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President's Message

A Firm Foundation

As president of PUC, I am blessed to have opportunities to get to know our students. Meeting and interacting with student leaders and various student groups here at PUC has been one of the most rewarding experiences for me as president of the college. I am continually impressed by the passion, creativity, and commitment of our students. Whether it is interacting with the Student Association, attending and participating in our conversations about current issues at PUC Talks, attending the Diogenes Film Festival, or hearing their stories, I am blessed to serve PUC's amazing students. As I look at this year's graduating class, many of them have plans for graduate or professional school or have accepted offers of employment to begin their lives after graduation. As faculty, staff, and administration, we acknowledge and accept the sacred responsibility to educate and mentor each student in their spiritual, emotional, and intellectual development as they prepare for a life of service and commitment in their chosen profession.

I am proud that at Pacific Union College, we support strong Pioneers in a process of transformation. As we support, educate, challenge, and guide, we see the transformation of students into strong, capable scholars, and stewards.

Through our rigorous academics, students are strengthened for bright futures, and minds are honed for calling and career. Small class sizes allow for true engagement between classmates and professors, sparking deep conversations and inviting new discoveries. Hands-on experiences offered through research and internships put knowledge into action as lessons from the classroom are illustrated and ingrained in memorable ways.

Through service, our students' hands and hearts are strengthened to improve the lives of others. We are proud of the number of Pioneers who spend time in service during their PUC experience, whether it's through volunteering for a week or two or dedicating a whole year as a student missionary. Many classes integrate a service component so students can utilize their growing expertise to improve the world. It is exceptionally transformative for our students to encounter different walks of life and to follow Christ's example of compassionate care to all. Often, these opportunities show students an inner strength and ability they didn't know they had. When our students see the difference they can make and discover their gifts and talents, their passion for service to God and desire to care for humanity grows stronger.

Creating real friendships and experiencing authentic community allows our students to strengthen social bonds. Students make the type of friends that last beyond the class final exam and even beyond graduation—we see this when friends reunite at Homecoming Weekend decades after graduation. Having a community of fellow students and professors to lean on that shares your values, supports your Christian walk and encourages your dreams throughout a lifetime is invaluable and is one of the unsung gifts of Adventist higher education.

Our Pioneers are also transformed by the natural beauty they encounter at PUC. Serene forests and tranquil expanses of grass and sky would do wonders for anyone's soul, and PUC has these in abundance. I find great peace from experiencing the beauty God surrounds us with here on Howell Mountain. Seeing study groups on the lawns or passing a runner or biker out on the trails in the PUC Demonstration Forest tells me I'm not alone in turning to nature to relieve stress and strengthen my mental health.

Most important is the spiritual experience our students have at PUC. For many, the college years can be full of questions, doubts, and challenges to faith. Having a strong community of faith surrounding you during this time provides a safe space to learn and grow in God's love. By integrating faith and learning in the classroom, professors serve not just as academic experts but also spiritual mentors. That doesn't mean we shirk away from tough questions; instead, we encourage honest conversations built on faith and trust in Christ. Students are surrounded by faithful mentors out of the classroom as well, as chaplains, campus leaders, resident advisors, and peers pray together, serve together, and study the Bible together. Through fostering this spiritual environment, our prayer is that students are strengthened in their relationship with the greatest Friend of all.

For in the end, we know the strongest, most enduring transformation our students will experience is through the immeasurable love of God. The most awe-inspiring mountain and deepest canyon pale in scope to Christ the solid rock. We hope the PUC experience influences students for a lifetime, yet God's grace endures forever.

Dr. Robert A. Cushman, Jr.
President



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 PUC EMS volunteers on their way to Paradise to help during the #CampFire. 🙏



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 A huge thanks goes out to designer and PUC alumna, Rhonda Kim, for inspiring our students at today's visual arts colloquium. Among her many accomplishments, she designed #NFL team logos for the Seahawks, Dolphins, Titans, and Buccaneers.



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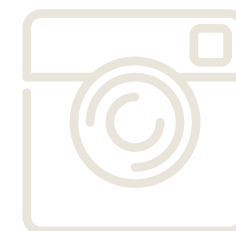


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 Rain or shine, PUC students serve the Berkeley community every weekend. #Service
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 PUC gave me a lot of opportunities to work one-on-one with my professors. The skills & techniques I developed & perfected helped me land my dream job at Rip Curl. @camnmitch, '16, senior graphic designer, Rip Curl

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 Congratulations to PUC's 2019 Educator of the Year, Dr. Robin Vance!

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@chellseaniicolleee Aww yay!! 🍌🍌🍌

@janpjernigan So happy for Dr. Vance! He most certainly deserves it!

@alcaway Best physio class ever!

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And the Grammy Goes to ...

PUC Grad Justin Wilson Wins Big

Becky St. Clair

In February 2019, PUC alumnus Justin Wilson, '03, heard his name called from the stage at the 61st annual Grammy Awards ceremony at the Staples Center in Los Angeles. “I was shocked,” he admits. “Shocked, but excited. When we didn’t win the first nomination, all bets were off and I’d assumed we weren’t going to walk away with anything.”

Wilson and co-creators Randy Waldman, who has arranged and composed for many mainstream artists, and Mark Kibble of Take 6 fame, had been nominated for two pieces featured on a recent compilation album. The first was a piece featuring trumpet soloist Wynton Marsalis. Wilson thought they had a good chance of winning that one, due to name recognition, but the award went to someone else. Wilson thought they were out of the game.

He was wrong. Wilson, Waldman, and Kibble won Best Arrangement, Instrument and Vocals, for their arrangement of *Spiderman Theme*.

“This particular arrangement is the perfect mix of our separate styles of music,” Wilson explains. “We incorporated elements from each of our individual musical experiences.”

Wilson met Waldman in 2011, who heard Wilson perform and liked what he heard. He approached Wilson and asked if he would like to work with him on an album project, arranging various superhero themes in a jazz style. The project took five years to complete. For *Spiderman Theme*, Kibble arranged the vocal intro, while Waldman and Wilson worked together on the instrumental parts.

“What we focused on during a lot of the riffs was that feeling of flying,” Wilson explains, “like when Spider-Man is zipping through the air with his webs.”

Although he dedicates many hours a week to it, including serving as the music director at his home church, Mt. Rubidoux Adventist Church in Riverside, Calif., music isn’t Wilson’s bread and butter. By trade, he’s actually an electrical engineer.

“Most of my electronics work at PUC was in a lab,” Wilson recalls. “I became the TA, so I taught the students in the lab and helped them with their projects. At work I do the same thing, and it was cool to find a job where I could directly relate what I was doing at school with what I’m doing in my career. It made me very comfortable with the transition into the workforce.”

Balancing both the logical and the artistic sides of his brain comes naturally to Wilson.

“I grew up seeing it as normal to split your life between science and the arts,” he says. “My whole childhood my dad went to work for NASA all day and then came home and did all manner of craziness on the piano.”

Growing up in Huntsville, Ala., Wilson was the youngest of three in a very musical family. From as early as he can remember, he was involved in some kind of music somewhere, and at some point, piano became his instrument of focus.

Wilson says his parents encouraged him and his siblings to be versatile and to create different avenues for success for themselves. Wilson’s siblings both teach math now, but include music as a major part of their lives as well. Wilson himself works for Raytheon in Southern California. “I followed my parents’ advice by doing both engineering and music,” he says. “My whole life it’s always been both.”

After attending Oakwood Adventist schools in Alabama for grades K-12, Wilson was ready for a change.

“My parents didn’t want me to leave home, but I was set on PUC and California, an exotic place I’d never been before,” Wilson laughs. “After that first year, we were all so glad I’d made the choice to come out to PUC.”

Wilson recalls the beautiful campus, great academics, and excellent music program, including his amazing music professors,

“McGee let me express myself in several genres, and made the [PUC] music department a safe place for that, letting me do what I loved while also exposing me to my classical training. To this day, I appreciate his encouragement and flexibility.”

who not only taught him in the classical style, but also helped him explore jazz, both of which Wilson studied rigorously and with diligence.

“When Professor McGee saw I liked things other than classical music, as well, he began to incorporate more jazz pieces into my work,” Wilson recalls. “McGee let me express myself in several genres, and made the music department a safe place for that, letting me do what I loved while also exposing me to my classical training. To this day, I appreciate his encouragement and flexibility.”

Overall, Wilson recalls his years at PUC as a great college experience, saying it made him a well-rounded person. “PUC gave me friends I still consider friends today,” he says. “In both my science and music classes I grew more and went higher than I ever expected to, and I still benefit daily from the practicing I learned to do at PUC and the way I grew as a musician there.”

Today, a typical day for Wilson begins with 8-9 hours on the job at Raytheon, a global technology company, where he validates parts for survivability in space. Outside of work, his day includes two hours of commuting, family time in the evenings, and music from late at night until the wee hours of the morning.

“Luckily I don’t need a whole lot of sleep,” Wilson laughs. “Depending on how much inspiration I’m feeling, I can easily be up until 2 a.m. working on my compositions. The cool thing is music is such an integral part of me it really doesn’t feel like work. It’s a stress-reliever for me.”



shows, attended a drum clinic, and regularly has requests from across the globe to join various bands and musicians on-stage.

