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President's Message

The Spark that Transforms

As many of you know, I'm a passionate birder and love chatting with fellow enthusiasts. I could easily lose myself in one of those conversations.

Upon reflection, what is a topic you're passionate about? A subject that, without fail, will light up your features and launch you into animated discussion? Have you ever noticed that transformation in others? It's like a switch flipped, and they morph from calm and collected to engaged and vibrant.

In the collegiate realm, we all like professors who are enthusiastic about their subject matter. For example, PUC's legendary history professor, Dr. Walter Utt, comes to mind. This contagious enthusiasm often positively influences and impacts the students in their classes.

Here at PUC, part of our mission is to help students find that spark of interest that will transform their lives. We understand that connecting students' passion with their purpose in Christ flips that switch for eternity.

This flipped switch happens in the academic arena through career exploration, social life development, and the pursuit of various wholesome types of adventure. On our campus, experiential and immersive learning is part of the very foundation of who we are.

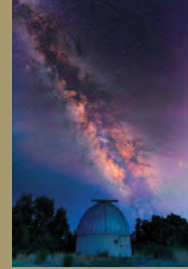
Alongside academics, our students experience a transformation in the spiritual realm. Many of our seniors positively speak about the impact PUC's focus on our Seventh-day Adventist heritage has had on their spiritual journey. Yet another spark that transforms their lives.

Our alumni leave PUC with their passions in hand, prepared to impact their communities—this is why they remain so successful.

Witnessing this passion develop year after year is a source of great joy for me and serves as a reminder of what makes my position so rewarding. I look forward to seeing how PUC continues to flip that switch for many generations to come.

God Bless!

Ralph Trecartin, Ph.D., MBA
President



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PUC GETS SOCIAL





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Facebook: SEPTEMBER 24, 2024

Here's a beautiful moment of our dedicated faculty and staff praying for the upcoming school year and our students. Wishing you a peaceful Sabbath filled with God's blessings.

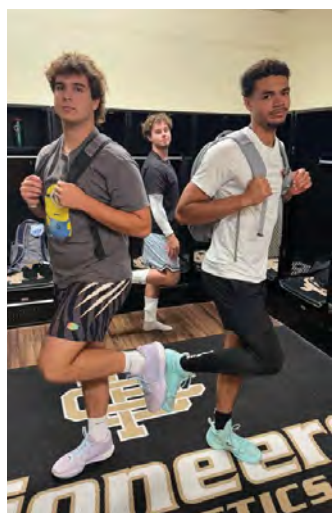
Happy Sabbath, "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." – Matthew 18:20




LinkedIn: OCTOBER 17, 2024

Pizza party with the PUC Veteran's Club! Despite some veterans not being able to make it on campus, we were thrilled to have about a third of our community come together for a wonderful event.

We're also incredibly proud to share that *U.S. News & World Report* has recognized PUC as **#5 in the Best Colleges for Veterans among regional colleges in the West!** What an amazing honor!




Instagram:

SEPTEMBER 27, 2024

School is in full motion, PIONEERS! Welcome Week activities and events have set the pace for the school year. Stay on the grind and start the school year off strong!




Instagram: JANUARY 17, 2025

Sunshine, smiles, and laughter—just another beautiful day at PUC!





X: FEBRUARY 25, 2025 Bethanee Tabura and her team created a memorable girls' retreat at PUC's beautiful Albion Field Station. Despite challenges, the weekend was filled with relaxation, reflection, and meaningful connections. We hope to make this retreat an annual tradition!




LinkedIn: MARCH 4, 2025 Big News from PUC's Nursing Department. We're LEVELING UP with the addition of the Anatomage Table—the most advanced human-based medical education system on the market!

This state-of-the-art technology brings digitized human cadavers and medical tools to life, revolutionizing the way our pre-nursing students tackle courses like biology, chemistry, microbiology, anatomy, and physiology. This game-changing tool will equip our students with the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in the healthcare field.




Instagram: MARCH 27, 2025 Today, we're excited to share some incredible photos of our students making a real difference during their spring break in Peru. From helping @gomaranatha International build a church in Pucallpa to running a medical clinic deep in the Amazon rainforest, they are giving back in powerful ways. They also provided VBS activities and impactful outreach efforts in San Francisco, Pucallpa. These moments truly reflect their journey of service, faith, and community.


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Make A Joyful Noise!

Paulin Recital Hall Grand Reopening Celebration

by Ally Romanes

On Sunday, February 2, Pacific Union College held a grand reopening of the Paulin Recital Hall to celebrate the completion of the renovation. The event was open to the public and featured performances from students, instructors, faculty, and community members.

PUC President Ralph Trecartin welcomed everyone and praised the recital hall's new appearance, including the new colored walls and carpeting, updated chairs, and advanced sound system. He also took the time to introduce PUC alum and new Vice President of Alumni and Advancement Carlos Garcia, who shared a few words about happily being back at PUC and making it the best college it can be.

Going into the program, Manny Scrofani, a fundraising committee member, invited Angwin Ambulance Directors Brad Setterlund and Quentin White on stage to thank them for their organization's generous donations to the Paulin Recital Hall. He also told the audience to check their seats for engraved names to see who else donated chairs and announced that others could have their names included if interested. Scrofani appreciatively thanked donors for all the wonderful donations the committee and advancement office received.

The celebration was enhanced by special performances from PUC's string sextet Mosaic, Vox Pro Musica, the Eloquence Ensemble, and solo performances from PUC faculty and members of the Paulin Center Arts.

As Vox Pro Musica closed the program and received applause, they and the rest of the audience acknowledged the donors with generous applause and cheers. The donors were the true stars of the event. None of the renovations and updates would have been possible without their support. 🌿





Croatia is Calling

PUC Alums Accept God's Call to Become Missionaries

by Ally Romanes

In the spring of 2006, Ted and Nikki Mamoulelis met at Pacific Union College. Nikki was surrounded by friends in the cafeteria when Ted approached her, stuck out his hand, and introduced himself. Nikki was so shocked by his introduction that she didn't catch his name at first. Ted sat down and only talked to Nikki as if no one else was sitting at the table. When he left, there was no exchange of phone numbers, emails, or other means of contact. Nikki and her friends were left wondering, "Who was that guy?" since none of them had seen him around campus. With the table filled with sophomores, juniors, and seniors, they found out he was a freshman.

Nikki never had or wanted to date someone younger than her, but after meeting Ted, she wanted to find the man God wanted for her. After graduating in 2009, Nikki married Ted, the "yin to her yang." Later, they had two daughters, Sophia, 12, and Anastasia, 5. Living in Meridian, CA, Nikki believed their family's mission field was at home, wherever they were. That changed in May 2023 when Nikki and Ted felt God's call to be missionaries.

