumping back onto his bicycle that sat unused at home, but Brandon’s understanding of discomfort would change in the months he spent serving at a surgery center in the Central African nation of Chad. He volunteered at the Moundou Adventist Surgery Center, a site affiliated with Loma Linda University’s Global Health Institute, where, in Chad’s second largest city, that effectively functions without a public water or sanitation system, typical cases include malaria and typhoid, hysterectomies, abscesses, infections and open bone fractures.

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While working at the clinic, Brandon was able to see the need for an expanded laboratory in order for the staff at the surgery center to better serve the local population of over a quarter million people. Even though he graduated from PUC with a degree in chemistry and had knowledge of scientific equipment, Brandon realized that the particular tool with which he would be able to make the biggest impact was not a test tube or microscope, but a bicycle. He realized that the time away from home, his decision to defer medical school, and his desire to travel beyond Chad could be put to use in a long-distance cycling fundraiser across Northwestern Europe, asking for donations online as he rode through Scandinavia, Germany, France and up into the British Isles. After his service in Chad had concluded and he had spent time researching exactly what gear he would need, Brandon put his 50¢/mile plan into action. On a Trek 7.4 FX Disc 2013, he tackled the narrow country lanes and hills of the European countryside, often thick with fog, reaching top speeds of 56.6 kph. He used the problem-solving skills he attributes to his laboratory classes and the interpersonal skills he learned from working as a dormitory resident assistant to meet many new people from a variety of cultures, navigate by cell phone across the continent, combat a variety of difficult weather and terrain along the way, and overcome some intimidating language barriers.

He shared what it was like riding solo across Europe in some of the worst moments: “Some days saw me fighting strong winds while shivering, hands barely functioning enough to grip the handlebars. Spending time on the roads, I felt like the most difficult part, especially when the weather was poor and I was tired from the previous day.”

It wasn’t all bad however. Brandon enjoyed camping in ancient stone ruins and even meeting Europeans of the non-human variety, specifically some rather charming goats and dogs in Ireland. He eventually clocked over 4,000 miles, all while raising money for the rural clinic in Chad that he had come to know so intimately. “I got to know the doctor stationed there as well as the hospital staff and I made a real connection with them,” he said. “I knew exactly how the money would be spent—on expanding the lab—and felt comfortable asking for donations as I could guarantee it would not be wasted.”

In a November post on Brandon’s fundraising Facebook page, Scott and Bekki Gardner, the husband and wife medical team who lead the medical mission at Moundou Adventist Surgery Center, shared that “donations are starting to come in and we are starting the lab expansion as we speak.”

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Brandon, an experienced cyclist, but Brandon saw many experienced cyclists, but Brandon saw during his time at PUC that adventurous, service-oriented living can be an integral part of being a Christian in the twenty-first century. “PUC seems to be really focused on missions a lot, which is great,” he said. “I think that hearing other people’s adventures, whether personal or service related, inspired me. In addition, the diversity of PUC’s student body really made me interested in seeing more of the world.”

Brandon is now home, working at a hospital, and preparing to start medical school. He hasn’t given up his desire to see more of the world from the vantage point of his bicycle, and might even do something similar in the future. “It is well worth it,” he said. “World travel and service can completely open up your understanding of the world and it brings about personal growth at an accelerated pace.”

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William Shakespeare isn’t new. To-day, the 16th century playwright’s works are some of the most read, published, and performed in the world. Modern audiences are hearing the Bard’s works in a new way, thanks to a band of academicians and actors that includes PUC professor Thorvald Aagaard, ’01.

What’s making these performances new is actually something as old as Shakespeare himself: Original Pronunciation. Original Pronunciation, or OP, is a dialect that is as near as possible a reproduction of how words sounded in Shakespeare’s time. “This dialect contains seeds of all of our accents,” explains Aagaard, even though no language today is an exact replica of it.

For three weeks in July 2014, Aagaard, who coordinates PUC’s drama program as well as teaching in the department of English, traveled to London to work with a company to present Shakespeare in Original Pronunciation as part of the Shakespeare’s Globe’s “Read not Dead” series. The group performed a series of pieces in the Wannamaker Playhouse—a new indoor, candle-lit stage near the Globe Theatre—that is a close historical reconstruction of Blackfriars Theatre, a popular London theatre in Shakespeare’s day. One of the main interests of the Shakespeare’s Globe was showcasing the unique sound of Original Pronunciation and introducing theatergoers to a new way of performing Shakespeare.

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Serving as Master of Pronunciation for the Passion in Practice company was Crystal’s father, David Crystal, the leading scholar in the area of Original Pronunciation. Ben Crystal invited him to join the group at the Wannamaker Playhouse, which opened in January 2014. Aagaard and the group were some of the first to have significant rehearsal time in the brand new stage space, and part of their experience was exploring the limitations and possibilities of how the unusual space could be used. Beyond exploring pronunciations, the team also played with the sightlines in the two-story theatre and the unusual opportunities presented by candles on sconces and adjustable chandeliers.

The company produced three shows for the Globe series. One of the shows was an illustrated lecture by David Crystal on OP, with actors speaking lines in OP to showcase his points. “Songs and Sonnets” was a production in which composers were brought in to work with pieces of poetic text. They closed their residency with the Globe’s work on performing Shakespeare.

Aagaard’s own interest in Shakespeare and theater started young. “I insisted my family watch puppet shows when I was two years old,” he describes. “I was performing from then on.” As a PUC student, he performed in the college’s Shakespeare productions, including The Tempest of the Shrew and Much Ado About Nothing. Later, Aagaard acted with the Napa Valley Shakespeare Festival in productions of A Comedy of Errors, The Merchant of Venice, and more. “I’ve been doing Shakespeare constantly since I was a student here at PUC,” he said. He built up an acting rapport in the Bay Area for several years, worked for the San Francisco Shakespeare Festival doing school tours and summer shows, and worked with the Lake Tahoe Shakespeare Festival.

Later, Aagaard moved to London, where he appeared in mainstage roles with British companies and made friends who connected him to Ben Crystal. He also chose to return to the world of academics by pursuing an MFA at the University of Exeter. When the drama position came open at PUC, the timing was right; Aagaard joined the faculty in 2011.

While his most common audience is now PUC’s students, Aagaard finds satisfaction there as well. “With teaching, you don’t quite get that buzz, but there is something more lasting about the satisfaction you get,” he describes. “It goes a little bit deeper than the performance does.”