“I was driving him to a rehearsal recently and found myself chuckling and shaking my head,” Wilson says. “Never in a million years would I have ever imagined taking off work to go set up my four-year-old’s drum set in a TV studio.”

The best part of their day, Wilson says, is their father-son jam session every morning before Wilson leaves for work. “I used to play with my dad when I came home from college,” he recalls, “and we both loved it. So I’ve always imagined jamming with my kids; I just didn’t realize it would be with a preschooler!”

Passing a love for music on to the next generation is a tradition in Wilson’s family. It’s something that brings them together like nothing else can, and is a way for them to bond, worship, and relax together.

“I can understand now how my parents feel about my accomplishments,” Wilson says. “On holidays Dad would always have me playing for church and I’ve realized, now that I’m a dad, too, you just want to see your kids doing stuff and loving it. I love seeing my son happy and music is the type of field where you can really see someone’s creativity live. I’m so grateful for the opportunity to use my passion and creativity and to now foster my son’s as well.” 🎵

He continues, “I also have an incredible wife, Shelana, who encourages me to follow my passions. I wouldn’t be nearly as successful if it weren’t for her constant support.”

What has him losing track of time lately is arranging pieces from *The Sound of Music* for an album he hopes to release later in 2019. Wilson also finds himself inspired by his four-year-old son, LJ, who has, since the age of 18 months, demonstrated an affinity for rhythm and a gift for drums.

“We wouldn’t have noticed his talent as early as we did if we weren’t always doing music ourselves,” Wilson admits. “But it was so clear he had skills beyond the norm, so we got him a drum set at 18 months.”

At 23-months-old, LJ had his first viral YouTube video, which garnered around 30 million views. Since that time, the world’s obsession with “Baby Boy Drummer” has been constant and time-consuming. He has appeared on major network television

Spiderman Theme, arranged by Wilson, Waldman, and Kibble, is available on Spotify, iTunes, and Apple Music. For more peeks into what Wilson is up to, follow him on Instagram [@_juswil_](#) and follow LJ on Instagram, YouTube, and Facebook [@babyboydrummer](#).

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC AT PUC, VISIT [PUC.EDU/MUSIC](#).



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“What a great way to stay connected and support new alumni as they launch their career!”

— Holly Jeske, '71



“What a great place to connect with fellow PUC-ites.”

— Mark Ishikawa, '01



“Love keeping in touch with people from PUC.”

— Jody (King) Colegrove, '92



“It was nice to look through the directory.”

— Thomas Toews, '93



“This website is a great idea! I hope it works to help connect student with alumni!”

— Ellen Swaney, '72

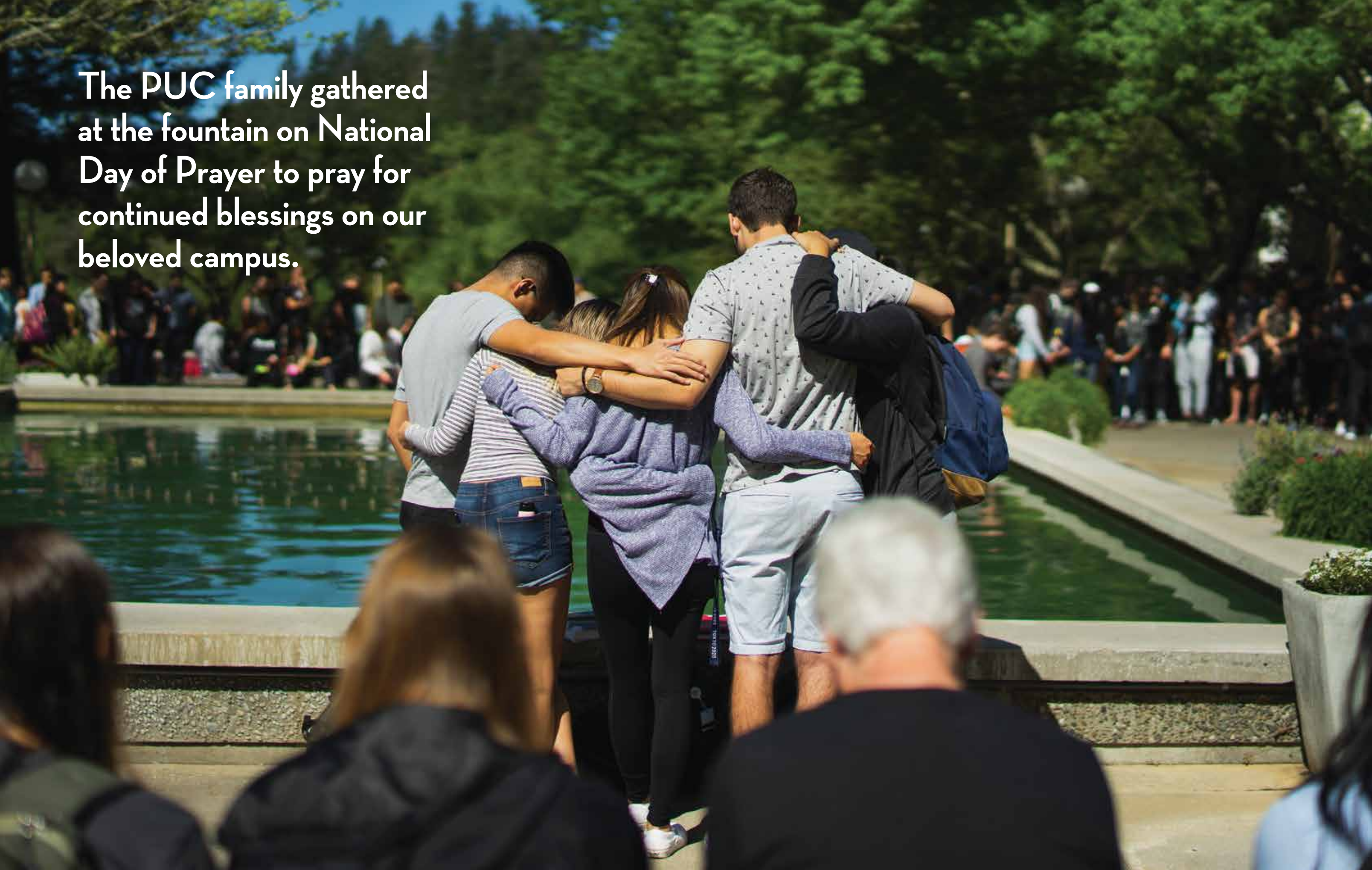


“So excited about this!”

— Kiley Holmes, '08

- Stay connected by sharing life updates and photos with the PUC family
- Support the next generation of PUC Pioneers by offering mentorship and professional opportunities
- Keep your thumb on the pulse of PUC life with updates and news from campus
- Markup your calendar with PUC events and visits

The PUC family gathered
at the fountain on National
Day of Prayer to pray for
continued blessings on our
beloved campus.



A Tribute to Dr. Lecourt

Forty Years on Howell Mountain

Becky St. Clair

Reminiscing on her experience at PUC, Dr. Nancy Lecourt, outgoing vice president for academic administration and academic dean, writes: “As I look back over the past 40 years, I feel I am standing at Inspiration Point in the late afternoon. My shadow lies before me, falling on forest and valley, stretching out toward the blue ranges to the east. Memories crowd in, memories of classes taught, papers graded, meetings and conversations—and all in the company of friends, students, and colleagues.”

Lecourt has been vice president for academic administration and academic dean at PUC since 2006. This followed on the heels of teaching English for close to 30 years, including serving as department chair for nearly a decade. In 1993, Lecourt was given the distinguished Educator of the Year award, a selection made by student votes.

Teaching came naturally to Lecourt, and it was something she enjoyed very much, preferring experiential learning over lectures. “At one point I taught a class on C.S. Lewis in the evenings,” she recalls. “I went to Dorcas and bought a couple dozen mugs so we could all drink tea as we traveled to Narnia and Perelandra.”

The last class she taught before assuming her role as administrator in summer 2006 was Beauty, a co-taught course with visual arts professor Milbert Mariano. They taught the class in Paris, and took their students to the Louvre, Sacre Coeur and Notre Dame, Versailles, and Monet’s garden at Giverny.

“When I first came to PUC in the fall of 1979, I was struck by the deep beauty of the place,” Lecourt recalls. Over the years, her love of the college’s environs grew into a full-fledged passion. She has been instrumental in developing a new required freshman course on holistic living, which includes a guided tour of the PUC forest.

“Our old motto is being given new life,” she adds: “Where Nature and Revelation Unite in Education.”

During her time at PUC, Lecourt has seen six presidents lead the college, two cycles of WASC accreditation, the natural turnover of faculty, and great joy in watching students go out into the world.

“I look forward to staying in Angwin and working in my garden,” she says, “volunteering for the college if needed, and seeing the current strategic plans come to fruition. I thank God I could be a small part of His work in this beautiful place.” 🌿



“When I think of Nancy, I remember the most epic of rap videos ever recorded in the PUC cafeteria when I was a student. I think that moment might encapsulate everything I admire about her. Whether she’s rapping in the caf, plunging into name pronunciation at graduation, or singing songs in the choir, she’s shared with us an indomitable motivation to do what is right for the good of the community, no matter what. She’s imparted a combination of confidence and care that makes us all—students, faculty, PUC writ large—better for it.”