With the desire to obey, they searched throughout the year for a place to serve. In December, they found Adventist Frontiers Mission (AFM). After applying, Nikki and Ted picked some countries they thought would be a good fit

for their family to serve. They started having in-home interviews the following March, where AFM suggested four countries that would pair well with their personalities. After the interview, the Mamoulelis did a three-day prayer and fast to see where God wanted them to go.

During this time, they had been hosting a high school exchange student from Europe. She overheard Nikki and Ted discussing Croatia as an option to serve. Knowing it is a catholic country, she spoke from experience and said they should go and show the Croatian people how to have a personal relationship with Jesus that many were missing. From getting to know the student and hearing her experiences, they felt God leading them to Croatia.

The application process was extensive; in addition to one in-person interview at their home, they spent hours filling out forms and tests. In April 2024, they attended orientation, learning more about AFM, fundraising, and accepting Croatia as the place to serve.

They continue raising money, getting rid of their things, and fixing their home. Although this process has been long and stressful, at times, Nikki said they always remember that God called them to do this and will get them through any challenge.

This journey of becoming full-time missionaries has shown the Mamoulelis how real God is. "When you actually surrender your life to His plans, He teaches you," said Nikki. "The journey He takes you on; the trials He gives you to strengthen you and your faith. We can see how He is using every experience and trial we face to train us for the mission field. It's mind-blowing."

She expressed how God's plans are much more amazing than we can imagine. "We can look at trials head-on, knowing that they are placed there by our loving heavenly Father who is holding our hand and teaching us through it," Nikki continued. "He uses this time to teach you that you can step out of that boat and walk on the water when He calls."

Accepting this mission also brought mixed feelings for the family, which Nikki said they still feel today. While she and their youngest daughter are always ready for a new adventure, Ted and their eldest daughter are more resistant to change. Nikki said, "At the end of the day, it's an exercise in surrendering your life to God's call, regardless of how you feel."



After summer training, the Mamoulelis plan to embark on their new adventure this fall. Though they won't have a church support group, Nikki said they will be there as long as God wants them there. As they prepare for their mission to Croatia, they train in faith and fundraising.

They ask for prayers during this time. To support them in other ways, you can donate to their monthly sponsorship through Adventist Frontier Mission. They welcome you to come along on their journey by subscribing to their Epistle to receive updates during this mission and following their YouTube channel, Mamoulelis Missionaries. 🙌

If you would like to put together a care package and let them know you are thinking and praying for them, you can do so by sending packages to AFM:

Adventist Frontier Missions
Mamoulelis Family
PO Box 286
Berrien Springs, MI 49103

F A O F P U C E S

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT BEING A PART OF THE PIONEERS FAMILY?

1. Jacob Duran Sophomore, Theology; San Diego, CA “One thing I appreciate is the ability to be real with others in the Pioneer family. We all experience waves of emotions. I’ve interacted with friends, teachers, and staff, such as Dr. Rachelle Davis, Chaplain Arturo Lopez, and Kharolynn Smith, to name a few. I felt as though I could express my joys, frustrations, and sadness. As someone who wears his heart on his sleeve, I’m grateful that the Pioneer family embraces that part of me.”

2. Keala Tabura Freshman, Mathematics & Business Administration, emphasis in Management; Visalia, CA “I like how cozy and interconnected it feels. Being a Pioneer feels like being a part of our homey, small-town community. I have opportunities to meet everyone between classes, working, clubs, studying, and social events. You’ll never find yourself devoid of seeing a familiar, friendly face anywhere on campus.”

3. Dovan Leona Geraldez-Martella Freshman, Pre-Nursing; Hanford, CA “My favorite thing about being part of the Pioneers family is that I’ve never once felt out of place. This community is incredibly welcoming and filled with diverse, unique individuals. No matter your interests, passions, or sense of humor, you’re bound to find people who truly resonate with you.”

4. Benjamin (Benji) Rangel Senior, Health Communication, Pre-Dentistry; Vista, CA “Being part of the Pioneers community has been an incredible experience. The spiritual atmosphere, supportive community, and beautiful environment have made PUC feel like

home. I’ve formed lifelong friendships that feel like family. Most importantly, my relationship with Jesus has deepened during my time here. He has provided a place where I feel loved, supported, and encouraged to grow both academically and spiritually.”

5. Riley Ramirez Freshman, Graphic Design & Pre-Dental; Simi Valley, CA “I feel very well supported in this community, which is especially important in college. For most of us, this is the first time we are on our own and responsible for everything. Being a part of the Pioneers community has given me a sense of family and support during this time, where it is very easy to feel alone, and that has been a huge blessing to me.”

6. Blessing Simamora Junior, Pre-Nursing; Littleton, CO “My favorite part about being a part of the Pioneer family is the close-knit community. Because the campus is small, more students and faculty can get to know one another, which makes our community stronger. It’s nice to attend a school where everyone is comfortable with one another.”

7. Cecile Angela Abellana Freshman, Business Administration, emphasis in Accounting; Philippines/Hong Kong “My favorite thing about being a part of the Pioneers community is knowing that people have my back. My friends and teachers are there for me, and it is wonderful to experience being cared for.”

8. Isaac Kim Junior, Biology; Highlands Ranch, CO “My favorite thing about the Pioneers family is that nobody is a stranger. You can

find your group by joining a club or student association. If you can’t find a club, you can always start your own and find others to join. There are many ways to get involved with this tight-knit community.”

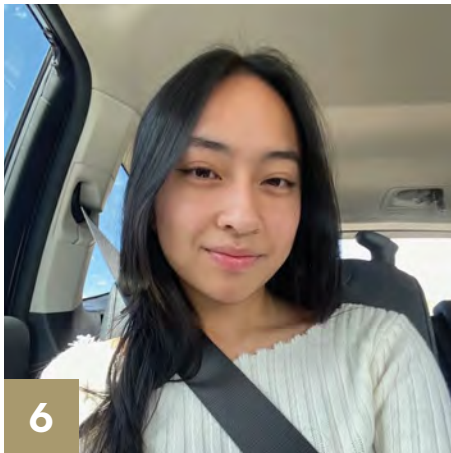
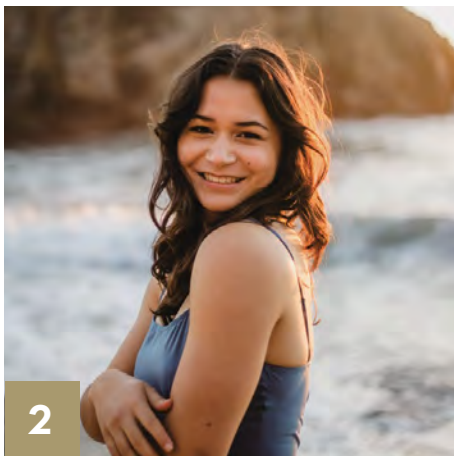
9. Salome Tembo Freshman, Biochemistry; Aberdeen, MD “I love being surrounded by a diverse group of people. It’s inspiring to learn from different perspectives and experiences.”