Whether acting in Original Pronunciation or teaching students in Fundamentals of Drama class, Aagaard finds fulfillment helping others understand and embrace theater. He says, “I don’t want to give up performing in any sense, but teaching is something I want to give up either.”
The Legacy of PacificQuest
Summer program inspires young scholars

Emily Mathe

SUMMER CAMP IS A FAMILIAR CONCEPT TO HUNDREDS of elementary and middle school kids—it’s a place to make new friends, practice teamwork and cooperation, and build leadership skills. Much of the time, this experience is supplemented by outdoor activities, games, and sports. However, the PacificQuest program offered by PUC presents a different approach: a scholarly, collegiate setting where seventh, eighth, and ninth grade students can expand their knowledge of core subjects while meeting people their age with similar interests. PacificQuest (often abbreviated to PQ), allows motivated students to challenge themselves with college-level courses, gain an hour of college credit for their effort, and a 1500 scholarship to PUC—should they choose to attend.

Initially called “Brain Camp,” the summer program was initiated in 1999 by academic dean Charles Bell. A year later, Lloyd Best and Jennifer Wareham Best were invited to direct and develop the program, which they renamed “PacificQuest” to reference the name of the college as well as the continuing adventure and search for knowledge. Huge effort went into planning and creating the one-week program: professors were selected to develop and teach the courses, application forms were mailed to schools and academies in the Pacific Union, and student applications were reviewed by directors who made the final decision on which of the many applicants to admit.

The Bests quickly realized that there were significant hurdles to running PacificQuest. “Filling every hour with worthwhile, interesting, and challenging activities requires a lot of energy,” stated Lloyd Best. However, they also witnessed the program bear fruit through the relationships the young people forged with each other, as well as with PUC faculty. “Many students formed new friendships with others with similar interests and abilities,” continued Best. “Many bonded with PUC leaders and faculty, and wanted to return summer after summer. PUC has definitely benefited from these students as they returned for their college days, and several faculty have benefited by being challenged to find new ways to teach and to explore high impact learning activities.”

Aimee Wyrick-Brownworth, professor of biology, inherited the PacificQuest mantle from the Bests in 2008, directing the program for two years, then becoming Camp & Academic Director in 2010 and Academic Director through 2011-2013. “The program grew out of the demand we saw at the junior high/early high school level for an academically challenging program,” Wyrick stated. “The program creators wanted to provide an opportunity for talented students to meet and work with each other in an environment where their academic interests were fostered.”

Everyone who orchestrated the program has worked tirelessly to balance class time with elements of fun and spontaneity. The current camp director, Sydney Johnston, who put together the summer 2014 and 2015 programs, planned regular evening activities in addition to the daytime schedule. For the students, Johnston says PacificQuest provides them with “an opportunity to have something fun and educational. College credit, scholarships, friendships, and an on-campus ‘college experience.’”

The PacificQuest program has bolstered PUC’s reputation as a college that stimulates scholastic curiosity. “The students who participate get to experience PUC and meet teachers at an early age,” said Wyrick. “The PQ students who choose PUC for college know of its outstanding academics and have experienced the all-around community we are known for.”

From PacificQuest to PUC
The PacificQuest program will celebrate its 20th anniversary this summer. We commend the many students who have found intellectual and social growth by attending the camp, and are proud of the PQ alumni currently attending college at PUC!

“Even though I hadn’t really been thinking about college options at the time, PacificQuest really put PUC on my radar. After two summers at PacificQuest, coming to PUC as a freshman felt to me like I was returning to a very friendly, familiar place!” — Emily Mathe, senior English and communication major

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Each spring, Pacific Union College alumni from around the world return home to the College on the Mountain. Homecoming Weekend offers a time for alumni, students, and friends of the college to visit with favorite professors, catch up with old friends, and make new ones.
Celebrating Service

A ttoned friends gathered at "Our College on the Mountain" in Angwin, Calif., for Homecoming Weekend April 17 to 19, 2015. Launching the weekend’s activities, President Heath e J. Knight hosted a Friday evening dinner recognizing and celebrating the many con tributions and overall excellence of PUC alumni in countless fields of endeavor and mission service throughout the world. Each year, Honored Alumni awards are given to graduates who demonstrate the passion for answering God’s call to be a light in the world. Individuals recognized as 2015 PUC Hon eed Alumni were Stanley G. Payne, Ph.D., ’55; Jerold Beeve, M.D., ’61 and Dorothy (Dunscombe) Beeve, R.N., ’63; Judy (Olson) Aitken, R.N., ’74; Norman Low, M.D., ’76; and Carolyn (Lai) Low, R.N., ’74 and James Appel, M.D., att. ’94-’95. The PUC Honored Pioneer Award was created to honor a non-alumnus who has made a significant impact at Pacific Union College. This year, Ada Worku was awarded this very special recognition. A weekend full of more opportunities to recognize the spirit of service and compas sion found in the PUC Family followed the Honored Alumni and Pioneer dinner.

The first recipient of this year’s Honored Alumnus Award was recognized for authoritative understanding of history’s challenges and intricacies. Stanley Payne, Ph.D., ’53, is a respected historian, prolific author, and the leading scholar on the study of modern Spain and European fascism. Inspired by beloved professor of history Walter C. Uff, Ph.D., Payne pursued the life of the academic and received his doctorate at Columbia University. He has published more than 30 books, written countless articles, and retired as professor emeritus at Wisconsin Madison in 2007.

2015 HONORED PIONEER AND ALUMNI

Ada Worku, M.A., M.S.L.S.

Worku received the 2015 Honored Pioneer award, which is given to a non-graduate for exceptional service to the college, in recognition of his exceptional dedication to the power and freedom of education. The director of library services at PUC since 1989, Worku’s path to the Nelson Memorial Library began in northwest Ethiopia, where his parents taught him an agrarian life. It took a freak accident to break the cycle of illiteracy for Worku. Determined to learn, he completed eighth grade at the age of 22 and high school at the age of 26. He now holds two master’s degrees from Andrews University and a master of library science from the University of Southern California.

A community leader, talented musician, poet, and author, Worku appreciates Christian education and has gifted that transformational education to others. The Worku-Jenber School in his home village in Ethiopia now educates thousands of boys and girls, providing them access to brighter futures because of this Pioneer’s generosity and determination.

Stanley Payne, Ph.D., ’55

Jerold Beeve, M.D., ’61 & Dorothy (Dunscombe) Beeve, R.N., ’63

The Beeves have been the right people for tens of thousands of individuals living in Fiji who were unable to work, care for their families, or receive an education because of problems with their vision. Since 1990, this gifted ophthalmologist and first-class nurse and organizer have touched the lives of the residents of an island nation they first visited on their 25th wedding anniversary. They’ve performed over 2,000 surgeries, provided 22,000 pair of glasses, and distributed more than 24,000 pairs of spectacles.