— Dr. Peter Katz, assistant professor of English

“During our 12 years working together, Nancy was my boss, teacher, and mentor. She is my example of a strong, female leader who can and did step up to the plate when a trusted leader was so desperately needed. I honor her intelligence, caring, diligence, curiosity, humor, compassion, and strength.”

— Tanya Healy, Title IX coordinator & assistant to the president for diversity

“The skills that made Nancy a wonderful English teacher also served her well in administration. She is a very quick reader of not just texts but also of people and problems. Her quick wit and love of characters (fictional or otherwise) helps her put people at ease and diffuse tension in challenging situations. And her love of language allows her to transform dry assessment data into clear, eloquent, compelling accreditation reports. Throughout her tenure as dean, Nancy has demonstrated a keen understanding of complex accreditation demands and an ability to translate those requirements to the campus in a way that motivated meaningful action. Most importantly, Nancy loves PUC: the people, the programs, and the place. Nancy embodies the WISDOM that is central to the Institutional Student Learning Outcomes—core values that she helped to shape and nurture during her time as academic dean and which will be her legacy for years to come.”

— Dr. Cynthia Westerbeck, former colleague of Nancy’s for 13 years

A PIONEER IS...

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« Matthew Russell

instructor of emergency services

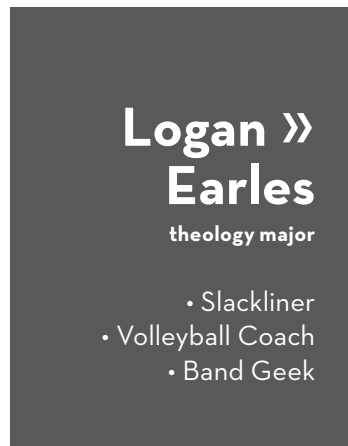
- Firefighter
- Adrenaline Junkie
- Vegan Recipe Collector



« Fabio Maia

service & missions coordinator

- Foster Parent
- ADRA Collaborator
- Ironman Participant



Logan » Earles

theology major

- Slackliner
- Volleyball Coach
- Band Geek



Damaris » Perez

assistant professor of social work

- Volunteer
- SF Giants Fan
- Social Worker



Emily » Castellanos

biology major

- Animal Lover
- Birdwatcher
- Avid Hiker



Angel » Castillo

admissions counselor

- Ukulele Whisperer
- Hammocker
- Hot Sauce Enthusiast



« Michelle Rai

assistant professor of communication

- Dog-Instagrammer
- Tennis Star
- Foodie



« Doug Wilson

director of student engagement & leadership

- Lyrical Improvisationalist
- Basketball Coach
- Flugelhornist



« Cliff Rusch

professor of graphic design

- Trail Rider
- Screen Printer
- Typeface Connoisseur



« Rajeev Sigamoney

associate professor of film & television

- Writer, Producer, Director, Filmmaker
- Engineering Major
- Johns Hopkins Grad



« Michelle Rai

assistant professor of communication

- Dog-Instagrammer
- Tennis Star
- Foodie



Archie » Asare

accounts receivable accountant

- Soccer Coach
- Accountant
- Fitness Entrepreneur



Mayte » Jimenez

admissions counselor

- Avid Reader
- Dog Obsessed
- Ministries Leader



Marina » Maia

fine art major

- Singer
- Fashion Designer
- Thespian



Kent » Davis

professor of chemistry

- Runner
- World Traveler
- Bread Maker





A Look at PUC Academics

Continuing to Strive for Innovation

Larissa Church

Pacific Union College has undoubtedly come a long way since that first day of school in the picturesque hills of the Healdsburg campus, July 29, 1882. As the second oldest Seventh-day Adventist institution and the first one on the west coast, PUC had a mere six faculty members and 152 students, with just three curricula available: a three-year Biblical course, a three-year scientific course, and a four-year classical course.

Now, 137 years later and sitting atop the beautiful Howell Mountain in Angwin, PUC boasts 81 faculty members and over 1,100 students. The college offers more than 70 degrees and programs, with unique options such as aviation, biotechnology, emergency services, film, and a plethora of pre-professional programs. PUC’s ongoing quest for academic excellence allows for the continued development of new classes and programs. Students are regularly engaged in service-learning projects, such as planting native blue oak trees at the Lake Berryessa Visitor Center or assisting with the Point in Time Count for

Lake County to people experiencing homelessness. Classes are offered in Alaska, Fiji, England, and even as far as Kenya. Students conduct research, often alongside their professors, at places like the world-renowned Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee, investigating X-ray-induced charge transfer, or even in our very own backyard, studying the rare and endangered Calistoga popcorn flower. Honors students create incredible capstone projects like translating Jane Eyre into a 10-minute piano composition, while history seniors write impressive 30-page research papers they present to campus for critique. Through it all threads a desire to serve others, serve our planet, and ultimately, serve God, as PUC’s mission statement reminds us.

Over these next few pages, join us as we dive into the world of academics at PUC. You might be excited about what you learn.



» MARIANO NAMED ACADEMIC DEAN

Becky St. Clair

Lurking in the background throughout Milbert Mariano’s childhood was the expectation that he would become a medical professional. But he didn’t feel called to be a doctor.

Despite their expectations and desire for Mariano to become a physician, his parents trusted God to lead in his life, committed to providing an Adventist education for their children. That was, ultimately, more important to them than which field he chose to pursue. “I had no idea there was a career in graphic design until I got to PUC,” Mariano admits. “The moment I realized this, I knew exactly what direction my career would go.”

After graduating from PUC with a B.S. in advertising design and one in studio art, he also acquired his M.F.A. from Academy of Art University in San Francisco. This summer, he shifted into his new role as vice president for academic administration and academic dean.

With four years as a student, nearly 25 years of teaching graphic design, and 12 of those as department chair, Mariano’s intimate knowledge of and love for the college goes back nearly three decades. “Milbert is an established leader on campus,” asserts Dr. Bob Cushman, president. “He has credibility and trust with faculty and staff, and as chair he built a department culture that was collaborative and inclusive; a model we want to share and develop across campus.”

Taking a deep interest in every area of campus, Mariano has served on several student committees as advisor and sponsor, co-directed the annual Publications Workshop for high school students, and has been part of PUC’s Cultural Engagement Taskforce and Academic Standards & General Education, among others.

Mariano is adept at crafting curriculum, designing academic spaces, and building work culture. “Under Milbert’s leadership, several areas of growth were seen in the department of visual arts,” points out Dr. Nancy Lecourt, outgoing vice president for academic administration and academic dean. “One was the creation of the Bachelor of Fine Arts program, a professional degree that offers preparation beyond the B.A. or B.S. degree, and requires more advanced levels of student learning and performance.”

Additionally, the strength of his personal and professional connections across campus and beyond it, formed over the years as both a junior and senior faculty, will be quite useful as he represents both new and seasoned faculty in the President’s Cabinet.

Another significant part of Mariano’s new job will be helping to implement, review, and revise the strategic plan. Currently a part of PUC’s Cultural Engagement Taskforce, he has spent many hours listening to and reviewing feedback from his colleagues across campus, working with the taskforce and administration to move toward changes that will enhance and improve the campus culture. “Milbert brings creative thinking and innovation to the curriculum, a passion for which has led to a viable vision for where PUC needs to go academically, and it’s one I’m excited about,” Cushman says.

Mariano looks forward to tackling new challenges, addressing familiar ones with new perspective, and continuing the deep-seated support for and dedication to PUC’s faculty, modeled for so long by his predecessor, Dr. Lecourt.

By his own admission, Mariano is many things: a professor, an administrator, a designer, a marketer, and an event organizer. And they all lead him in a unified direction. “My overarching goal as an educator and an administrator is to provide spaces that spark creative learning, and to innovate curriculum that encourages collaboration between departments,” Mariano emphasizes. “I look forward to being a part of strengthening the PUC learning community by growing authentic connections between students, staff, faculty, and the greater community.”

» EXCITING NEW PROGRAMS & UPDATES

Larissa Church & Becky St. Clair



BIOLOGY MENTORING PROGRAM

The BIOneers Mentorship Program is a new initiative introduced for the 2018-2019 academic year to help first-year biology students at PUC successfully navigate their major and their time in college. Incoming new students are paired with an upperclassman within their specific field of study, who helps guide and mentor them throughout their first year.

“The idea was to pair seniors with freshmen in their same track,” shares Professor Aimee Wyrick, chair of the department of biology. “For example, pre-med with pre-med, pre-dent with pre-dent, etc. That way the senior mentors have already ‘been there, done that,’ and can offer more productive advice to their mentees.”



ONLINE MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

In fall 2018, an online Master of Business Administration program was announced. This new, 100 percent online program can be completed in as little as one year (dependent upon number of credits taken per term), and is tailored for working professionals. Three emphases are available through this program: accounting, healthcare administration, and management.

In collaboration with Southern Adventist University, PUC’s online MBA offers a flexible schedule with multiple start dates (residency requirements; open to California and Hawai’i residents only). Small class sizes offer personalized attention, and students can expect to learn and grow under the guidance of faculty with rich, real-world experience.

Visit puc.edu/mba for more information, including program cost and application details.



MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS DEGREE

In spring 2019, the department of business re-envisioned and updated an existing program into a degree in management information systems.

In today’s workforce, companies rely heavily on computer usage and so the demand for skilled information technology is growing. In particular, graduates with a combination of business skills and computer proficiency will be highly sought after. This new program aims to prepare students to begin successful careers in database administration, systems security and crime prevention, information systems development, telecommunications and networking, and technology management, among others.