10. Lauren Sanchez Freshman, Liberal Studies; Hacienda Heights, CA “My favorite part is being a member of such a small and tight community. I feel safe here at PUC and have been blessed with amazing friends.”

11. Marilyn Do Freshman, Biochemistry; Milpitas, CA “My favorite aspect of the Pioneers community is its close-knit environment. It’s comforting to see the same people in your classes each quarter. Not only does it allow me to get to know them more over time, but it also results in an increased feeling of support and belonging.”

12. Derek delos Reyes Freshman, Pre-Nursing; Sacramento, CA “How easy it is to connect with people. Since we’re a small school stuck on a hill, there’s a lot of opportunity to find and connect with people. As you go throughout the day, you’re bound to encounter familiar faces repeatedly. At some point, it’s weird not to say hello after seeing them so many times!”

*Compiled by Ally Romanes.
Responses have been lightly edited for length and clarity.*



A group of young women are working on flower arrangements outdoors at dusk. They are standing around a table covered with various flowers, including white daisies, red carnations, and purple lavender. The women are focused on their work, with some holding bouquets and others selecting flowers. The background shows a garden setting with greenery and a pergola structure. String lights are hanging from the pergola, and a large green umbrella is visible on the left. The overall atmosphere is calm and creative.

“The flowers appear on the earth,
the time of singing has come, and
the voice of the turtledove is heard
in our land.”

– Song of Solomon 2:12



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» THEOLOGY CHAIR JIM WIBBERDING AUTHORS BOOK EXPLORING WEST COAST ADVENTISM

by Sheann Brandon

Theology department Chair, Professor, and published author Jim Wibberding is adding to his literary collection a new book, *Walking with the Pioneers: The Captivating Story of West Coast Adventism*. The book explores traditional Adventist beliefs as they enmeshed and clashed with the landscape and culture of 1800s California.

Wibberding shares the story of “the second founding of Adventism” in the “restless land of the Gold Rush”—a lesser-known story than Adventism’s first institutional center at Battle Creek, Michigan.

“The book tells stories of how something Ellen White dubbed ‘California liberality’ and what one critic called ‘Western informality’ stirred changes that were huge gifts to Adventism,” Wibberding shared. “These include innovating worship music in 1877, a cadre of women in ministry, the first Black person ordained to Adventist ministry, the first Hispanic Adventist pastor in the U.S., a medical empire, and plenty more.”

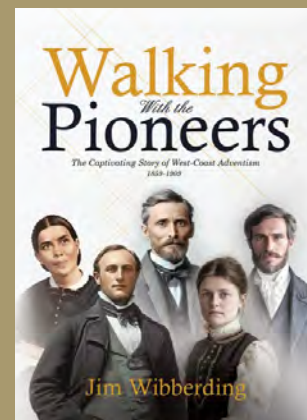
Wibberding describes West Coast Adventism as unique.

“As I grappled with this difference during my research, I realized this is what the Apostle Paul addressed in 1 Corinthians 12,” he explained. “Each part of this ‘body of Christ’ is unique for a purpose, and our picture of Jesus is clearest when we value each distinct contribution to the mosaic.”

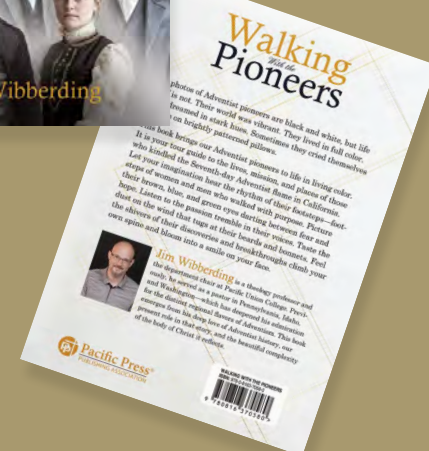
Wibberding hopes other scholars across the country will follow suit and write perspectives on Adventism in different regions of the United States and across the globe.

“I hope this book will foster a deeper value for the beautiful variety in the Adventist family,” Wibberding said.

His book is available at Adventist Book Center locations and online retailers such as AdventistBookCenter.com and Amazon.com. You can also pick up a copy at your upcoming local Camp Meetings. 🙌



“I hope readers will feel reinvigorated in their own service to God’s cause through the Adventist faith,” said Wibberding.



College orchestra, 1914~15: Front row: C.W. Irwin, Mrs. Irwin, Martha Sanderson, Pearl Cooper, Anna Ray Simpson, Wm. Robbins, Russell Starr, Wm. Holbrook; Back row: Alonzo Baker, Homer Rickabaugh, Gordon Reynolds, Schuler Fagan, Noah Paulin



» THE JOURNEY OF NOAH PAULIN’S VIOLIN

by Sheann Brandon

Noah E. Paulin’s violin has never been silent for long. Nearly 60 years after his passing, Paulin’s beloved instrument—like his legacy—is a testament to music’s lasting power to connect generations in praise to Christ.

In 1914, Paulin was invited to join Pacific Union College’s faculty. Paulin walked onto the campus with his beloved violin, prepared to build a music department. At the time, PUC hosted only 250 students.

For the next three decades, Paulin dedicated himself to shaping the college’s music program, directing the band, orchestra, Sabbath school ensembles, and various other groups. He taught music theory, mentored students, and continued to play his violin.

Paulin taught numerous students during his lifetime before retiring in 1944. Among them was Orval Peterson, a talented violinist to whom Paulin entrusted his violin. Paulin told him, “I don’t want this to just sit in some museum like a relic. I want it to be used.”

Peterson continued to play the violin in convalescent hospitals, churches, weddings, and special events

throughout California, ensuring its music didn’t fade.

As years passed, Peterson, his daughter Anne Dunn,’76, and her husband, Richard,’75, discussed the violin’s future. After prayerful consideration, they placed the violin in the care of Monterey Bay Academy’s Academic Vice Principal, Tim Hansen, to continue its tradition of inspiring musicians.

Despite its time away from PUC, Paulin’s violin still connects past and present.

Recently, PUC sophomore Luke Garcia, a biology and pre-physical therapy major and an alumnus of MBA, was connected with Hansen. And during his next visit to MBA, he was able to play Paulin’s violin.

“I felt honored,” Garcia said. “I hope one day the violin is played again or displayed in Paulin Hall for others to see a piece of PUC’s history.”