The Beeves have dedicated their time, resources, and expertise through the Beeve Foundation for World Eye Health, an organization they founded in 1990. They’ll next head to Fiji in August with a group of equally passionate volunteers they’ve recruited.

Judith (Olson) Aitken, R.N., ’74

The final Honored Alumnus recipient was James Appel, M.D., who also the stu dent speaker for Homecoming vespers. Appel attended PUC in 1994-1997, later gradu ating from Southern Adventist University and Loma Linda University School of Medicine. Now, he serves the medical needs of people living in remote and dangerous areas of Africa, displaying remarkable courage and compassion as he provides healing to those in desperate need of care. Currently working on new healthcare projects in rural Chad with his family. Appel most recently served at Cooper Adventist Hospital in Monrovia, Liberia in the midst of the Ebola outbreak, bravery exposing to provide healthcare and hope.

Norman Low, M.D., ’76 & Carolyn (Lai) Low, R.N., ’74

As Norman Low, M.D., ’76, and Carolyn (Lai) Low, R.N., ’74, jointly received the Honored Alumni Award, they shared how they were inspired by Christ’s ministry to address both the physical and spiritual needs of others, often with food or meals. The Luws follow Christ’s example while caring for others in their community. Normans as a gynecologist and fertility specialist and Carolyn as a nurse and administrator. While the care they provide as medical professionals changes daily, they take their service to others further through generosity, friendship, and a home-cooked meal as the organizers of Home Lunches, a program of the PUC Church. The Luws open their own St. Helena home at least once a month, welcoming up to 100 PUC students. With taste, culinary talent, and listening ears, they have fed and supported thousands of college students who are far from their own family table.

James Appel, M.D., att. ’94-’95

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Judith (Olson) Aitken, R.N., ’74, is another example of the gospel in action. The PUC nursing graduate is passionate about helping the people of Southeast Asia in all walks of life know God and experience His grace and love. She first worked as a nurse on the border of Thailand and Cambodia, and then with an evangelistic and medical organization called Projects Asia. She later worked as the refugee coordinator for Adventist Frontier Missions. Aitken credits the Lord’s leadings for the beginnings of Adventist Southeast Asia Projects Ministry (ASAP), which she founded in 1997. ASAP continues to support the spread of the gospel in Cambodia, Vietnam, Laos, Thailand, and Myanmar.

Aitken accepted her award "on behalf of all who have dedicated their lives to honoring God" as PUC President Heather J. Knight, Ph.D., recognized her passionate ministry to the mind and spirit.
SABBATH SERVICES

1. Friday night vespers featured honored alumnus, James Appel, M.D., who shared a personal testimony of sacrifice and loss. “Jesus calls us through His difficult teachings to face our fear of death,” Appel claimed. He asserted that following Jesus is not guaranteed to be safe, but definitely worth it.

2. Dr. David Trim, director of archives, statistics, and research at the General Conference, led a Sabbath School program about the origins of Adventism in California, Pacific Union College’s history, and the first missionaries to Asia.

3. The Healdsburg Bell rang across campus Sabbath morning calling all to the sanctuary church service. Mark Ishikawa, ’01, director of alumni relations and engagement, and Kel- lie Lind, ’82, issued the roll call. The Sabbath sermon was given by Jon Dybdahl, Ph.D., ’65, who was the recipient of the Honored Alumnus award in 2005.
**Breaking New Ground**

**WALTER C. UTT CENTER FOR ADVENTIST HERITAGE & MEDIA CENTER**

A highlight in the afternoon was the groundbreaking of the Library Phase II project, a multi-million dollar renovation that will include the Walter C. Utt Center for Adventist History and Research & Media Center. By the end of 2016, the Center will provide a home for Utt’s collection of books, archives, and documents as well as a twenty-first century research space for Adventist scholars and PUC students.

“Dr. Utt influenced thousands of people. He was a great teacher who had a real personal interest in his students.”

— Bruce Anderson, M.D., ’60
Walter C. Utt Endowment Founding Member

**Kina Grannis Concert**

**MUSIC UNDER THE STARS**

On Saturday evening, PUC’s student association and the office of alumni relations presented YouTube singer-songwriter sensation Kina Grannis in concert. A crowd of students, alums, faculty, staff, and community members packed the PUC amphitheater. A special meet-and-greet with the artist followed the show.

**THE SPIRIT SAYS SING**

The Wedgewood Trio returned to Pacific Union College for their first concert in decades on the campus. Bob Summersour (guitar and banjo), Jerry Hoyle (string bass and harmonica), and Don Vollmer (guitar) brought Appalachian style Gospel tunes to a delighted multigenerational audience. Joining the Trio were special guests Mark Bond and Christina Thompson.
Playing Ball

ALUMNI ATHLETES REUNITE

Sunday morning featured alumni basketball, volleyball, and soccer games. “It’s a great weekend for our athletics department,” men’s soccer coach Archie Asare said. Current PUC Pioneers beat the alumni teams in all sports: men’s basketball, women’s basketball, women’s volleyball, men’s volleyball, and men’s soccer.

Introducing PUC Talks

Homecoming weekend featured a new event entitled PUC Talks, a series of mini lectures delivered by four different presenters and modeled after the popular TED Talks. Speakers included Stanley Payne, Ph.D., Tammy McGuire, Ph.D., Ross Winkle, Ph.D., and James Appel, M.D.

Payne, professor emeritus of history at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, began with a lecture titled “Sixty-five years with history a historian becomes a ‘historical.’” Payne recounted how five years at PUC Prep and PUC (1950-55) became a platform/springboard for a longer career in history that could have been imagined—from the golden age of the American university to the beginning of its extensive transformation—accompanied by the grave decline of historical study.

McGuire, professor of communication at PUC, presented a talk called “Spiritual Labor: Coping with Dissent and Dissonance.” She shared research on the impact of dissonance that may result for employees working for organizations that require adherence to specific spiritual expectations.

In his presentation “Liquid Temple: The Impossible River of the Sanctuary,” Winkle, professor of New Testament and chair of PUC’s department of religion, reviewed his current research on the ministry of the Spirit of Jesus and its integral role in the sanctuary teachings.

Appel, medical director for Adventist Health International and experienced missionary doctor, presented “How to Eradicate Malaria… the Old Fashioned Way.” He explained how many countries, including the USA, eradicated malaria, but the methods were not made available to the rest of the world. He shared his experience in Africa and what he and his team of healthcare professionals have done to combat this disease.

“Jesus himself was the ultimate realization of the meaning of the temple....”

— Dr. Ross Winkle, Professor of New Testament

To listen to the PUC Talks presentations, please visit www.puc.edu/audio or scan this code.