PERSONAL TRAINING DEGREE

In spring 2019, another new program was created: an associates degree in personal training. As there has been an increased emphasis on health and wellness in recent years, it has expanded job opportunities in the field, with employment of fitness trainers and instructors projected to grow 10 percent from 2016 to 2026, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

PUC’s program seeks to instill in students the knowledge they need to assess, motivate, educate, and train clients regarding personal health and fitness needs, on a solid foundation of Christian ethics and the principles of health and wellness.



STEM PROGRAM FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS

PQ Rise will be held for the first time during the summer of 2019 as an extension of PUC’s popular PacificQuest science experience. PacificQuest initially began as a program designed for middle school students. The immersive PQ Rise experience was created as a next-step program for those interested in STEM fields, aiming to provide freshmen and sophomore high school students with a hands-on introduction to the sciences.

“It gives bright and inquisitive students an opportunity to learn new subjects from college professors,” notes Dr. Floyd Hayes, professor of biology and PacificQuest instructor. “It also is designed to inspire students to attend college and pursue their passion in this field.”

PUC BOARD OF TRUSTEES ACTION REGARDING ADVENTIST HEALTH AND PUC

On June 17, 2019, the Pacific Union College Board discussed and approved an opportunity to enter a process of exploring potential educational services with Adventist Health. The Board believes the shared history, values, and aligned mission of these organizations creates a natural opportunity for mutual benefit.

Throughout this process, the interests of Pacific Union College will be represented by the Chair of the Board of Trustees and the President of Pacific Union College. We anticipate that learnings and subsequent recommendations which may result from this joint effort will become clear over the next six months and will be communicated more broadly by the end of the year.

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» RECENT RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

Becky St. Clair

BIOLOGY

Dr. Floyd Hayes and four students (Gil Fayard, freshman; Robert Gouveia, freshman; Sean Richards, senior; and Tony Robles, junior) recently spent time in Mexico surveying the decapod crustaceans and sea urchins, as well as the associating fish.

CHEMISTRY

Dr. Robert Wilson had his analytical chemistry students analyze drugs made in developing countries to ensure the drugs are what they say they are. Many of these countries don't have an organization like the U.S.'s Food & Drug Administration to ensure the safety and efficacy of their drug supply.

PHYSICS

This year, several physics students, sponsored by Dr. Vola Andrianarijaona, visited and assisted with research at Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) in Tennessee. PUC is one of three collaborative institutions working with ORNL and NASA to investigate X-ray-induced charge transfer. The research seeks to better understand cosmic ray background.

SOCIAL WORK & MATHEMATICS

In late January 2019, several social work and mathematics classes collaborated to assist local agencies with a government-required Point In Time count of the homeless in Clearlake, Calif. They developed client assessment skills, conducted research on an existing community program, and studied how statistics can provide insight into local communities and play a role in securing and directing resources.

» RECENT ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

Larissa Church & Becky St. Clair



SPARKing Interest in the Sciences

SPARK, or Science Presentations And Research for Kids, is a new program that began last school year and connects PUC students with local elementary, middle, and high school students under the umbrella of science. The idea is to send small groups of PUC

students into schools to give age-appropriate demonstrations and explanations of various aspects of science.



Learning Biology in Kenya

In April 2019, a group of 30 students went to serve in Kenya on a mission trip, along with several faculty and staff. What made this mission trip particularly unique was that students could also receive academic credit for either Field Biology or Vertebrate Biology, taught by Dr. Floyd Hayes, as the African environment offers a wealth of learning opportunities of organisms, species, and ecosystems, quite different from what students are used to studying in Northern California.



New Faculty

For the 2018-2019 school year, PUC welcomed several new faculty to the Pioneers family. (L-R) Willy Logan (*history*), Sandra Ringer (*nursing*), and Kiwon Kivak (*exercise science*). Not pictured: Tara Hargrove (*communication*) and Julianna Boydston (*nursing*).



Online Current Events Journal Started

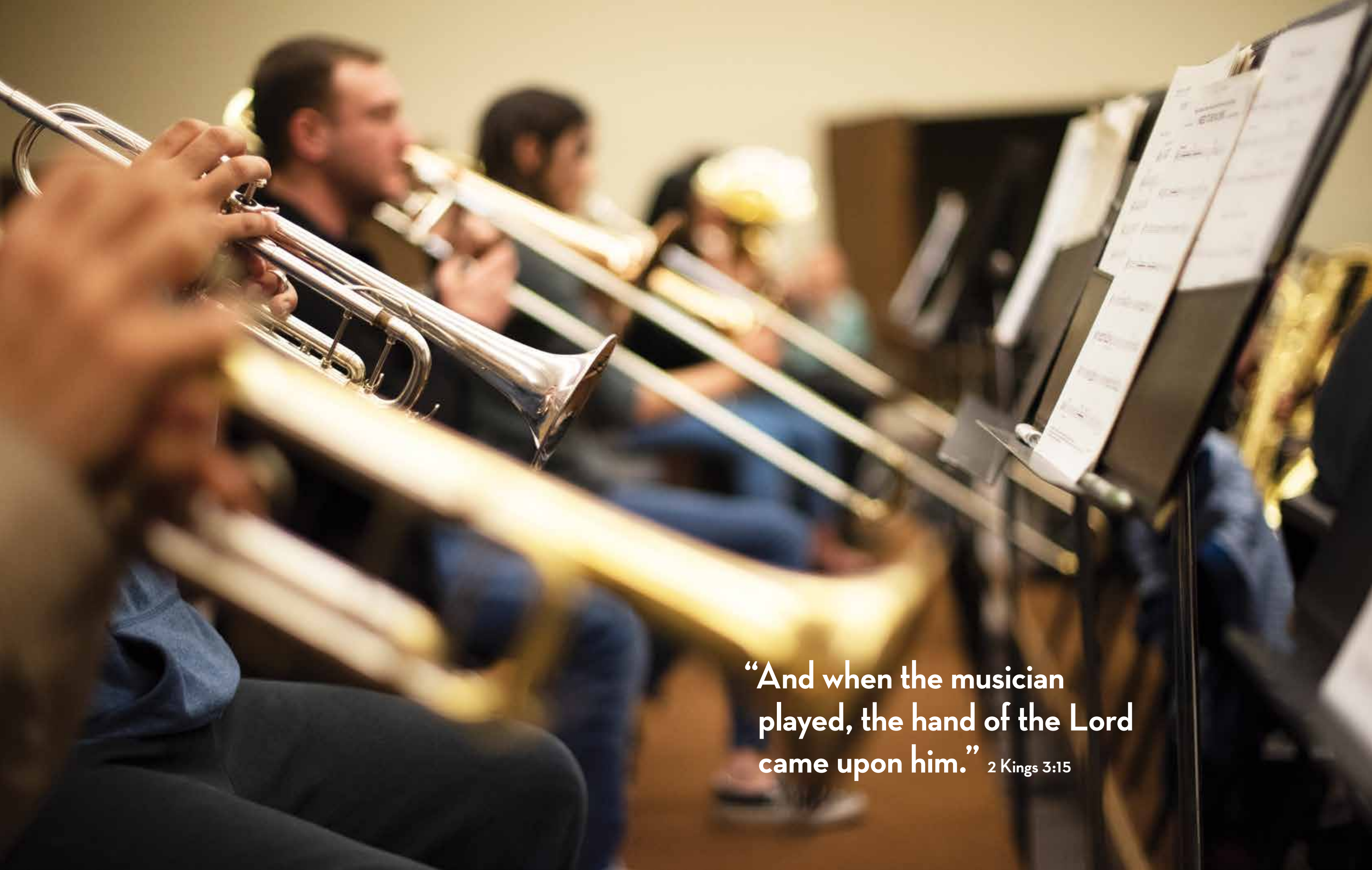
The new Eventorum online forum offers students an opportunity to get additional academic writing experience on topics that interest them and keep the campus informed on current issues.



PUC Students Dazzle at Psychology Convention

In April 2019, a group of PUC psychology students and several faculty traveled to Southern California to attend the annual Western Psychological Association convention. Steffany Quijada, Margot Alvarado, and Emilia Hoffman had the honor of presenting their research at a poster session.

We know more exciting innovations are in store for our College on the Mountain and anticipate another successful year filled with God's richest blessings. Subscribe to PUC's monthly e-newsletter at puc.edu/newsletter to stay informed on the latest academic developments and other college news. 🌱



**“And when the musician
played, the hand of the Lord
came upon him.”** 2 Kings 3:15

HOW TO MAKE THE MOST

Larissa Church

Whether you attended PUC years ago and are taking a trip down memory lane, or you're planning to be a future Pioneer, here's a look at just a few ways to make the most out of your PUC experience. To see our students living life to the fullest, be sure to follow the college's Instagram at [@PUCNow](#).

■ **HIKE TO INSPIRATION POINT.** PUC's back 40 property has over 30 miles of hiking and biking trails, across ridges and valleys. Ask most students at PUC, and they'll tell you their favorite Sabbath afternoon hike is to Inspiration Point, a lookout offering beautiful vistas of the neighboring Pope Valley.