Though its path, for now, has taken it beyond Howell Mountain, the journey of Paulin’s violin is a reflection of his own: one marked by purpose, ministry, and a lasting impact on generations. And like Paulin’s legacy, the music lives on. 🙌

Joining Our Administration

Pacific Union College is pleased to introduce the new Vice Presidents of Alumni & Advancement and Student & Spiritual Life.

by Sheann Brandon & Ally Romanes



» CARLOS GARCIA

VICE PRESIDENT OF ALUMNI & ADVANCEMENT

Garcia returns to his alma mater with over two decades of strong leadership experience. He has directed team decision-making, leadership organization and planning, motivation and in-person training, and conflict resolution. He previously served as the lead pastor in Santa Maria,

Modesto, Los Banos, California, and Provo, Utah. He led his congregations through pastoral care, provided department management and oversight, conducted lay and leadership training, and supported church growth in all phases.

Before joining the ministry, Garcia was a pharmaceutical sales leader in Chicago, Illinois, where he facilitated sales to regional medical offices and hospitals, assessed trends, and provided continuing medical education for medical staff and hospital employees.

In addition to his bachelor’s degree in theology from PUC, Garcia holds a Master of Divinity and a Master’s Certificate in Strategic and Executive Leadership. He is currently working on a Doctor of Ministry in Advanced Expository Preaching.

“Since his first interview, we’ve been very impressed with his skill set, leadership background, and compatibility with the values of PUC,” said PUC President Ralph Trecartin. “I believe that in addition to providing great leadership in his division, he will make significant and positive contributions to the administrative team.

As VP, Garcia will provide leadership, vision, and direction for alumni relations while creating and leading development activities for sustained institutional growth. He looks forward to supporting the college’s goals and cultivating a donor base that aligns with PUC’s mission and philosophy. 🌱



» AIMEE LEUKERT

VICE PRESIDENT OF STUDENT & SPIRITUAL LIFE

Aimee Leukert is passionate and dedicated to Adventist education. As an educator for over 20 years, she will provide leadership and vision while creating a campus culture that promotes student success and cultivates a spiritual community.

Leukert began her teaching career at Crescenta Valley Adventist School, where she also served as principal before moving to Newbury Park Academy and Monterey Bay Academy.

In addition to her bachelor’s in music and liberal studies and master’s in education administration and leadership from La Sierra University, Leukert also earned her Ph.D. in education from Claremont Graduate University, where she wrote a dissertation titled *Choosing God, Choosing Schools: A Study of the Relationship between Parental Religiosity and School Choice*.

She has also written books on Adventist education and culture in addition to her peer-reviewed publications.

“I’m very excited about the chance to take her research on SDA culture and strengthen how we communicate and implement the most positive and meaningful aspects of this culture in a way that resonates with our students.”

-Ralph Trecartin

Her latest book from 2023 was *Thriving: 31 Stories on the Impact of Adventist Education*. It is a collection of stories from people who built on the foundation of their Adventist education and have flourished in their fields.

Leukert has presented at academic and professional meetings and conferences around the country, including a PUC colloquium, showcasing her research on topics ranging from faculty at faith-based universities to religious culture to higher education.

PUC President Ralph Trecartin looks forward to the new dimensions Leukert will bring to the campus teams. “I’m very excited about the chance to take her research on SDA culture and strengthen how we communicate and implement the most positive and meaningful aspects of this culture in a way that resonates with our students,” he said.

Leukert will ease into this role, taking on some responsibilities during the spring quarter and moving into full capacity on July 1. 🌱

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Pacific Union College creates a lifetime of memories for students, faculty, and staff. We've forged lifelong relationships here and learned to live in faith and serve God with purpose.

Here's a look back at some of the events and people making the headlines at the College on the Mountain over the decades.

2000: During the spring quarter of 2000, PUC students in the digital media class created short films about campus life, including spoofs and satires. One spoof was titled "Nature Show" by Ryan Korando. As the show host, he explored the habitat of college students who slept in until noon. He entered their rooms, pulled out one hair, and waited to see what happened.

Another short film satired the public safety system. Based on the show "COPS" and the Star Wars spoof "TROOPS," this student film titled "Public Safety" followed two public safety officials patrolling the area and issuing citations. Although the movie spoofed public safety, the students shared their respect for their department.



Ryan Korando explores the dangerous habitat known as "the dorm room," with Keenan Hosking sleeping in "the wild."

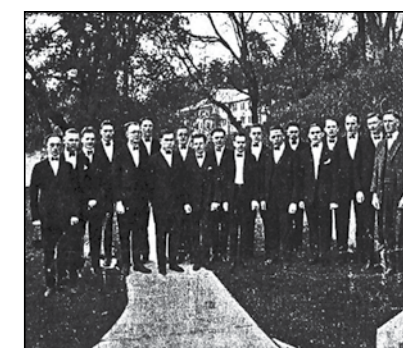
1975: PUC's Gym Team gave their first on-campus performance on Saturday, April 19, 1975, in the Pacific Auditorium. The team of 23 students and their director, Jim Mason, had been together since the start of the school year. They performed around Northern California, visiting Adventist groups, high schools, and service clubs. The team's goal was to use the "exhibition-style" performance as a tool to glorify God.



1950: PUC Associate Professor of Music J. Wesley Rhodes, leader of the acappella choir, directed the General Conference choir. The choir consisted of members throughout the nation and several choirs, broadcasting over the Voice of Prophecy, ABC, and mutual networks on July 16 and 17, 1950. PUC Associate Professor of Music John J. Hafner also helped with the conference music as one of the leaders for congregational singing.



1925: Under the leadership of Professor Clarence Dortch, 24 members of PUC's Men's Glee Club held a benefit concert at Sebastopol in Lincoln Hall on March 24, 1925. With assistance from singers Harold Mikkelsen and his wife, alongside violinist Harold Dail and clarinetist Emery Ostendorph, folk and love songs were performed. The concert was held on behalf of the church school at Sebastopol and had approximately 350 attendees.





Encountering Christ:

A Transformative Path at PUC

by Arturo Lopez, Campus Chaplain

At Pacific Union College, spiritual growth is not confined to a single dimension or done by a single person. Through the integration of Campus Ministries, Service Learning, and Mission, and collaboration with the PUC Church and various departments on campus, students can experience a comprehensive approach to spiritual development. These programs, rooted in PUC’s commitment to faith and service, create a nurturing environment that fosters theological depth, spiritual wholeness, and meaningful engagement with the world.

CAMPUS MINISTRIES

The mission of Campus Ministries at PUC is to nurture theological depth, spiritual wholeness, and missional living in students. Its vision—to inspire and nurture a

deep transformative faith—reflects PUC’s dedication to empowering individuals to grow spiritually and live out their purpose with conviction.