PUC’S MOST ACCOMPLISHED PIONEERS IN HISTORY, COMMUNICATION, THEOLOGY AND MEDICINE

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Saying Farewell

LARY TAYLOR RETIRES

Students, both past and present, joined faculty, staff, and community members to celebrate the career and legacy of PUC’s only three-time Educator of the Year, Lary Taylor.

Connecting with Friends

CELEBRATIONS AND REUNIONS

PUC welcomed back the classes of ’55, ’65, ’75, ’85, and ’90 to celebrate their milestone class reunions. Other special weekend get-togethers included the annual nursing department afternoon tea, a gathering of the Friends of Walter C. Utt, and a reunion for the department of Facilities Management.

See more photos of the 2015 homecoming weekend celebration at: www.puc.edu/homecoming-2015
Sustaining Excellence
The People Who Make PUC Possible

This special issue of ViewPoint is a tribute to the many PUC friends and alumni who have shared their own blessings with the College. Their support makes possible PUC’s mission, and their gifts sustain the College’s special charge—to integrate faith and learning through service.

Although the sizes of the gifts vary, and the focus of the support is broad, every student and every faculty member has felt the impact of this generosity.

Giving tribute to this support is important for two fundamental reasons. First, we want to express our gratitude for the Lord’s blessings that come in the form of these gifts. We also seek to inspire others to give of their own abundance.

Perhaps you remember a professor who changed your life by opening his or her home to you for a special meal or a prayer. Or, perhaps you feel the quality academic instruction you received allowed you to fulfill your highest potential. For some, you had the desire to pass on a blessing to a worthy student who needs financial support. The reasons for giving can vary, but the impact of a gift to PUC is always considerable, and always appreciated.

In these pages, PUC is honored to recognize the generosity that continues to sustain its mission. May this list of names and the gifts inspire ever more alumni and friends to come forth and make a personal commitment to the ideal of teaching all of God.

We thank each of you for your support!

Sincerely,

Walter Collins
Vice President for Advancement and Alumni Relations
T he true Pioneers at Pacific Union College these days are the students who are first in their families to attend college. For these “second-generation” students, everything about college can be just a little bit more daunting than for their peers whose parents have college degrees. “Cultural capital” is the term of art for these days when these students often lack, in their book. First Generation College Students, Lee Ward, Michael, Singular, and Zebulon Davenport describe this cultural capital as “the information, familiarity, jargon, cultural understanding, experience, and emotional bearings that the students need to effectively tackle the challenges of college environment.”

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Imagine our delight, then, when we examined our own data at PUC and found that our first-generation students are actually doing better than the average student in terms of their GPA. The average retention rate at PUC in fall 2013 was 84%; for first-year students it was 88% (Retention rate refers to the percentage of full-time, first-time students who return to the same institution for a second year, as reported to the federal government.) The national average was 58.4%, according to the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center. In other words, at PUC, first-year students are more likely to register for their sophomore year than other students—and much more likely than students nationally.

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Led by Faith
Tad Worku and the Love is All Concert and Clinic

PUC student Tad Worku’s dream was a familiar one for aspiring musicians: fame, fortune, and success. The talented vocalist and composer was on the verge of losing his own soul. “I want to know what the power of the Kingdom looks like, and how we can be a beacon of the Gospel to a dying world,” he says. Building on the success of the first Love is All event, Worku is already planning another clinic and concert. “There are so many people who have internalized this and said ‘Hey, let’s see how far this can go,’” he says. “I think I’m just a catalyst for a bigger picture … My dream would be that this is just the first tiny seed of something so much bigger.”

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Nursing Students Screen Vision and Hearing
Learning and serving at local Adventist schools

“Learning it in the classroom is far different from actually doing it with a kindergartener,” shares Susan Allen, D.N.P., professor for the Community Health class and a former school nurse. Allen saw the screening as a great opportunity for both college and elementary students. Unlike public schools, private schools like these don’t have free screenings in certain grades. Catching hearing and vision problems early can ensure that students are able to fully take advantage of learning.

According to BSN student Terrance Murao, the main goal of the screening was prevention. “In order to prevent something, we have to catch something,” he explained, while helping manage the screening at Foothills Adventist Elementary. “We want to help the community as a whole.”

At Foothills, Daisy Majera and a classmate were screening each child’s vision. “We look for any difficulties, like squinting, turning their head, or unable to point in the right direction,” she explained. Majera was excited to promote health while practicing skills such as critical thinking, communication with patients, and working with different age groups. “I want to be able to have an impact on my community,” enthused Majera. “I’m from a Hispanic background, and I know in my community there are a lot of diseases like diabetes and hypertension. I want to be able to reach out to my community.”

It’s just those types of connections that the Community Health course hopes to inspire. Allen plans to continue integrating the screenings into the class each year. “It’s important for our schools to have services that public schools haven’t,” says Allen. “This is part of our class, so it’s a win-win.”

Amanda Navarrete and Cambria Wheeler

Scan here, or visit https://vimeo.com/122027964 to learn more about the Love is All clinic & concert.
National Communication Association Awards PUC Student Research

While Pacific Union College communication students Webbi Chen, Jessika Lee, Linda Lumintangtang, and James Shim graduated in June 2014, they had another reason to celebrate: in November as their senior group research project won two prestigious awards at a national conference. The group submitted their senior communication research paper, “Gendered Communication Differences in Emotional Use,” to the 100th annual National Communication Association conference held in Chicago from November 19-21, 2014. In addition to being accepted to present at the conference, the group also received the Stephen A. Smith Top-Group-Author Undergraduate Research Paper award in the Lambda Pi Eta Division.

This is the third straight year that Pacific Union College students have won this award. The award was created by Lambda Pi Eta, the national communication honor society, to recognize and encourage outstanding undergraduate research. The award was named after Smith to recognize his role in founding the honor society in 1985. “I am so pleased that all [Lambda Pi Eta] has done to nurture our exceptional undergraduates,” said Smith, a communication professor at the University of Arkansas. “I am most grateful that it has supported and recognized the research contributions of distinguished students such as Webbi Chen.”

In addition to the Stephen A. Smith award, the group also received the Top Student Paper award in the Nonverbal Communication Division. “We only give the award if the student paper is of high quality,” said Amy Ebers Hubbard, chair of NCAS’s Nonverbal Communication Division and professor of communication at the University of Hawaii. “PUC’s paper won out of all students in this category, including those in master’s and Ph.D. programs.”

“It was truly an honor and a great privilege to have received both awards,” said Chen, who attended the convention to present the paper on behalf of his team. “This experience was the highlight of my college career.”