■ **JOIN A STUDENT-RUN CLUB.** There are over 20 different student-run clubs on campus, ranging from the Biology Club to the Literature Evangelism Club to the Student Organization of Latinos (SOL) Club. Joining one of these clubs can help you get to know other students outside of your dorm and major, and fill up your social calendar with fun club-related events and trips



■ **HANG OUT AT YOUR DEPARTMENT'S PRE-VESPERS.** Most departments have pre-vespers at least once a quarter. This is a great opportunity for you to get to know not only other students who share the same major, but your professors as well. Bonus: good food!



■ **WORSHIP WITH YOUR PIONEERS FAMILY.** No matter your worship style, there are countless ways you can spend time in communion with our Heavenly Father. Most floors in each residence hall have a simple weekly worship where you can decompress with your fellow hallmates and spend time together in praise and worship. There's also small Bible study groups, weekly Friday night vespers, and Sabbath church services.



■ **GO TO THE WEEKLY SA EVENT.** Each week, the Student Association puts on a fun activity; sometimes on-campus, sometimes off. It could be a game night in the Campus Center, or a trip to the movies in Napa. Once a quarter there are special banquets you won't want to miss either!



■ **STEP OUT OF YOUR COMFORT ZONE.** Why not take advantage of being in college, with hundreds of classes being offered each year, and try something new? Classes are available in ceramics, gardening, acting, canoeing, poetry, photography, fencing, and more. You can even dare to take Intro to Aviation and learn the basics of piloting an airplane!



■ **JOIN AN INTRAMURALS TEAM.** Close to 50% of students at PUC participate in intramurals, and there are over 10 sports offered each year. Join a team or start your own—see if anyone from your floor or class wants to play.

OUT OF YOUR PUC ADVENTURE

■ **RELAX AT THE BEACH.** There are plenty of great beaches within a short distance of PUC. Grab a blanket, a Frisbee, a guitar, and your friends to spend a delightful afternoon on the coast.



■ **CHECK OUT A RASMUSSEN ART GALLERY SHOW.** Several times a quarter, a new exhibit opens at the college's on-campus art gallery, which often features students, faculty, and other local artists. The opening reception is a chance to meet the artists, mingle with other guests, and enjoy some tasty snacks while appreciating the talent on display.



■ **THROW A TORTILLA AT COMMENCEMENT.** We aren't sure exactly how it started, but it's been a tradition at PUC for many years to fling tortillas in the air during the graduation ceremony. Bring some cheese and make a quesadilla while you wait to hear your graduate's name called!



■ **STUFF YOUR FACE AT GUIGNI'S DELI.** A PUC favorite for decades, stop by Guigni's in downtown St. Helena and eat the sandwich of your dreams. Make sure you get your sandwich with Guigni juice, a top secret family recipe that will take your sandwich to the next level.



■ **EXPLORE THE CITY.** There's a reason why over 25 million people visit San Francisco each year! You will never have the same experience twice. You can catch the latest exhibit at the Museum of Modern Art, have a picnic at Crissy Field, go on a shopping spree at Union Square, or catch a Giants game at Oracle Park.



■ **GET INVOLVED WITH SERVICE AND MISSIONS.** There are plenty of ways you can give back. You could help with Homeless Ministries, which visits local areas in need to pass out sack lunches and care packages every Sabbath, or go on one of the quarterly mission trips to places like Fiji, Brazil, or Kenya.



■ **RING THE HEALDSBURG BELL.** One of PUC's most beloved traditions is the ringing of the Healdsburg Bell. Graduating seniors rush to the bell tower and ring the bell after finishing their last college final. It's something everyone looks forward to!



A Conversation with Bethany

PUC's Campus Chronicle Editor Opens Up

Becky St. Clair

Bethany Erb greets everyone who enters her office with a warm smile and an enthusiastic handshake, immediately establishing herself as a confident, approachable professional. You may never guess she was only a freshman when she was elected to the position.

Many characteristics set Erb apart from other students, not the least of which are her thoughtful eloquence, competent leadership, and gracious demeanor. One of the few non-seniors to serve as CC editor-in-chief, she filled her role with gusto and poise, framing a vision and skillfully guiding her team as they made that vision reality. Humble, yet self-assured, Erb reflects with us on her year serving Pacific Union College as its lead student communicator.

What inspired you to pursue being the editor for the paper?

Since 2015, I've intentionally taken a yearly risk or challenge to learn a new skill, travel to a foreign country, or understand a subject. So, selfishly, I had so many ideas and plans for what

the CC could become it was impossible to resist the challenge. I loved writing for the CC and wanted to provide experience for other writers and graphic designers and increase the quality of the newspaper. I had a vision of the paper as a career stepping stone for those interested in journalism, and wanted to see if, under my leadership, the CC could begin to be a place for students to hone their news writing and creative talents.

What did you find most rewarding about your work as editor?

It is incredibly rewarding to see writers hone their craft, learn to edit and critique their work, and publish articles with which the campus resonates. PUC students accomplish amazing feats while on- and off-campus, and when the CC gets to be the platform to share those accomplishments with alumni, faculty, staff, and students, it is just a really special thing for them to be affirmed for their hard work and talents. I also enjoy seeing our hard-working editorial team use our abilities to celebrate other student accomplishments. For example, we've featured Gabrielle McLeggan, a PUC student and featured model on the

Vogue Italia website, in our last winter quarter issue. How neat is that?! As a campus, we're stronger when we support each other, I believe, and I love that the CC can be a part of that process.

You've talked about growing your team and your vision for building the CC; tell us about your own personal growth as editor.

Being editor-in-chief has really taught me the utility of faith. I'm a very evidence-based person and I like to know something is certain. Being editor is very uncertain. Last-minute things happen, budget increases or decreases, writers drop out, deadlines are missed ... but having faith that things are possible even through uncertainty makes it possible to achieve a desirable outcome, even if it wasn't what we were going for in the first place. It's worth it to have faith in something.

I have also gained a sense of self-assurance in this job. Being pushed to do something foreign and difficult shows me what I'm capable of doing, and I see my team members experiencing this as well. I've watched them stand up straighter and have more positive interactions day-to-day as a result of being part of a successful team.

Is there someone who has had a major impact on your leadership?

Professor Lynne Thew, as the CC faculty advisor, is a stickler for details and holds herself and our editorial team to a very high standard. She's taught me a leader sets vision but also steps into the nitty-gritty process of seeing that vision through. When she meticulously copy edits the last draft of a CC issue, pointing out a missed comma or run-on sentence, she inspires by example. I'm deeply indebted to her, both as a friend and role model.

In what ways would you say this position gave you confidence and strength as a person and a leader?

It's not easy to take on opportunities that look too enormous to manage, but as a result, I have a greater dignity in and understanding of my capabilities. When taking risks and then being successful, there is always a greater measure of self-respect that comes with that process. You realize "Oh. I can take a risk that seemed almost impossible to manage; I wonder what larger risks I can take and pull off?" So, as a female leader, I've also felt more empowered to inhabit a space of leadership without feeling like an imposter.

This experience also taught me the power of a hard-working team. The editorial team is what makes this newspaper great. We have incredibly talented students from many departments working on the CC, and as a leader I recognize now that our strength lies in unity and common vision.

Why do you think it is important to allow student voices to be heard?

Freedom of speech is an incredible privilege Western journalism has had a right to for some time. In the age of "fake news" and constant ideological propaganda, I think it is important for students to develop an ability to think critically, compose an evidence-based argument, and approach an issue from a valid angle. When we challenge the status quo, we both exercise our right to speak and also allow for truth to emerge from dialogue. Proverbs says, "in a multitude of counselors lies wisdom." I like to think that a variety of opinions, albeit sometimes uncomfortable ones, helps us collectively to arrive at a measure of truth.

What advice would you give someone going into a leadership position for the first time?

Stay humble. Leadership is not a status symbol but a call to serve. You're there to make your team shine and call out their potential to accomplish a worthy goal. Admit your mistakes and seek advice from trusted mentors who've watched others in your position fail before you. Don't recklessly dismiss the wisdom of your mentors for the sake of novel theory. And just be kind and love your team. I find so much joy and inspiration in my team members; if you care about your team members beyond what they can do for the team, that's the definition of love.

Check out the full interview at puc.edu/admissionsblog. 🌱



WHAT INSPIRES A PIONEER?

Compiled by Becky St. Clair



"I find strength in our collegial campus community. Here we have people who are not just Christians in name, but ones who exhibit Christ-like behavior in their interactions with each other. This level of genuine loving care, rarely seen in other workplaces, has fortified me for nearly four decades."

— **Dr. Steve Waters, professor of mathematics**



"My professors give me daily strength and encouragement by implementing God into our learning environment. I grew up going to public schools, so when I started at PUC, I found it very motivating to start each class with prayer. I appreciated my professors reminding me God is our strength, and He's present here in everything I do."

— **Jaylynn Ramirez, biology major**



"I have found God in the people at PUC, and in the conversations I've had. Being a resident assistant has given me the opportunity to talk to a wide variety of different people and it's in those conversations that I've found God the most during my PUC experience."

— **Timothy Patten, theology & education major**



"I feel very fortunate to work with the people I do; they give me strength in the day-to-day. They're people I can talk with about a variety of experiences. Having people you relate to on a deeper level and with whom you can talk about pretty much anything is really valuable. My colleagues really make me happy."