CAMPUS MINISTRIES BUILDS UPON CORE VALUES THAT GUIDES THEIR INITIATIVES:

Transformational Learning: Encouraging students to deepen their understanding of faith and its practical applications.

Leadership Development: Cultivating skills for students to lead with integrity and purpose.

Compassionate Care: Fostering empathy and service toward others.

Inclusive Community: Building a welcoming and supportive environment for all.

Healthy Lives: Promoting spiritual, mental, and physical well-being.

Professional Excellence: Encouraging students to excel in their chosen fields while staying rooted in faith.

Thoughtful Worship: Creating meaningful worship experiences that inspire reflection and growth.

Through worship services, Bible studies, mentorship programs, and community events, Campus Ministries ensures students have ample opportunities to strengthen their faith and connect with others meaningfully.

SERVICE LEARNING

Service Learning bridges the gap between education and community service, allowing students to learn beyond the traditional classroom setting while giving back to their communities. This innovative approach combines learning objectives with service projects, providing a hands-on, progressive learning environment.

SERVICE LEARNING PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

Homeless Ministries: Offering support and care to individuals experiencing homelessness.

Hospital/Clinic Volunteer: Assisting in healthcare settings to provide comfort and aid.

Food Pantry: Addressing food insecurity within the community.

Service Day: Mobilizing students for a day dedicated to community service.

Health Fair: Promoting health and wellness through outreach and education.

These initiatives fulfill the divine mandate to serve and love others, cultivating a spirit of compassion and responsibility in students. Students develop a deeper understanding of their role as stewards of God’s love and care by engaging in these activities.

MISSIONS

PUC offers opportunities to students to engage in short and long-term mission work, allowing them to share their faith and skills with communities in need.

Short-Term Missions: During academic breaks, students participate in mission trips that involve community

development, education, healthcare, and other impactful projects. These trips allow students to experience diverse cultures while making a tangible difference.

Long-Term Missions: PUC partners with organizations to facilitate internships and volunteer placements for those seeking extended commitments. These opportunities enable students to dedicate months or even years to serving communities locally or globally.

Mission work at PUC is more than an outreach activity; it is a transformative experience that broadens students’ worldviews, strengthens their faith, and instills a sense of purpose.

A UNIFIED PATH TO SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Integrating Campus Ministries, Service Learning, and Mission exemplifies PUC’s commitment to a holistic approach to spiritual development. These interconnected programs allow students to worship, learn, serve, and grow. PUC equips students to live lives of purpose, faith, and service by nurturing theological depth, fostering compassionate service, and encouraging mission work.

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HOMECOMING WEEKEND 2025



4/18 @ 5:30 pm



4/19 @ 10:20 am



4/19 @ 10:50 am



4/19 @ 2-4 pm



4/19 @ 7:15 pm



4/19 @ 5 pm

DAY IN THE LIFE

by Nic Hubbard, '05

» FRIDAY, APRIL 18

4 am - My wife, **Emily (Moran) Hubbard, '04**, and I wake up to catch an early flight from Portland to Sacramento.

5:30 pm - Meet **Jaymes Cheney, '06**, and **Brittany (Collins) Cheney, '07**, at Pizzeria Tra Vigne. Recall old college memories and wonder how we got so old so quickly.

7:55 pm - We arrived at Paulin Hall to get our Homecoming badges and lanyards, then went into vespers. What a blessing it was to hear music from our alumni and listen to Pastor Samantha Peralta give an impactful message.

» SABBATH, APRIL 19

8:45 am - Meet friends at the continental breakfast in the Fireside room. It is great to catch up with PUC administration and connect with alumni, young and old.

9:45 am - We headed to Sabbath school a little late because we wanted to continue talking with some old friends at breakfast.

9:50 am - Detour to breakfast in the church side room, where we saw more old friends and met colleagues I have only talked to on Teams video calls.

10:20 am - Sit down in the third pew, middle-left aisle. 20-year-old memories of vespers, chapel, and church services come to mind.

10:50 am - Listen to amazing music from the PUC Orchestra and Chorale.

11:20 am - Hear George Knight give a spirit-filled message about the history of Adventist higher education and how PUC fits into that history.

Noon - Alumni lunch in the cafe with friends-trying to remember what food we ate there 20 years ago.

2-4 pm - Hike in the back 40 to the Maxwell Tree, Inspiration Point, and then back through Mossy Creek.

5 pm - Wilson Family Concert: What an amazingly talented family!

7:15 pm - Attend the 2005 class party in Pope Valley at **Katie (Hopgood) Sculatti's, '05**, house—great food and time to catch up with old friends and classmates.

10 pm - How are we this tired?!

» SUNDAY, APRIL 20

8:45 am - Breakfast at Gillwoods and farewell to friends.

12:45 pm - Fly back home.

WHAT AN AMAZING WEEKEND! HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL NEXT YEAR AT HOMECOMING!

Thank you to all who join us in celebrating our college and making Homecoming a success! We are grateful to the alumni, family, and friends who came to share this meaningful weekend at Pacific Union College.



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Alumni News

CLASS NOTES

Written & Compiled by Herbert Ford, '54

1950

Bonnie (Isakson) Blythe, '55, married William (Bill) Blythe two weeks after graduation. They have three children and will celebrate 70 years of marriage on June 19. Bill and Bonnie have lived in the same house in Palo Alto for 63 years and are members of the Palo Alto SDA Church. Bonnie taught second grade in Mountain View, CA, for four years until Bill completed his Ph.D. at Stanford. She hopes she is not the only member of the Class of 1955 to attend.



Linda (Wright) Becker, '72, is enjoying retirement with her husband. They took a year out of retirement to serve as principals at Paradise Adventist Academy for the school year 2022-2023. It was wonderful for them to be back in California, and they had time to connect with more PUC friends that year. They look forward to seeing the Class of 1972 in 2027 for their 55th.

Bruce Evans, '79, has become yet another member of the Pacific Union College alumni who may also call themselves "retiree" after the recent sale of his large property management business completed in Visalia, CA. Bruce and his wife, **Cindy Evans, '80**, retired from long-time teaching at Sierra View Junior Academy and live on their fruit ranch near Exeter, CA. There, they often entertain their children, grandchildren, and many other guests.

1980

Craig Vendouris, '83, retired in June after 40 years of teaching middle school in Southern California, including 37 years at Glendale Adventist Academy. His retirement plans focus on personal projects—like visiting every baseball stadium in Major League Baseball—but he remains open to anything interesting. Craig continues singing with the Christian Edition men's chorus in Loma Linda. He has sung with the group since 1984, singing across the United States, recording 17 albums, and being part of the Family Reunion concert series that can still be seen weekly on the Hope Channel. He and his wife have one adult daughter and currently live in Glendale.