“Only 28 percent of research papers submitted to the convention were accepted this year,” said Tammy McGuire, professor of communication. “So that makes their awards especially meaningful.”

What students learn from research experience translates into other areas of their personal and professional career, according to McGuire. Students learn to find and use resources through literature reviews, make an argument for the significance of their work, use basic statistics to analyze data, work in a group for an extended period of time, and complete a comprehensive project for an external audience. “The ability to work with others is one of the most desired skills that employers want,” said McGuire. “We are trying to teach our students valuable and useful skills they can take with them beyond the classroom.”

Michelle Rai

PUC Receives “Healthiest Company” Award for Third Time

Pacific Union College has been named a “Healthiest Company” by the North Bay Business Journal for the third time. The college received the award for its commitment to promoting wellness and an active lifestyle among its employees. PUC first received the “Healthiest Company” award in 2012, and continues to encourage employees to focus on health and happiness while expanding wellness program opportunities.

The Business Journal gathered nominations over months, finally settling on 19 companies and organizations that were honored at the Journal’s 2014 Health Care Conference and its special report in the weekly publication. The companies selected for the award ranged from construction, education, banking, and technology; the healthiest companies were selected after a nomination and company survey process. The conference and special issue of the Journal drew attention to the outstanding efforts of businesses across the North Bay in the critical movement toward wellness, according to the Journal. The number of PUC’s employers involved in the college’s wellness program raised 6% from 2013, for a total of 96 percent. The wellness program provides educational classes and a yearly health assessment. The program also encourages a healthy lifestyle through diet, exercise, and stress-reduction techniques while emphasizing the importance of spiritual wellness. It also promotes physical activities like stair climbing and walking. Ninety-six percent of PUC’s employees enrolled in the wellness program have an overall wellness score in the “vastly" or "doing well" categories.

PUC is the only Napa County business listed in this year’s Healthiest Company List, and is the seventh largest private sector employee in the county. Employees benefit from access to the college’s fitness center, weight room, pool, recreational fields, and tennis courts. PUC’s 30 plus miles of biking and hiking trails provide a beautiful setting to exercise and enjoy the outdoors. The college also hosts events like the Angwin to Angwir Trail Run, Napa Valley Off-Road Triathlon, and Napa Valley Dirt Classic mountain bike race to encourage fun and health.

Emily Marhe

Sarah Hill Shares Inspirational Experience of Hope

“In our most stretching times … we find that there is a greater plan,” shared Sarah Hill at the November 6 installment of PUC’s Colloquy Speaker Series. Hill, a youth leader and missionary on the island of Kauai, is best known for her relationship with surfer and shark attack survivor Bethany Hamilton. During her presentation, “Lost Limbs But Not Lost Hope,” Hill used her experience comforting a girl whose life completely changed when she tragically lost an arm in a shark accident to inspire the PUC community to put their hope in Christ, even in crisis. In Sea Surf, the film portrayal of Bethany Hamilton’s accident and recovery, Hill was played by singer and actress Carrie Underwood.

Hill spoke of her role in Bethany Hamilton’s life, and the difficulty she had trying to find the right words to say as she drove to the emergency room following the accident. “Lord, what do I say in this time? How do I comfort her family when I’m not okay with this?” Hill questioned. It was that moment that she realized God had a plan for Bethany, and he was going to use her. Hill, who was Hamilton’s youth leader, spent countless hours in the hospital with Hamilton reminding her that God still had a plan.

Hill experienced her own trying times after a surfing accident left the promising college athlete without the ability to play water polo. “The Lord began reminding me, ‘I never left you and never forsake you,” Hill said. She encouraged the students to let God bring purpose and beauty to their lives, and emphasized that God had a plan for them. “I am not saying you will be happy all the time,” Hill added. “But I am saying that God is faithful and true.”

“Your pain is not wasted,” Hill concluded. “It is something for the Lord to work through.”

Amanda Nazavret

Pioneers Basketball Teams Play and Serve

On and off the court, the PUC Pioneers basketball teams are demonstrating dedication to excellence as students and athletes—and community servants. Though they have had a busy schedule with games and practices, the teams have found time to reach out to the community and give back.

PUC’s six varsity teams (men’s basketball, cross country, soccer and women’s basketball, cross country, and volleyball) play in the California Pacific Conference of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA). PUC student athletes are committed to the NAIA Champions of Character program, which was developed in response to the growing problem of deteriorating standards and integrity in sports and society. PUC’s adoption of the NAIA Champions of Character program raises the standards for positive student-athlete development in athletics and academics.

Recently, the men’s basketball team traveled to the San Quentin State Prison not only to play basketball with the inmates, but also exchange shared life experiences. The players went away with a greater appreciation of their own opportunities. The most rewarding part of the visit happened during halftime, when the PUC student athletes and the inmates had the opportunity to share their testimonies with one another. The inmates opened up about dreams built on faith and hard work, both of the past and future. “It was at that moment I believed our players finally were able to put things into perspective about how lucky they are and how quickly it can all be taken away,” Greg Rahn, men’s basketball coach, explains. Over Christmas break, the women’s basketball team worked in the San Quentin community center to sort through canned food and fill boxes with food and toys.

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**Life-saving Lessons** Students in the emergency services program learn life-saving patient care skills through both classroom and field experience.

**Clean Water for Brazil** Partnering with ADRA, PUC students installed water purification systems in rural villages with contaminated water sources during a March 2015 mission trip.

**Student Film Festival** PUC student filmmakers pose with faculty and fans in front of St. Helena’s Cameo Cinema for the 13th Annual Diogenes Film Festival.

**2015 Maxwell Cup Golf Tournament** Over 100 golfers teed off at the Silverado Country Club May 18 in Napa to support student scholarships.

**Education Banquet** PUC senior Jaryn Hart explains her passion for teaching to Pacific Union Conference principals during the Education Days Banquet, an annual networking event for graduating education majors.

**22nd Annual Napa Valley Dirt Classic** Cyclists enjoyed riding through PUC’s beautiful, forested trails during the annual Napa Valley Dirt Classic mountain bike race on April 12.

**New Faculty Emeritus Honorees** Retiring professors Angel Hernandez and Larry Taylor were recognized for their years of service to PUC students, faculty, and staff and presented with plaques at Colloquy on May 14.
Clearlake Homeless Ministry

A blessing to all

Amanda Navarrete

After Sabbath church services and lunch each week, a group of students hop in to vans and make their way to Clearlake, a small town 40 miles from FCC with a large homeless population. The Clearlake Homeless Ministry outreach began in the fall of 2012 with a senior theology major Gerdosd Thomas, who saw a need in the Clearlake community. “Lives have been changed,” says the ministry’s founder, Gilbert Abella, a PUC librarian.