— **Allison Fox, librarian**



"My friends here at PUC help me focus on small goals to get to the big ones, which gets me through the stressful moments or when I doubt myself. They inspire me to keep my eye on the prize while also helping me accomplish smaller goals in the meantime, so I can find satisfaction and track my progress. I'm grateful for my friends who give me courage and motivation to keep going."

— **Jennifer Zarate, biology & pre-medicine major**



"I'm the youngest in a family of seven, and being given the opportunity to come to PUC has motivated me to work hard and become something great. Everything I do, every single day, is working to accomplish my goals so I can make my family proud."

— **Jean-Carlos Gutierrez, healthcare management & pre-medicine major**



"I see God at PUC through the genuine care my professors share for their students. Our English department functions like a little family, and it is clear all of the professors here want the best for their students. In my experience, the compassion and genuine concern they show for us each day is a reflection of God's love at work."

— **Sarah Tanner, English & honors major**



"God knew I would be one of those people who is blessed by a smile, and that may be why He chose PUC for me. It only takes a few steps down the sidewalk to be offered a smile, and I feel God's presence in the little things like this. I love that He's working in and through each of us at PUC."

— **Holly Jeske, wellness coordinator**



"We all get tired and sometimes we wake to find it hard to face a new day. But my energy is always restored through interaction with our students. Our undergraduates are bright, charismatic people, all so different from each other. I take delight in working with them and, perhaps even more so, enjoy watching them intermingle and relate with each other."

— **Asher Raboy, resident artist**

HOMECOMING WEEKEND 2019

- Alumni gathered in the Pacific Auditorium to enjoy lunch and to catch up with classmates and friends.
- The **Class of '64**, gathered in the evening to celebrate their 55th honored class year.
- Kellie Lind, '82**, and Dr. Bob Cushman join together in presenting the Honored Pioneers awards to Art and Cherie Goulard and Bev and Doug Helmer.
- Peter Lecourt, '14, '16**, PUC forest manager, shares updates on the shaded fire break and new map of forest trails protected through the conservation easement.
- Kellie Lind, '82**, and Dr. Bob Cushman with Honored Alums **Scott Wendt, '85**, **Sandra Roberts, att. '76-78**, **Shana (Plumlee) Ruggenberg, '83, '89**, and **Barbara Tonsberg, '47, '59**.
- Honored Alum **Scott Wendt, '85**, (center) stands in front of the student missionary map with his wife **Sherri (Fuller) Wendt, att. '81-84**, and Susan Bell.
- Ted Utt, '53**, and Shirley Christian Utt are joined by **Don Halez, '57**, and **Elaine Halez, '83**, at the Pioneers Dinner on Friday evening.
- Nelly Del Aguila, '88, '89, '90**, and Mario Del Aguila pause for just a moment in front of PUC's fountain between the full schedule of Homecoming events.
- Courtney Rasmussen, **David Cervantes, '89, '91**, and **Xylina Cervantes, '11**, reminisce at the SOL Club reunion (Student Organization of Latinos, formerly known as MEPE/AMAR).



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From Service to Success

Dr. Johnson's Journey

Andy Demsky

Dr. William Johnson, '66, turned his love of science into a lifetime of service. Today he is chair of the department of anesthesiology and medical director of perioperative services for Maricopa Integrated Health System, two of the many leadership roles he has held during his 30-year tenure at MIHS in Phoenix, Ariz.

He was raised in Pine Forge, Pa., in a Seventh-day Adventist home. His father was a chemist, his mother a librarian.

Taking after his father, he had an avid love of science. As a senior at Pine Forge Academy, he wanted to be five things: a cardiologist, an endocrinologist, a mathematician, a physician, and a chemist. "Even back in the 1960s, without today's partitioned disciplines, you couldn't be all of those things—but I didn't know that then."

Johnson chose PUC because he felt it offered the best science/math curriculum of the Adventist colleges. He left home by train in August 1962, carrying a suitcase and a huge trunk.

"After travelling by train all the way from Pennsylvania to Northern California, I was tired and quite apprehensive when I first arrived on PUC's beautiful campus. This would be my first time in a racially diverse environment," he says. "First impressions are lasting impressions and I recall getting out of my cab with that big, heavy trunk and suitcase, and being greeted by a tall white guy, who introduced himself as Forrest Follett. He quickly got a couple of his friends to carry my trunk and suitcase all the way up to 301 Granger Hall. That act of kindness was the perfect remedy for reducing my anxiety."

The four years that followed, he says, went by quickly and were filled with hard work, endless hours of study, lots fun, lots of tears, and spiritual insight maturity. It was during these years that Johnson worked with Dr. Cecil Woods, his mathematics professor and most admired faculty member, who had faith in him and inspired Johnson to do his best.

It was at PUC he says his greatest blessing occurred. "I met a fellow student, Leonor Boulton, who would become my best friend and wife in 1966," says Johnson.

With bachelor's degrees in mathematics and chemistry from PUC, Johnson applied to NASA, Raytheon, and other science industries with no luck.

"I needed a job and the National Teacher Corps was looking for people to go to Johnson City in Tennessee to teach underserved kids math, so we decided to go," he says.

One of Johnson's proudest achievements came from his years there. "The handful of outdated textbooks at the school were not adequate, and the principal would not let me purchase new ones. So, I decided to write a mathematics manual to make up for their lack of a proper textbook. I wrote it in language they knew and in local terms they could understand. I let each student know I cared about them and was invested in their success," he says.

The manual was later published and distributed by the National Teachers Corps and recognized as the most significant contribution to the organization in 1967. "Math helped me help those kids, and others across the country," Johnson says.

After his teaching experience in Tennessee, the Johnsons moved to Purdue University in Indiana to work on their advanced degrees: Leonor in sociology and William's in algebraic topology.

He eventually pursued a medical degree and graduated in 1982 from George Washington University Medical School. After completing his residency at the University of Maryland, he taught at Howard University's department of anesthesiology for a year.

Johnson was hired at Maricopa Medical Center in 1989 as a faculty member in the residency program, and has worked there ever since.

Anesthesiology is a good fit for Johnson because of the interaction it gives him with families. "It's more than just putting a patient to sleep, waking them up, and saying goodbye. It's flexible enough to be involved with patients and provide a positive experience they will remember."

The Johnsons have three sons, and are members of the Camelback Seventh-day Adventist church in Phoenix, Ariz. 🙏

Many thanks to the Maricopa Health Foundation for their permission to use excerpts from their Copa Ball event program for this article.



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A Lasting Legacy

The Herber Family Endowment

Andy Demsky

One Pacific Union College faculty member participated in Biblical literature conferences in Scotland and Turkey, another conducted mental health research in the U.K., another did literary research in Japan, and yet another attended a strings conference on the East Coast.

These, and more than 50 other top-flight academic programs since 2006, have been funded for faculty members in whole or in part by grants from an endowment set up by Drs. Raymond and Marilyn Herber along with their children, Dr. Steven Herber, '82, Susan Herber Mace, '84, and Sandra Herber Fisher, '91.

“These programs connect PUC faculty to the best of the academic world,” says Dr. Bob Cushman. “By investing in faculty development, the Herber family is ensuring PUC’s position as a truly world-class institution of learning, and ensuring that PUC students receive the best possible education.”

Each year funds from the endowment are given as Herber Family Faculty Development Awards to support PUC professors in their quest to achieve and sustain innovative, quality instruction.

Supporting Seventh-day Adventist education is, by now, a Herber family tradition. Raymond and Marilyn have set up a

number of endowments at Adventist schools including at Union College, Southwestern Adventist University, and Loma Linda University. Each is a school close to their hearts.

Raymond entered college at Southwestern Junior College in Keene, Texas (today Southwestern Adventist University) and transferred to Union College, Lincoln, Neb. There Raymond met Marilyn in the chemistry stockroom where she worked. He was a sophomore and she was a freshman. He was supervising the general chemistry lab and instructing the A&P lab, as a student, to earn his way through college.

They married in 1954 after he completed his first year at Loma Linda College of Medical Evangelists (today Loma Linda University). Raymond graduated from Loma Linda in 1957 and Marilyn in 1958. All three of their children graduated from PUC.