Jeffrey A. Shultz, '89, was recently named Chief Financial Officer at Adventist Health Sonora Hospital. He previously served as director of internal auditing at the 28-hospital Adventist Health system headquarters in Roseville, CA. Jeffrey, a Certified Public Accountant, has more than two decades of experience in auditing, finance, and accounting. Before his

position at Adventist Health, he held leadership roles at companies Duraflame, Lodi Farming, and Corto Olive. He joined the Sonora hospital in his new position on August 19, 2024.

1990

Holly (Sutherland) Jeske, '91, made a career change after 12 years in employee wellness at PUC. In 2022, she discovered chaplaincy as her calling for this season of life and recently completed a Master of Science in Spiritual Care from AdventHealth University. Holly thanks God for giving her the perseverance to complete this MDiv equivalent.

2010



Ceferina (Tello) Brackett, '14, earned her MSN and started a nonprofit organization called Alta Gracia Missions. They train and equip missionaries for short-term missions with a goal of long-

term impact. Currently, they serve the Philippines, hosting community outreaches and visiting schools to provide hot meals and school supplies to help break the cycle of poverty. Caferina is married with two kids.

2020



Joshua Lugo Mitchell, '20, is on a mission to make a meaningful impact through innovation. After graduating from the University of Pennsylvania, one of his proud-

est achievements was the launch of *Swift Apply*, a revolutionary job application automation tool designed to simplify and streamline the application process. The idea for this project was born out of a deep empathy for job seekers who face the often overwhelming and disheartening challenges of today's competitive job market. Joshua wanted to create a solution that saved time and restored hope and confidence to those striving to secure new opportunities. By addressing this critical need, he hopes *Swift Apply* will empower countless individuals to achieve their career goals with ease and efficiency. Joshua is excited to continue developing tools that inspire and uplift others.

Attended

John McVay, att. '86, '90, '94-'95, chairman of the Pacific Union College Religion Department and senior pastor of the PUC Seventh-day Adventist Church from 1995 to 1998, was recently named an Honored Alumnus of Andrews University in Michigan. Adding to the many honors he has received and the positions he has held during his 30-year teaching career, John served twice at Andrews, and from 2006 to 2024, was the longest-serving president of Walla Walla University in Washington.

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2025 HONORED ALUMNI

Bruce Anderson, '60
Andy Bishop, '10
Dale Galusha, '82
Duane Wall, '69
Justin Wilson, '03

2025 HONORED PIONEERS

Jay & Karen (Ericson) Lewis, '96
Meg & Manny Scrofani



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BIRTH Announcements



Bodhi Fox was born on December 25, 2019, in San Diego, CA, and was adopted into the family of **Jonathan Fox, '06**, and **Rachel (Jenson) Fox, '07**, on April 14, 2022.



Samuel Haller, son of **Kristina Moore, '13**, and **Abraham Haller, '14**, was born in Escondido, CA, on July 4, 2024.

IN MEMORY

Written & Compiled by Herbert Ford, '54

FACULTY AND STAFF

Evaline West, Faculty, PUC Professor Emeritus of Social Work passed away on Monday, September 23, at her home in Napa, CA. She was 96 years old. She was a member of the PUC Church from 1980 and lived in Angwin until about five months ago when she and her longtime housemate Mary Mooy moved to Napa. Evaline came to PUC in 1979 to teach in the Behavioral Science Department. Within a year, she turned the major in Behavioral Science with an emphasis in Social Welfare into a bachelor's in Social Work and saw the program through multiple accreditation processes.

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Merlyn Chester Duerksen, '50, a physician, died October 16, 2023, at Hayden Lake, ID. He was born on September 16, 1925, in Shafter, CA. Merlyn is survived by his wife, Rosemary (Halburg); by his daughters, Denise Graves, Lynette Harris, and Liesl Oak; by his son, Jon; and by 16 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Candace Rae (Scheideman) Hadley, '70,'71, died on June 14, 2024, in Redlands, CA. She was born on August 31, 1948, in Lodi, CA. In addition

to her study at and graduation from PUC, Candace was a graduate of Lodi Academy. She is survived by her husband, Dean Hadley; by her daughter, Allison; by her son, Zachary; by five grandchildren; and by her brother, George Scheideman.

Carl Ray Ingermason, '81, a senior care worker, died on July 12, 2024, in Willows, CA. He was born on March 1, 1957, in Denver, CO. Through his life, Carl worked in various locations, and mostly in senior care facilities. A very musical person, Carl played the piano, violin and accordion. He is survived by his mother, Ann Ingermason; by his daughter, Elaina; by his brothers, Randy and David; by his uncle Leonard; and by other relatives and friends.

Orville A. Lang, Att. '50s, died on June 4, 2024, in Sparks, NV. He was born on October 9, 1935, in Scobey, MT. Orville is survived by his wife, Charlotte; by his daughter, Janice Banks; by his son, Tom Lang; by Charlotte's children, Ginger, CJ, and Kimberly Johnson; by four granddaughters; and by two great-grandchildren.

Orville Kenneth Scheller, '59, a Seventh-day Adventist pastor, missionary and church worker for 55 years, died on August 8, 2023, in Delmar, DE.

He was born on April 29, 1930, in Hillman, MI. A veteran of U.S. military service, Ken began his ministerial career in Pennsylvania in 1961, after he had earned his master's degree in Applied Theology from Andrews University in Michigan. In 1967, he began missionary service in the Yap and Palau Pacific Islands Territory. Returning to the U.S., he served for eight years at the World Church Headquarters in Maryland, followed by various ministerial duties in Maryland and Delaware until his retirement. Ken was predeceased by the death of his parents, Charles and Mary Ruth Scheller; by his daughter, Kimberlee Dawn Scheller; by his son, Michael Paul Scheller; and by his sisters, Leona Scheller Baugher, and Mary Alice Scheller Buczkowski. He is survived by his wife Carolyn Scheller; by one grandson, and one great-grandson; by his sister, Geraldine Scheller Brusett; and by his brother, Charles William Scheller Jr.

Christina B. Silverio-Hao, '67, a nurse and medical facility owner, died on September 6, 2024, in Santa Rosa, CA. She was born on March 3, 1944. Christina served as a nurse for 28 years before taking on the role of administrator and owner of a residential care facility for the elderly in Sebastopol, CA. Very actively involved in the lives of the Filipino people of Sonoma

County, Christina took great joy in singing for church and holiday events. Her faith as a Seventh-day Adventist Christian was a cornerstone of her life. Christina is survived by her loving husband and her cherished brother.