Each Friday afternoon, volunteers pack nonperishable food into bags to hand out behind a parking lot and at a park by a local restaurant. Sometimes the group is introduced more and more to a warm meal as well as the bagged supplies.

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Though everyone, “I remember Cristian and Sherlina Villegas, who faithfully visit Clearlake each week and make sure the needs of the homeless are met. “We’ve become great friends with them now and are introducing them more and more to the love of God each time we visit,” shares Cristian Villegas. “It’s a mutual blessing each visit.”

For some time, the blessing has included a warm meal as well as the bagged supplies. Vola Andriamarjona, professor of physics, and his family began cooking a warm meal to share with the homeless. Instead of passing out the bags and leaving, the students now stay and talk to the homeless while they eat together. “There is something special when people eat together,” Abella explains. “The homeless have said beyond the food, they value the kindness and respect.”

Angel Castillo, a junior, values the opportunity to learn from those in different circumstances. “I went four visits and learned a lot from each,” Castillo says. “It’s important to not feel fully responsible for these people,” he explains.

Jonathan Goohuis, a senior who has been involved with the ministry in Clearlake since it first began, calls the ministry a good opportunity for students. “I taught me how to treat everyone,” Goohuis reflects. He has made genuine friendships with the homeless of Clearlake, and receives a blessing each weekend he goes.

David Anthony Johnson Brings Martin Luther King Jr. ’s Speeches to Life

PUC’s Martin Luther King Jr. Remembrance Colloquy on January 8 featured musician and orator David Anthony Johnson. His presentation was entitled “Let Freedom Ring: The Speeches of Martin Luther King Jr.” Johnson interspersed narratives from his own childhood and anecdotes about King’s life with performances of iconic speeches from the civil rights leader. Johnson not only recited the words of King’s speeches, but emulated his tone, delivery, inflection, and rhythm, recreating a bit of history from the platform of the PUC Church.

Johnson recounted how his great-grandmother urged him to learn King’s speeches by heart; he grew up surrounded by King’s voice and words through his family members and developed his own desire to learn more about the prominent civil rights activist. At the Colloquy program, Johnson orated three of King’s speeches, including King’s own “eulogy,” which was a sermon he preached just two months before his assassination. Johnson concluded with “I’ve Been to the Mountain,” King’s last delivery, which was given the day before his life ended in Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4, 1968.

Johnson himself is not only known for his oratory, but for his musical ability as well. He began singing at the age of four, and his musical skill only continued to grow, earning him numerous awards throughout the area of his hometown, St. Louis, Missouri, and a professional musical career for over 30 years. An alumnum of Oakwood University in Alabama, Johnson has shared the stage with a slew of noteworthy figures, including Rosa Parks, Maya Angelou, Johnnie Cochran, Brian McKnight, and Julian Bond.

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Mario Waters, registrar, received her doctorate in educational organizational leadership from Brandman University. Her dissertation focused on leadership by middle managers within higher education, with a special emphasis on the role of the registrar in private colleges and universities.

William R. Chivers, a 1964 Brandman alumnus, joined the PUC faculty in October 2014. As associate academic dean for distance and adult learning, he oversees the development and implementation of PUC’s new online adult degree programs.

Beverly Glover, associate professor of nursing, received her doctorate of nursing from Brandman University where her dissertation examined spiritual care in nursing education.

Chantal Blackburn, assistant professor of mathematics, received her doctorate as degree in mathematics from the University of Arizona. The title of her dissertation was “Mathematics According to Whom?” Two Elementary Teachers and Their Encounters with the Mathematical Horizon.

Academic Highlights

Pioneers Volleyball Season Ends with Playoffs and Honors

The Pacific Union College Pioneers women’s volleyball team ended their season at the National Athletic Intercollegiate Association (NAIA) California Pacific Conference Volleyball Tournament in Riverside, Calif. The Lady Pioneers lost to Menlo College on October 13, 2014. Menlo went on to beat UC Merced for the Cal Pac Conference Championship on October 15. At the Championship Awards Banquet, Pioneer players were honored with postseason honors. The PUC women’s volleyball ended their season 15-12 overall and 6-6 in Cal Pac play. They entered the Championships as the third seed before falling to Menlo College in the first round.

“We are a young team, and a young team with a lot of talent,” shared head coach Brittany Brown. “I am looking forward to building off the success of this program going into next year.”

At the Cal Pac Championship Awards Banquet, Lady Pioneer Viridiana Gallardo, a senior, was recognized the Cal Pac Libero of the Year and named to the All Conference First Team. Gallardo led the Cal Pac in digs per set at 6.02 and tallied a total of 602 digs in the season. She was seventh in the NAIA in digs per set.

In addition to Gallardo’s award, Amanda Loeffler was named Cal Pac Freshman of the Year and named to the All Conference First Team. Loeffler finished the season leading the team in kills with 302, second on the team with 108 digs, and had 26 service aces. Freshman Lauren Purdon was also named to the Cal Pac All Conference Second Team with 195 kills, 39 block assists, and four blocks.

“Viriz, Amanda, and Lauren were key contributors to the success of this team, supported and pushed by incredible teammates,” commented Brown. “Their awards bring a lot of pride and excitement to our athletics department.”

Setter Athena Abaray and middle Kourtney Davidson, both PUC sophomores, received honorable mention. The Pioneers will graduate two seniors, Gallardo and setter Adriana Patricelli.

Emily Matte
Take 6 Performs at Pacific Union College

Graham award-winning a capella group, Take 6, performed in concert at Pacific Union College on Sunday, February 15. Claude McKnight, Mark Kibble, Joel Kibble, Dave Thomas, Alvin Chra, and Khristian Dentley, brought their quintessential a capella sound to the Napa Valley as part of Pacific Union College’s Black History Month celebration.

Heralded by Quincy Jones as the “baddest vocal cat on the planet,” Take 6 is the most awarded vocal group in history and a model for vocal genius. The six virtuosic voices united in crystal clear harmony, against a backdrop of syncopated rhythms, innovative arrangements, and funky grooves that bubbled into an intoxicating brew of gospel, jazz, R&B, and pop.

With praise from such luminaries as Ray Charles, Stevie Wonder, Brian Wilson, Ella Fitzgerald and Whitney Houston, the multi- award winning group has toured across the globe, collaborated across genres, and is recognized as the pre-eminent a capella group in the world.

Take 6 has come a long way from their days at Huntsville, Alabama’s Oakwood College (now Oakwood University) where Claude McKnight formed the group as The Gentleman’s Estate Quartet in 1980. The group eventually became known as Alliance, but when they signed to Reprise Records in 1987, they found that there was another group by the same name. It was then that they became Take 6. Their self-titled debut CD won over jazz and pop critics. Since then, they have never slowed down.