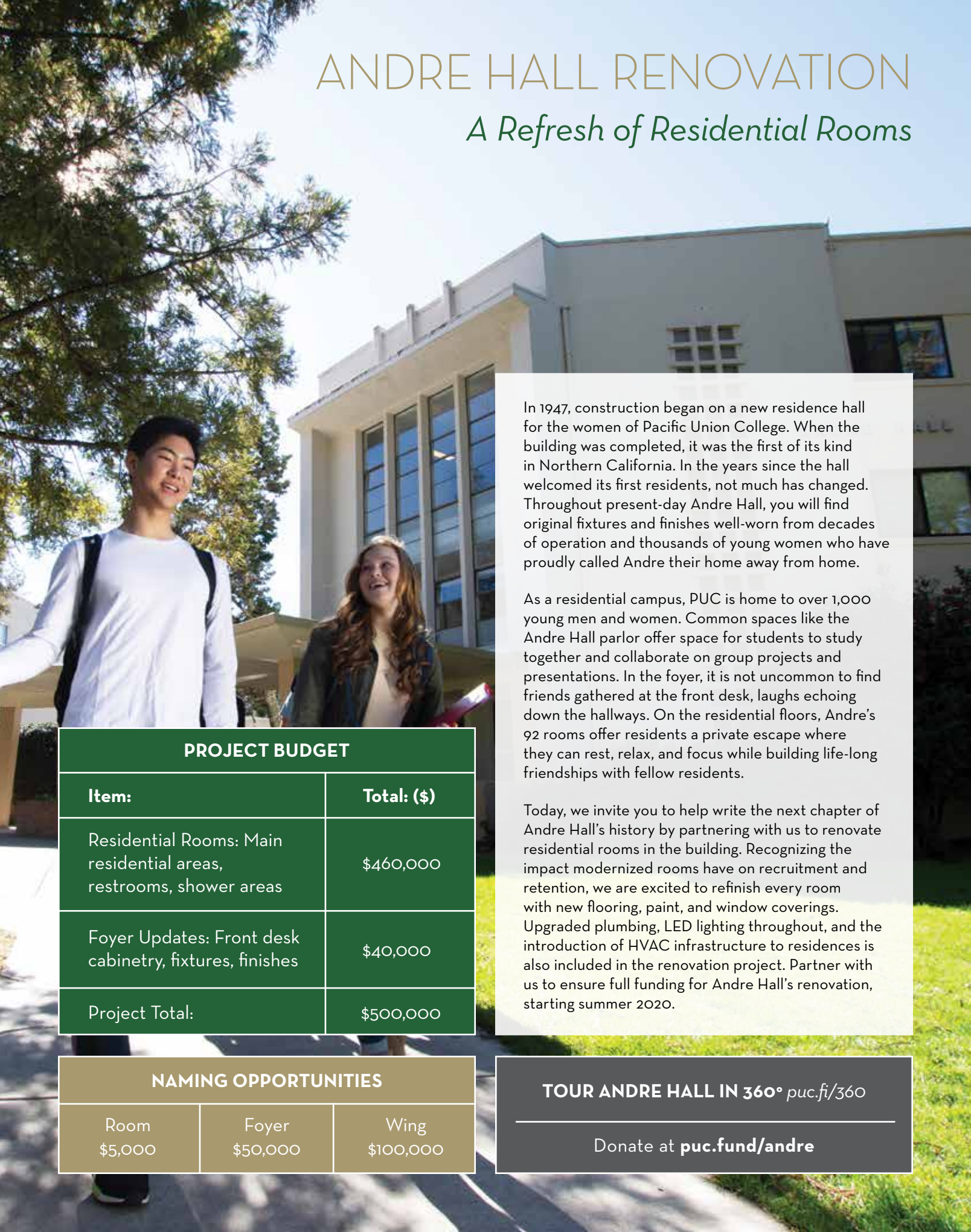
“Through the Herbers’ incredible foresight and generosity they have given the gift of Adventist education to generations of young people,” says Cushman. “The results of their endowments are incalculable.”

At PUC this generosity means this summer faculty members will have the opportunity to learn and grow and bring new enrichment to the classroom next year. 🌱

Three generations of Herber physicians! From left to right, Dr. Raymond Herber, Dr. Marilyn Herber, Dr. Helena Herber (daughter of Dr. Steven Herber), and Dr. Steven Herber, '82, CEO of St. Helena Hospital, PUC Board of Trustees member.

ANDRE HALL RENOVATION

A Refresh of Residential Rooms



In 1947, construction began on a new residence hall for the women of Pacific Union College. When the building was completed, it was the first of its kind in Northern California. In the years since the hall welcomed its first residents, not much has changed. Throughout present-day Andre Hall, you will find original fixtures and finishes well-worn from decades of operation and thousands of young women who have proudly called Andre their home away from home.

As a residential campus, PUC is home to over 1,000 young men and women. Common spaces like the Andre Hall parlor offer space for students to study together and collaborate on group projects and presentations. In the foyer, it is not uncommon to find friends gathered at the front desk, laughs echoing down the hallways. On the residential floors, Andre’s 92 rooms offer residents a private escape where they can rest, relax, and focus while building life-long friendships with fellow residents.

Today, we invite you to help write the next chapter of Andre Hall’s history by partnering with us to renovate residential rooms in the building. Recognizing the impact modernized rooms have on recruitment and retention, we are excited to refinish every room with new flooring, paint, and window coverings. Upgraded plumbing, LED lighting throughout, and the introduction of HVAC infrastructure to residences is also included in the renovation project. Partner with us to ensure full funding for Andre Hall’s renovation, starting summer 2020.

PROJECT BUDGET	
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Residential Rooms: Main residential areas, restrooms, shower areas	\$460,000
Foyer Updates: Front desk cabinetry, fixtures, finishes	\$40,000
Project Total:	\$500,000

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Room \$5,000	Foyer \$50,000	Wing \$100,000

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Alumni News

CLASS NOTES

Written & Compiled by Herbert Ford, '54

1950

Arthur D. Dahl, '53, recently celebrated his 100th birthday with a host of friends, including his nephew, Dan Dahl, who flew from Daejeon, Korea, to Walla Walla, Wash. for the event. Representatives from the first and the last churches Dahl pastored, were on hand for the birthday celebration, coordinated by his youngest daughter, **Connie (Streifling), '71**.

James M. Phang, '59, a longtime physician-researcher at the National Institutes of Health, and members of the NIH team he works with, note recent biomedical advances emphasize the critical role of cancer metabolism. Jim and his co-researchers have discovered new, important metabolic functions for the amino acid 'proline'. These functions inform our understanding of the development of cancer and may provide novel strategies for anticancer therapy.

Paul N. Woodruff, '59, a physician, now concentrates his medical practice on addiction medicine in Fresno, Calif. Paul has been in the practice of medicine for 54 years since his graduation as a physician

from Loma Linda University School of Medicine.

Earnest S. Zane, '51, an ophthalmologist who has given 56 years of service to the Loma Linda University School of Medicine, was recently honored with the university's Lifetime Service Award at the conferring of degrees for the School of Medicine. In addition to his service to LLU, Earnest has shared his expertise in Lesotho, South Africa, and at Taiwan Adventist Hospital.

1960

Stewart Bainum, '68, chairman of the board of Choice Hotels International, received the American Hotel and Lodging Association's Lifetime Achievement award at the Americas Lodging Investment Summit in Los Angeles in January 2019. He also is a member of the board of advisors for UCLA's Anderson School of Management and the Real Estate Roundtable.

Jerry Beeve, '61, and **Dorothy Beeve, '63**, creators of the Beeve Foundation which provides vision care to underprivileged people in the country of Fiji, are nearing their 30th year of giving sight to Fijians

via working medical expeditions to that county.

Gary Okihiro, '67, a nationally acclaimed scholar, founder, and teacher of Asian American and comparative studies, recently addressed a large audience at the University of Hawai'i on "Diversity and its Discontents: How Multiculturalism Failed Us." The author of 14 books, Gary is currently visiting professor of American Studies at Yale University in Connecticut, a professor of international and public affairs at Columbia University in New York City, and the founding director of Columbia's Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Race.

Gary Jensen, '69, retired on August 1, 2018, after 48 years of pastoral ministry. He pastored in Iowa, Colorado, Montana, Maryland, San Diego, Riverside, Campbell, and Fresno. He resides in Fresno with his wife, Debbie, of 40 years. They have three adult sons: **Kurt '93, '97, Erik, att. '94-95**, and John Edward.

1970

Jorge P. Soria, '74, has recently been named vice president of the Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

Glen Robinson, '75, is one of three Southwestern Adventist University communication professors to win an Emmy award from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences for their work on "Truth," a graphic novel style animation. "Truth" is the first episode in an Institute of Christian Film Series, True Heroes, with episode two, "Resistance," currently in production.

Randall W. Younker, '75, '77, has recently been awarded the prestigious J. N. Andrews Medallion by Andrews University, where he is a professor of archaeology and history of antiquity, and where he also serves as director of the Ph.D. Biblical and ANE Archaeology program.

The community of Angwin, Calif., recently turned out for a concert and reception at PUC honoring **Elle Wheeler, '79**, on her 80th birthday. Gifts given at the event are benefiting operations of the Paulin Center for the Creative Arts, housed in Paulin Hall on the PUC campus.

Mark Etchell, '79, having served for a number of years as pastor of Seventh-day Adventist church in Georgia,

has recently been named senior pastor of the Campus Hill Church on the campus of Loma Linda University.

1980

John Y. Chung, '84, a physician, is now in the private practice of dermatologic medicine in Dalton, Ga. John has been practicing in the state since 1996.

Kathy Raethel, '86, chief executive officer since 2011 of Adventist Health Castle in Kailua, Oahu, Hawai'i, was the subject of an interview article in *Modern Healthcare* magazine which revealed that Adventist Health Castle is the only healthcare organization in Hawai'i to receive the National Institute of Standards and Technology's five Malcolm Baldrige Honoree awards. The award is the only formal recognition of the performance excellence of both public and private organizations given by the President of the United States. Kathy has also been inducted into the Fire Starter Hall of Fame, the highest award for excellence given by the Studer Group.

Jennifer L. Schooley, '81, serves as Allied Universal's Site Supervisor for PUC. Jennifer brings to her new position previous experience in public safety with the American Red Cross, the Angwin Community Ambulance as an EMT, and the Angwin Fire Department.

Datha Tickner, att. 80s, who has 34 years of experience

in education, was recently named associate superintendent of the Office of Education of the Southeastern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

1990

Darren Johnson, '91, now living in San Diego, Calif., is corporate communications manager for the Affinity Development Group, and has been developing branded messaging for all Costco Auto Program social media channels.