Aileen James Traeger, '67, '89, a concert pianist and educator, died on June 6, 2024, in Grass Valley, CA. She was born on October 24, 1937, in Los Angeles, CA. Having an early affinity for the piano, Aileen made her first public performance debut at age eight, and at age 16 made her professional concert pianist performance debut in Los Angeles. Throughout her career, Aileen performed in concerts as a soloist, accompanist, and member of chamber ensembles throughout the U.S., Central America, Austria, and France. As a music educator, she taught piano lessons throughout her adult life, beginning at age 22. In addition to earning degrees from PUC, she earned a doctorate in music performance and pedagogy from Stanford University in California. Aileen held teaching positions at PUC, Stanford University, and Santa Clara University. She was the artistic director of the American Pianist Association for a decade, and the educational chairman of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra. After moving to Grass Valley from Indiana in

Remembering Friends

"In Memory" is our opportunity to honor and remember fellow alumni. We currently receive obituaries from various sources, and information may not always be complete. Family members of alumni who wish to submit obituary information directly can contact the alumni office. alumni@puc.edu | (707) 965-7500

the late 1990s, Aileen served on numerous music-related boards and in local music positions, including the hosting of a classical music program on radio station KVMR. She is survived by her three children, Terese Telloni, Tamora Eiseman, and Tom Eiseman; by her six grandchildren, and her two great-grandchildren.

William N. Twombly, Att. '50s, a church and education staff member, died on August 5, 2024, in Collegedale, TN. He was born on October 20, 1933, in Trenton, FL. In the early 1950s, William was drafted into the U.S. Army. He volunteered for the military services' "Operation Whitecoats" research program, which developed and tested the effectiveness of vaccines and treatments for viruses and bacteria that might be anticipated in biologic attacks. Later he developed Interstitial Lung Disease, which the U.S. Veterans Administration determined it was a direct result of his participation in Whitecoats. William served for four years at the General Conference (world headquarters) of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and for 28 years at Southern Adventist University in Tennessee. For three terms he was commander of the Desmond T. Doss American Legion Post 257, of which he was a member for 21 years. William was predeceased by his parents, Eli and Ethel

Twombly; by his son, David; by his sister, Helen; and by his brother, Clarence. He is survived by his wife, Sandra; by his daughter, Kari Wilson; by his son, Kenneth; by his stepson, Raymond Peet; by his eight grandchildren; and by his six great-grandchildren.

Gwendolyn Utt, Att. '40s, died on June 5, 2024, in Redlands, CA. She was born on March 13, 1928, in Hastings, England. Gwendolyn is survived by her daughters, Jeannie Galloway, and Lynn Haddad; by her sons, Charles Utt, and David Utt; by eight grandchildren, and by nine great-grandchildren.

Laura Holt Sutherland, '71, a retired nurse and a massage business person, died on September 26, 2019, in Chico, CA. She was born on June 24, 1951, in Albuquerque, NM. Laura served as a staff and critical care nurse at Feather River Hospital in Paradise, CA, for 30 years, a career followed in July 1976 by her opening and operating "Palms of Paradise," a massage business in Paradise. Predeceased by her parents, Laura is survived by her husband, Loren; and by her sister, Shirley Wilson.

Cynthia Lynn Ackerman, '79, '80, an educator, died on June 11, 2024. She was born on February 4, 1956. Cynthia was a teacher and principal of

the Galt Seventh-day Adventist Elementary School and a dedicated volunteer at the Galt Adventist Church. She is survived by husband, Craig Ackerman; by her daughters, Kara, Camrie, and Kaylie; by her son, Kade; and by three grandchildren.

Rex D. Edwards, B.A., (By extension with Avondale College in Australia which awarded him a Licentiate in Theology). Dr. Edwards, who before and after study and graduation from several outstanding schools of religion, conducted many successful evangelistic crusades in Asia, Europe, and the U.S. Edwards may well have been called "A man of the world" among Seventh-day Adventist preachers, given that since 1998 he visited 116 countries in preaching and lecturing assignments. His ministerial career was nearly 60 years in length and included membership of the Washington Cathedral College of Preachers, the American Society of Biblical Literature, and the American Academy of Religion.

Joan (Purdey-Nielsen) Flynn, '60, a missionary, died on May 9, 2024, in Glendale, CA. She was born on January 1, 1933, in Loma Linda, CA. Joan served as a missionary with her husband, David, in Puerto Rico, and then she worked in medical records and also served in ministry with her husband, Howard, at various

churches in Southern California. Joan is survived by her daughters, Rhonda Geddes, Gigi Parker, and Lynette Flynn; by five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and by her sisters, Lola Thompson and Jeanine Wearner.

Donald Philip Gillespie, '65, '69, '83, an educator, died on July 13, 2024. He was born on February 10, 1943. Following his graduation from PUC, Donald worked for several years in a clinical social work. Following his graduation at Western Michigan University where he earned his Ph.D., he taught sociology at both PUC and at Andrews University in Michigan. During the latter part of his work career, Donald held posts in medical care, including various administrative positions. He is survived by his wife, Sharon; by his children, Tom and Cara; by his grandchildren, Katherine, Jackson, and Bella; and by his beloved chosen family of Bob and Jenny Van de Warker, and their children and grandchildren.

Lorraine Johnson Nagel, Att. '50s, a singer, died on January 10, 2025, in Oswego Lake, CA. She was born in Portland, OR, on August 2, 1929. While attending PUC, Lorraine sang the lead for "Carmen" at the Los Angeles Opera. Lorraine sang and soloed with the Mello Macs at the Multnomah Club for

30 years. She was a member of The Assistance League of Portland, OR, for 20 years, and a member of the Oswego Lake Country Club, where she served as President of the Women’s Board in 1984. Lorraine is survived by her three children, Jennifer, Bob Jr., and Nicole; and by her grandchildren, Andrew and Nicole.

Graham Staples, ’69, ’75, ’78, a respiratory therapist, died on December 10, 2024, in Napa, CA. He was born on June 29, 1945. Graham was employed at the Queen of the Valley hospital in Napa, CA, for many years after he had attended and graduated from Pacific Union College, Andrews University in Michigan, and Princeton Theological Seminary in New Jersey. In its earlier years, Graham traveled as a staff member of the Heart Team of Loma Linda University. Graham is survived by his sister, Marilyn; and by his brother, Irwin.

Charles Edwin “Ed” Thompson, ’59, a teacher of history and English, died on January 27, 2025. He was born on September 17, 1937, in Fresno, CA. After graduation from Golden Gate Academy in 1955, Ed attended PUC, where, in addition to his studies under the legendary PUC Professor J. Paul Stauffer, he was literary editor of the 1960 Diogenes Lantern yearbook. A beloved teacher, Ed retired for a successful teaching career at Redwood Adventist Academy in Santa Rosa CA. A highlight of his teaching career was his cre-

ation of a successful drama group, the Michelangelo Layers, who performed his original Christian plays widely throughout the Western U.S. Ed was predeceased by Joan Wornow, his wife of 32 years, who he met at PUC; and by their oldest daughter, Holley who passed away in 2008 at the age of 46. He is survived by his daughter, Amii Cale; and by his granddaughters, Emily Cale, and Sorsha Lovejoy.