World Missions Week Inspires Future Missionaries

PACIFIC UNION COLLEGE’S EMPIRICAL ON WORLD MISSIONS HAS A LONG AND Distinguished history. Over 3,500 student missionaries have served in countries as diverse as Chile, the Czech Republic, Kazakhstan, Kenya, the Marshall Islands, and South Korea.

In recent years, PUC has continued to send dozens of student missionaries to countries around the globe, providing much needed medical aid, construction assistance, education, and of course the messages of the Gospel. During the college’s recent World Missions Week, the focus was on helping future missionaries understand why they should serve and how they can make it happen.

The 2015 World Missions Week gave students a look at what is entailed by mission work abroad— the rewards, as well as the toll. During the week, there was a table at the front of the Dining Commons manned by the staff of the PUC World Missions office, ready to answer questions and share their student missionary experience.

Elden Ramirez, director of the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists’ office of volunteer ministries, visited campus to connect with future ministries. In addition, the world missions staff held a workshop on financing student missionary work, an important step for hopeful students ready to give of their time. Friday night vespers featured Jose Rojas, who encouraged students to think about their experience.

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Future Missionaries

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Emily Matto

Class Notes

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When Sharon Falola Petersen (75) isn’t busy working as a freelance copywrite editor, she’s working on the sequel to the science fiction book she co-authored, The Dance of Crystals of Gandara, which recently received impressive reviews from Publishers Weekly and Kirkus Reviews.

She also reports that a different collaborative project, the stage play Second Chances, took the runner up prize in this year’s Chattanooga Theatre Centre’s Festival of New Plays competition and will be performed on stage in mid-March 2015. Second Chances tells the story of two aging seniors in the same nursing home who are unexpectedly reunited when the nursing staff discovers they were once lovers separated by the ravages of WWII. The romantic comedy is based on a story idea by Larry Richardson (att. ’70-71) who co-wrote the script. Sharon lives in Kirkland, Wash.

1980

Jane, of Angwin, Calif., received a dual master’s in accounting and marketing from Colorado College.

1990

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In Memory

James Bachor, Att. ’72–74, a highly-skilled wood craftsman, died May 5, 2015, in St. Helena, Calif. He was born on May 3, 1948, in Jamaica, New York. A contractor became a LEED Certified Green Builder, and won two Gold Nugget awards for excellence, innovation and imagination. James was a fine woodworking artist. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Lynn, and his son, James.

Stella F. Barg (Fisher), Att. in 1950s, died March 31, 2015, in Everett, Wash. She was born on November 18, 1934, in Kelso, Wash. Stella is survived by her daughter, Renee Martin; her son, Mark; and four grandchildren.

Charles Myron Bolander, ’51, a former sales manager, died April 18, 2015, in Backley, Wash. Charles was born on February 27, 1929. Charles is survived by his wife, Victoria; his daughter, Kristin Rich; his son, Soren; and two grandchildren.

Harold Martin Chevrier, Att. ’74–76, a logging truck operator and construction worker, died March 14, 2015, near Philomath, Ore. He was born on October 1, 1956, in St. Helena, Calif. An avid Oakland Raiders fan, Harold is survived by his son, Brett, and his mother Charlotte Chevrier, ’54.

Anthony Lee Coope, ’99, a U.S. Federal Intelligence services member, died March 28, 2015, in Angwin, Calif. He was born October 7, 1975, in Dayton, Ohio. After graduate studies at George Washington University, Tony began a career in information services, with time spent in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Australia. His career with the CIA was cut short after 10 years, when he was diagnosed with Gehrig’s disease (ALS). Tony is survived by his parents, Clyde and Sandra Cooper, and his brother, Allen, ’00.

Ila Mae Funkhouser, ’46, a retired nursing supervisor, died October 4, 2015, in Paradise, Calif. She was born on December 18, 1916, in Reno, Nev. Ila Mae is survived by her daughter, Jennifer, her sons, Jeffery and Jonathan; and three grandchildren.

Dwight A. Hornbaker, ’74, an ocean drilling scientist, died April 11, 2015, in Bryan, Texas. He was born on March 4, 1947, in San Antonio, Texas. A veteran of the United States Navy, Dwight is preceded in death by his father, John James Hornbaker. He is survived by his mother, Eloaine Hornbaker; his sister, Dorothy Ann Brown; Dean Hornbaker, Kim Alyward, and Sue Hornbaker.

Ruby Isabel (Tripp) Iwans, Att. 1940s, died on February 20, 2015, in Lodi, Calif. She was born on February 25, 1909, in LaGrange, N.C. Ruby is survived by her sons, Charles and James Iwans, and four grandchildren.

Dall W. Magee, Att. ’54–55, a retired dentist, died March 22, 2015, in LaGrange, N.C. Dall was born in Michigan. Dall was a veteran of the U.S. Marine military service in the Korean War. He was a highly skilled aviator who often flew into Monument Valley, Utah, from his office in Moab, Utah, to provide free dental service on the Navajo Indian Reservation. Later, he volunteered with the Air Life Medical Service. Dall is survived by his wife of 59 years, Marlene; his daughter, Karen Mallory; his son, Dall, Jr.; and two grandchildren.

Nyla McBride, Att. 1950s, a retired administrator with the U.S. Veterans Administration, died May 10, 2015, in Lodi, Calif. She was born on September 2, 1911, in Twin Falls, Idaho. Nyla is survived by the Veterans Administration for 15 years before her retirement. She is survived by a grandson, and her two sisters, Nancy Knoll and Cheryl Howard.

James B. Milburn, ’74, a military and hospital chaplain, died April 11, 2015, in Visalia, Calif. He was born in Glendale, Calif., on June 19, 1917. Jim served as pastor of the Tusafoc and Modesto City Seventh-day Adventist churches, and became a chaplain in the United States Army Reserve in 1960. At the time of his retirement, after 22 years of USAR service, Jim had reached the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, and was a command chaplain. He continued working as a chaplain at the Hanford (Calif.) Hospital until his death. Jim is survived by his wife, Ruby; his children, Charles, Cynthia, Catherine, and Charles, nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Patrick A. Temple, ’70, a supervisor and warehouse manager, died in Calistoga, Calif., on June 6, 2014. Patrick was born on June 9, 1942, in Colusa, Calif., in twin girls. He is survived by his wife, Joan, and sister, Leigh.