Stephen V. Mayer, '95, has recently been named treasurer of the Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Formerly the undertreasurer of Union, Stephen also served as a senior accountant and assistant and associate treasurer.

After having had more than 20 years with Adventist Health, serving in various leadership positions, **Kevin Roberts, att. 90s**, was recently named chief executive officer for the Metroplex Health System in Killeen, Texas.

Although she attended PUC in the 1990s, **Carrie (Villanueva) VanDenburgh, att. '96**, has been named a 2017 Honored Alumni of Andrews University because of her outstanding musical talent and her pursuit of musical education. She is currently a high school choral teacher, and a choir director of Harbert Community Church.

Loretta Belton, '92, who is a chaplain at St. Helena Hospital Center for Behavioral Health, has recently been ordained as a minister of the Gospel by the Northern California Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Jason Brayley, '97, who is chief of sports medicine for Kaiser Permanente in Sacramento, Calif., is now one of two team physicians of the Sacramento Kings National Basketball Association team. It's not the first taste of providing medical care to an NBA team for Jason. While doing a fellowship at Ohio's Cleveland Clinic, he was a healthcare provider for the Cleveland Cavaliers team.

Heather Sprauve, '97, who is a tax professional, has just been employed by Brotemarkle Davis & Co., LLP, an accounting and advisory firm in St. Helena, Calif.

2000

Jean D. Goulart, '03, who owns and operates the Bundle of Joy Nature Preschool in Hidden Valley Lake, Calif., has recently received a Tier 5 rating, the highest achievable rating, and the first family childcare preschool in Lake County to be awarded that level of educational accomplishment.

Christopher S. Lowry, '00, has recently been promoted to associate professor and awarded tenure at the University of Buffalo in the school's depart-

ment of geological sciences. He has also been appointed director of graduate studies in the department. Christopher teaches courses in hydrogeology; continues his own National Science Foundation granted research, and advises masters and doctoral-level students.

Zachary Paul Taylor, '04, a native of Paso Robles, has been a part of Morgan Stanley Wealth Management in Napa since 2016. He currently serves as a financial advisor, CFP in the recently formed Napa Harvest Group.

2010

Colleen Ann Uechi, '13, who lives in Kahului, Maui, Hawaii, was recently appointed assistant city editor of "The Maui News" newspaper. Formerly a general assignment reporter for the paper, Colleen has won a number of Society of Professional Journalists (SDX) awards. Previously, she worked as an intern and staff reporter for "The Molokai Dispatch" newspaper.

Carrie Jasmine Lam, '11, a physician, has recently been honored with a Medical Scholarship Award for Preventive Medicine, has also recently completed a relief mission trip to the Seventh-day Adventist Clinic in Tamuning, Guam, where she offered her expertise in primary care, as well as functional and integrative medicine. Carrie's emphasis in medicine is on nutrition and adrenal fatigue.

IN MEMORY PUC Alumni & Friends

Virgil Roger Ahlberg, '75
July 25, 2018

**Carolyn La Tourette
Ashworth, '58**
December 15, 1936

**Robert DeWayne Baerg,
att. 60s**
August 28, 2018

Olive E. Berg, '45, '59
March 31, 2018

Cyril D. Blaine, '50
May 28, 2018

**Evangeline (Knittel) Bowen,
att. '49-51**
April 15, 2018

Robert R. Bowes, '65
March 11, 2018

Paul H. Buchheim, '71, '72
January 11, 2019

Russell Burr, '67
March 1, 2019

Florence E. Calkins, '41
January 12, 2018

Wanda Chinen, att. '84, '86
January 5, 2019

Millie (Moore) Clark, '43, '46
January 23, 2018

Richard D. Clement, '52
January 4, 2019

**Gordon W. Collier Sr.,
'50, '65, '66**
December 25, 2017

Colin Dailey, att. '11-14
February 2, 2019

Domingo DeLeon, '70
May 15, 2018

Gordon R. de Leon, '55, '56
August 28, 2018

Lawrence Davidson, '45
September 12, 2018

Alice Ding, '53
April 29, 2018

Beverly A. Dishman, '76
September 18, 2017

Teresa Drake, '95, '96
March 11, 2019

Victor W. Duckett, '55
March 27, 2018

Edward V. Ensminger, '62
November 8, 2017

Eugene L. Gilpin, '60
January 22, 2018

Antoinette A. Gomes, '45, '48
January 8, 2019

Virginia Lee Goodwin, '51
November 27, 1927

Cornell Greavu, '53
February 24, 2018

Rodman Grismore, '51
December 13, 2017

Cornell Greavu, '53
February 24, 2018

**Beverly (Nelson) Gross,
att. '57, '62**
January 8, 2019

Stephen Michael Grove, '11
April 15, 2017

Howard Owen Hardcastle, '62
June 21, 2018

Edward Lee Harvey, '72
April 10, 2018

Lois M. Henry, '41
October 29, 2017

Shinsea Hokama, '53
May 25, 2018

Marshall C. Hollingsead, '55
July 20, 2018

Ruth Sanders Holm, '49
March 12, 2017

Roscoe J. Howard, '78
September 9, 1954

**Loueva (Donna) (Taylor)
Jacobs, att. 40s**
June 20, 2018

Thomas Kahler, '61
October 3, 2018

**Winona Dawn (Ackley) Kaiser,
att. '46-49**
November 29, 2017

Kenneth Ellery Logan, att. '46-50
January 16, 2018

Wellington F. Mathison, '60, '70
November 27, 2017

JoRay (Beach) Metherall, '50
April 25, 2018

Robert Charles Murphy Jr., '80
January 6, 2019

Amy Obata, '49
May 12, 2018

Leslie O'Neill, '77
September 23, 2017

Lewis Alexander Ort, att. '97
March 12, 2019

Dorothy G. (Nelson) Oster, att. '41
January 11, 2018

Joan A. (Kindopp) Penner, '51
March 12, 2019

**Burton A. Pontynen,
att. '59-60**
June 10, 2018

Harold R. Premdas, '65
August 8, 2018

Ellis R. Rich, '48
December 2, 2017

Joan C. Rockwell, '71, '72
November 22, 2018

**Virginia Mae (Hegstad) Rose,
att. '66-68**
June 23, 2018

H. Orville Ross, '53, '64
December 2018

Eugene Stanley Shreyer, '47
June 13, 2018

Francis J Smithwick, '65
January 21, 2018

Leo St. Clair, att. 60s
September 2018

Kenneth Gordon Stiles, att. 60s
May 12, 2018

**Genevieve Tonge-Keszler,
att. '43-46**
August 12, 2018

Audra Beth Tucker, att. '78-82
December 15, 2018

Adelle J. Turpen, '53
March 8, 2019

Berna Tym, '75
February 6, 2018

Stuart Tyner, '73
March 5, 2019

Stanley A. Valentin, '65
December 26, 2017

Ellen V. Walker, '68
November 8, 2019

Timothy G. Wall, '63
May 8, 2018

Patricia (Shryock) Wallace, '53
April 11, 2018

R. Jere Wallace, '64
August 17, 2018

**Loriane (Krieger) Webster,
att. '38-39**
June 19, 2017

**Carolyn Lee Osinski
Weidemann, '67**
August 20, 2018

Ione Norma (Klinger) Wesner, '53
November 22, 2018

Karen Luther Wikoff, '77
April 29, 2018

Brad Williams, '76
February 28, 2018

Nellie I. Williams, '37, '40
August 26, 2018

Gordon A. Wheeler, '56
October 29, 2017

Clarice June Woodward, '41
June 20, 2018

Jeffrey R. Wood, '78
October 11, 2018

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Desmond Ford
March 11, 2019

Charles Lynn Wheeler
April 13, 2019

WEDDINGS & BIRTHS



1 Ariana Casiano, '15, and Adam Washington, '15,
in Angwin, Calif., on July 8, 2018

2 Jarron Crump, att. '14-16, and Titalin Elfira
Nomleni, in Makassar, Indonesia, on May 19, 2018

3 Alexandria Evans, '11, and Jon Casey, in Angwin,
Calif., on July 22, 2018

4 Lindsey Orellana, '15, and Ryan Gullett, '13,
in Bakersfield, Calif., on February 17, 2019

5 Adelynn Rose Clark, daughter of Summer Clark
(Randall), '07, and Michael Clark, '05, was born
in Ventura, Calif., on August 10, 2018

6 Judah Otto Groschel, son of Trisha Groschel
(Nichols), '12, '14, and Jonathan Groschel, '10,
'11, was born in Napa, Calif., on February 5, 2019

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PUC graphic design major Sebastian Anderson spent his first quarter as the public relations office design intern designing a new look for the PUC vans!

"Working for PR as a student designer has been an incredibly enjoyable and educational part of my time here at PUC. To be able to work on real-world projects in a career that aligns so exactly with what I want to do in the future is precisely what I looked forward to in going to college. I'm so thankful to PUC for allowing students to have these opportunities and providing such a natural space for students to assume roles here on campus that reflect their future careers. To be able to see my own work applied on a PUC van is truly validating in that I know that I've made the right choice in my career path to go to PUC and get an education in the visual arts."



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Redwood Camp Meeting
July 18-27, 2019



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