Karen D. Wallace, ’68, ’73, an educator, died on December 9, 2024, in Los Gatos, CA. She was born on June 30, 1946, the daughter of the well-known PUC graduates, Elton, ’43, and Evelyn, ’43, Wallace.

Walter (Waldemar) Koehn, ’70, passed away on June 29, 2024. He was a refugee from Germany who came to the US in 1949. After working at Harris Pine Mills in Pendleton, OR, and later, the furniture factory at Thunderbird Academy, he passed the GED even though he never went to high school. Walter was accepted as a freshman at PUC in 1965.

His wife, Donna Koehn, became the dean of girls in Graf Hall during the five years he attended PUC, graduating with a master’s in 1970. He then taught at several SDA academies, ending with the last 20 years at Auburn Adventist Academy, after which he retired in 1999. Upon retirement, he and Donna moved to Cottage Grove, OR, where they were a vital part of the Cottage Grove SDA Church for 22 years.

When Donna’s health began deteriorating, they moved to Puyallup, WA, to live with their daughter and husband in a newly constructed addition, the Koehn Mansion. Donna lived until October 14, 2023, and five months later, while still grieving his wife of almost 70 years, Walter was diagnosed with cancer and died 3 months later at the age of 90. Until his passing, he frequently talked about how blessed his life had been, despite war causing the loss of his parents and many other relatives and then the hardships of moving to a foreign country and having to learn a new language. They both leave a legacy of love and devotion to God, family, and the Church.

Linda Deloach, ’69-’70, died March 6, 2025, in Savannah, GA. She was born in 1952. Linda is survived by her husband, Herman Deloach; by her children, Lovia Deloach and Armand Deloach; by her four grandchildren, Adrian Cooper, Jessie Cooper, Kobie Goldwire II, Khandice Jeanette Goldwire; by four great-grandchildren; and by her sister, Joyce Washington.

M. Elizabeth Brandt, Att. ’60s, previously **Elizabeth Fleck**, died on October 19, 1976, in Walla Walla, WA. She was born on November 14, 1942, in Coos Bay, OR. She is survived by her daughter, Karen Brandt-Mayo; by her son Curtis; by her sister Marilyn Westerbeck; and by five grandchildren.

Phyllis Elain Nelson Castle, ’54, a creative mother, died on December 5, 2024, in Salinas, CA. She was born on August 13, 1931, in Fresno, CA. Phyllis was married to Jerald Nelson, a physician, for 23 years. Following Jerald’s death, while she was in her late 50s, Phyllis married Edwin Castle, and they took up residence in Salinas. Phyllis was predeceased by her husbands, Jerald Nelson, and John Castle. She is survived by her three children, Scott Nelson, Terri Lynn Nelson, and Cindy Nelson Holmsky; and by her eight grandchildren.

Edwin Lawrence Ermshar, ’57, died on November 27, 2024, in Grants Pass, OR. He was born on September 5, 1934, in Glendale, CA. Edwin is survived by his sons, Jon, Michael, David, and Philip; by his brother, Douglas; and by 13 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Dillard Bill Wayne Greenwood, ’66, a retired teacher, died on January 30, 2025, in Lodi, CA; he was born on May 18, 1929, in Los Angeles, CA. A veteran of the U.S. Army service, Bill worked at several industrial jobs before being a teacher in Seventh-day Adventist schools. His educational career took him to Santa Rosa, Torrance, Livermore, Napa, and Galt in California, to Colorado, to Moliki in Hawaii, Phoenix in Arizona, and Farmington in New Mexico. He was predeceased by his wives, Verna Conner and Nova Vought; by his daughter, Linda; his son,

Daniel; his parents, Thomas and Althia Greenwood. He was also predeceased by all his siblings, Ruth, Mickey, Frances, Tom, Alden, Fred, and Virginia. Bill is survived by his wife, Shirley; by his daughters, Colleen Wang, and Carolyn Bailey; by his sons, Dennis and Jack; by stepdaughter, Machel Bartlett; by stepsons, Steve and Scot Huggins; and by many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Donald William Herrmann, Att. ’60s, died on December 16, 2024, in Riverside, CA. He was born on June 18, 1943, Philadelphia, PA. He is survived by his wife, Sandra Louise Herrmann; and by his children, Kimberly Cantrelle, Brian Herrmann; and by three grandchildren.

Alfredo L. Rasi, Att. ’50s, a physician, died on January 6, 2025, in Loma Linda, CA. He was born on March 6, 1938, in

La Plata, Argentina. Alfredo is survived by his wife, Martha Rasi; by his daughter Cynthia Rasi; by his son, Leonardo Rasi; by three grandchildren; and by his brother, Carlo Rasi.

Janet Joann (Neufeld) Wells, ’58, died November 10, 2024, in Beaverton, OR. She was born on May 27, 1938, in Dallas, TX. She is survived by her daughters, Karin Wells-Kilpatrick, Cheryl Wells, and Cindy Wells; by her brothers, John and Jerry Neufeld; and by three grandchildren.

Faye Loewen Heldoorn, ’59, a retired business person and distance runner, died on August 27, 2024, in Gardnerville, NV. She was born on March 22, 1937, in Lodi, CA, where she grew up. Faye’s working career included that of an insurance agent/broker and office manager for 17 years in La Jolla, CA. She was an active member of the American

Association of University Women for 45 years. Athletically, Faye became a long-distance Master runner, completing five Marathons over a span of years that included her participating in many other running events. Her life-long hobby was knitting, a joyful activity that provided her family and friends with hundreds of knitted items of clothing. Faye is survived by her husband, Jim Heldoorn; by her sons, Geoffrey, Kenton, and Toddy; by her granddaughters, Kendall and Paige; and by her great-granddaughter, Piper.

Editorial Note: The latest issue of *Reflections*, the monthly journal of the Retirement Office of the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists, lists the following Pacific Union College alumni as having died. Whatever information is available to the PUC Alumni Office follows each name:

- Joan Arlene Flynn, ’60**
John C. Ketelsen, Att. ’50s
Gary K. Klemp, ’63
Roy Larsen, Att. ’50s
Eugenia Rowland, ’63
Winton West, Att.
Margaret Bishop, ’52, ’68
Robert Coombs, ’68, ’71
Iva Dell Lombard, Att.
H. Eugene Miller, ’60
Norman Thomas, ’60;
Hugh Dumbeck, ’72
Robert W. Evans, ’65, ’78, ’81



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JULY 27-AUG. 2 | Redwood Camp Meeting

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