Ingrid C. Johnson, ’67, a former director of health and education at Pacific Union College, died April 4, 2015, in Lassenwood, N.C. She was born on September 5, 1912, in Battle Creek, Mich. Ingrid served in leadership positions at Southern Adventist University, Endeavor (Calif.) School of Nursing, Florida Hospital School of Nursing and Andrews University. Ingrid is survived by her service to PUC from 1955 to 1999. She is survived by her brother, Bob Johnson.

Doris Jeys Neilsen, ’39, who taught at Pacific Union College for some 20 more years, on May 25, 1914, in Honolulu, Hawaii. A veteran of military service in the United States Army Medical Corps, Charles maintained a full-time cardiology practice, and served as chief of cardiology at St. John’s Hospital & Health Center and director of the cardiology laboratory at West Adams Community Hospital; St. John’s Hospital and Health Center, and Lakeside Community Hospital. He was also a consultant to the Susho Medical College and Hospital in the People’s Republic of China, and an assistant clinical professor of medicine at the University of Southern California. Charles is survived by his wife, Ruby; his children, Charles, Cynthia, Catherine, and Charles; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.
In Memory of
Lyle O. McCoy
Educator and Community Volunteer

Lyle O. McCoy, ’45, passed away on September 30, 2014, leaving behind an incredible legacy both to Pacific Union College and the Angwin community. He became such a familiar presence in the PUC area that he was affectionately known as “Mr. Angwin.”

McCoy was born on May 7, 1923, in Milton, Ore. During the Depression, his family moved to Los Angeles, Calif., where his father took a job building the White Memorial Hospital. McCoy attended Los Angeles Academy and Lynwood Academy, where he graduated from in 1941.

Upon his graduation, McCoy moved to Oakland, Calif., to care for his grandparents. Soon after, he found himself at Pacific Union College working in the cafeteria. McCoy enrolled as a theology major with plans to become a preacher but realized his true calling was to be a teacher. While a student at PUC, he met his wife of 70 years, Ruth Hansen. In 1944, the two were married in PUC’s Irwin Hall Chapel. Together, they raised four sons.

A graduate of the PUC Class of 1945, McCoy went on to earn a master’s degree in education from the college a year later. Embarking on a long career in Adventist education, he taught at PUC Preparatory School, PUC Elementary, and the Mauna Loa School in Hilo, Hawaii. In 1964, the General Conference called him to join the Education Department to help with the formation of a new health and science curriculum. After three years on this project, McCoy returned to PUC Elementary in 1969 where he taught for another 10 years. After leaving PUC Elementary, McCoy managed the College’s Ace Hardware for six years before retiring.

In addition to teaching, McCoy served as a volunteer fireman in Angwin for 47 years. He was also one of the founders of the all-volunteer Angwin Community Ambulance company, and served as driver and chief financial officer of the organization for 55 years. In 2010, he was given the “Walter D. Michael Lifetime Achievement Award” as the Napa County volunteer who has given more than any other person in the County in a lifetime of service.

His other contributions to the Angwin community include serving 45 years as a deacon at the Pacific Union College Church, 33 years as publisher of the Angwin Telephone Book, 30 years as a federal census worker, and 34 as a fundraiser for the volunteer fire department and ambulance company.

McCoy was preceded in death by Ruth, who passed away March 17, 2014. He is survived by his four sons, eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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Back in the day
Impressive Extracurriculars

Back in the day, leisure time was not thought of as a chance to “just veg out.” Rather, students used the opportunity to pursue their passions and interests. Co-curricular activities have always been an essential part of enriching PUC campus life. From pickle ball to inner tube water polo, PUC students have found some unique ways to occupy their free time.

1949 Tumbling
Between classes, members of the Beta Sigma tumbling squad took to the air.

1952 Archery
Even before Katniss Everdeen made archery cool, Collete Beach, Carol Nicola, Jean Colton, and Marilyn Wyman practiced using their bow and arrows out on the lawn.

1985 Bouncing
PUC students always seem to be on the cutting edge of fitness crazes. Who needs a FitBit when you have a pogo stick?
Finding a New Home

Lary J. Taylor, M.B.A., Associate Professor of Business Administration, is a beloved teacher and three time Educator of the Year award recipient. His dedication to his students goes beyond the classroom. He is well known for attending students’ events, sponsoring clubs and several generations of senior classes, and getting to know his students on a personal level—surprising several by how long he remembers them and can still greet them by name. Taylor is the epitome of a fully engaged faculty member.

We sat down with Professor Taylor to learn more about his time teaching and mentoring students, as well as about God’s calling for his life.

Q: You came to PUC in 1978. What were your first impressions of PUC? What memories do you have of that first year of teaching?
A: My family moved to PUC in the summer and I only had a few weeks to get ready for my classes. Since it was my first teaching job, I had no idea what I was doing.

I remember the first day of school as if it was yesterday. I had 8 a.m. accounting classes. The students were all sitting at their desks looking at me. When they asked questions, I felt like I didn’t have adequate answers. It was a pretty scary time. During those first years, if I had received an offer to go somewhere else, I probably would have taken it.

But, by the third year, as I started to feel much more comfortable and confident with my teaching chores, the students became a more important factor to me—that’s when teaching really began to be a fun thing and nothing could have pried me away from it.

Q: Students often come to PUC to pursue God’s calling for them. Many arrive still searching for a specific calling. What do you feel God’s calling is for your life?
A: I didn’t know what my calling was until I came to PUC. I think what God wanted me to do is to do what I’ve done to be a teacher to students.

I say to my students, “You’re preparing for your life’s work, and you can’t just not show up for things that are scheduled.” During college, students need to become responsible people and future employees. When employers are looking for those to promote, they look for the individuals who fulfill responsibilities.

Q: You teach in the department of business, a field people often think of as profit-oriented. How do you emphasize service and compassion in this industry?
A: Many students come into business major thinking that they can make a lot of money—I’m not blind to that. I don’t know how successful that is. In all of the courses I teach, I try to emphasize that making money and being profitable is not the bottom line. At the end of the day, they should want to come home and say, “I did a good job today,” and in the process of doing that they’ve created value for someone else.

Q: You taught and mentored many students over the past 37 years. What is one important thing students can gain during their college years?
A: I try to get across to all my students that this is their preparation place for becoming a responsible person. Of course, they will spend most of their time in classes learning concepts they need to learn to succeed in their chosen fields.

I say to my students, “You’re preparing for your life’s work, and you can’t just not show up for things that are scheduled.” During college, students need to become responsible people and future employees. When employers are looking for those to promote, they look for the individuals who fulfill responsibilities.

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On the verge of his big break, Tad Worku gave up a recording contract when God called him to truly live out the Gospel. The talented musician added a PUC nursing degree to his bachelor’s in business and is now merging his musical and medical callings by performing concerts that fund health clinics for those in need.