A Campus Filling its Sacred Mission

We are blessed by the dedication and service of our alumni family, and we honor the tremendous positive impact that you are making in the world since your graduation from Pacific Union College. ViewPoint provides an opportunity to reconnect with a very special place in your memories as you ponder how God has led you on many phenomenal pathways of success and service.

While we may feel that your time with us was all too short, I know from my conversations with many alumni of this venerable institution that their experiences at PUC taught them lasting and valuable lessons, not just as professionals but also as Christ’s servants dedicated to meeting the important needs of our fellow men and women. As we all know, your role as a PUC Pioneer does not end when you shake the president’s hand and receive your diploma. Rather, it continues throughout your lifetime as you blaze trails of service in your work, your family, and your community.

PUC continues to flourish and fulfill its sacred mission. Every year, we are educating Christian scholars and professionals who are making a difference in the world by providing a first-rate 21st century educational experience that leads to thriving careers in the medical, science, social science, business, creative arts and many other important areas of study.

The Lord continues to bless this campus with more gifts from our generous alumni. This year, we celebrated the grand opening of the Herbert Ford Pitcairn Islands Study Center, housing the world’s foremost collection of Pitcairn Islands books and other important artifacts. We also acknowledge and celebrate the many gifts making the completion of our Heritage Campaign, Library Phase II renovations and expansion a reality. Your prayers and support continue to be essential to achieving each of these important milestones.

Finally, thank you for joining us in celebration of our blessed heritage and bright future, and for your prayers for God’s continued blessings and guidance. May you be inspired to blaze new trails of faith and service, and may God continue to bless His college on the mountain.

Warmly,

Heather J. Knight, Ph.D.
President, Pacific Union College

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president’s message
New Frontier
PUC Launches New Online Nursing Program

Martin Surridge

Last summer, Pacific Union College began enrolling students for a new fully online degree program, an RN to BSN in Nursing. This WASC-approved degree program is designed for registered nurses who are interested in career advancement. PUC is the first Seventh-day Adventist college or university in the western United States to offer an online BSN to BSN degree.

New students may enroll at various times throughout the year, as classes are offered in a flexible format designed to meet the scheduling needs of working adults, according to William Chunestudy, Ph.D., PUC’s associate academic dean for distance and adult learning, and the college’s lead administrator for the new initiative. A generous transfer credit policy allows prepared students to earn an RN to BSN degree in as little as one year.

“Nursing is currently PUC’s largest on campus program,” Chunestudy stated, “and beginning our new online initiative with this RN to BSN program makes sense in terms both of resources and potential students.”

The online nursing program is the first program to be introduced as part of PUC’s distance and adult learning initiatives, with the goal to roll out new online degrees in the near future. “PUC promises to expand the student body, transform how the college reaches its constituents, and provide working adults an opportunity to return to the classroom in an online setting to complete a degree they have previously begun, or advance from an associate degree to a bachelor’s degree,” says Chunestudy.

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Offering a mixture of PUC’s unique academic environment along with the convenience of online learning, PUC’s adult learning initiative was affirmed after the completion of the first year of the new online program with over 40 students enrolling. “One reason I never thought online learning was for me is because I enjoy the academia environment, sitting in the classroom, in a professor’s office, or in the library discussing issues. I never thought this could be obtained from an online degree. However, it was able to foster this exact environment. I’m excited to see what the future holds,” says Tyler McCulloch, ’13.

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“My name is Norma Ferriz. I received my IRS certification, and soon after began seeing clients under the supervision of Norma Ferriz, site and operations manager for UpValley Family Centers. Ferriz estimates nearly 90 percent of the people who take advantage of the program receive a refund. “This is all money that is reinvested in the community, so that is great,” she said. In 2014, a group of PUC and community volunteers prepared tax returns for 451 households, bringing back more than $780,000 in total refunds to families and individuals in the community. With the program thriving from the support of the college and its students, more people than ever will be able to see results from their expertly prepared tax returns.

Rodney Hardcastle, professor of business administration, is encouraged that the service-learning opportunity has benefited both his students and the community. “It works out great in this instance because not only are they getting the learning, but they’re giving back to the community at the same time,” he said.

The VITA program allows PUC students to serve the community and put their skills to use preparing tax returns. For every 1,000 visitors to PUC, $167,000 in local business revenues & 2 Napa County jobs created

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Pacific Union College alumni returned to campus for the college’s annual Homecoming Weekend, April 15-17, where they visited with fellow alumni, students, and favorite professors.

“Welcoming our alumni family back to the PUC campus is the highlight of our year. It’s such a blessing to see old friends and make new ones.” - Mark Ishikawa ’01, associate vice president for advancement and strategic partnerships.

PUC Welcomes the Alumni Family Back to Campus

1. Alumni and friends enjoying a meal together at the Honored Alumni dinner Friday evening.

2. Professors emeriti Lary J. Taylor and Dr. William M. Hemmerlin share a laugh during the festivities.

3. PUC alumni made new memories with old friends during the Homecoming Weekend celebration.
Following the second annual PUC Talks on Friday afternoon, a banquet was held in the Dining Commons in recognition of the 2016 Honored Alumni. These awards are given to graduates who have demonstrated the best of the Pioneers spirit.

Charles White, ‘66
Honored Alumnus
Christian education and youth ministry are two of Pastor Charles White’s great passions. Over the years, he has assisted with the building of several schools and has always been strongly supportive of children, youth, and youth pastors in his churches. For over 40 years, he has served as service pastor of multiple churches, with memberships ranging between 500–1,400. White has also been involved in missions and ministries, both within the country and as far away as Costa Rica and Ukraine. As the great-grandson of James and Ellen White, one of his ministries has included holding seminars in which he shares insights into the lives of the famed Adventist pioneers.

White graduated from Pacific Union College in 1966 with a bachelor’s in theology and a minor in business, and went on to earn his master of divinity from Andrews University. He and his wife Diane currently live in Phoenix, Ariz. The couple has been married for 34 years and have five children.

Dr. Paul Eun, ’79
Honored Alumnus
Dr. Paul Eun and several friends founded The Fountain of Life Foundation in 2012. The organization is involved in a multitude of projects, ranging from distributing food and supplies to low-income and elderly families in the Seattle area, to partnering with international organizations in Africa to develop villages and coordinate various educational programs, medical care, clean water, and other essential supplies. The FOL Foundation prides itself on committing 100 percent of publicly donated funds directly to charitable activities.

Eun graduated from Pacific Union College in 1979 with a bachelor’s in biochemistry and a minor in psychology. He continued his education at Loma Linda University, where he earned his M.D., and did his residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Loma Linda University Medical Center. Dr. Eun has served as a managing partner in a single specialty group practice of general obstetrics and gynecology in Puyallup, Wash., since September 1994.

Donald and Christine Dudley, ’74
Honored Alumnae
Both Don and Christine Dudley began their teaching ministry at San Diego Academy. Christine began as a multi-grade teacher for grades 3 and 4, and taught in San Diego 17 years before transferring to Redlands Adventist Academy, where she has taught the past 25 years. In her career she has taught all grades K-12, and her passion in teaching has been and remains teaching secondary English.

Don began as a junior high Bible teacher and after eight years became principal of the elementary school at San Diego Academy. His next administrative position was at Mesa Grande Elementary School at San Diego Academy. His next administrative position was at Mesa Grande Academy, where he was principal for five years.

He then took a position in Southeastern California Conference as Associate Superintendent, Secondary Curriculum, and in 2010 was asked to serve as Superintendent of Schools, the position he currently holds.

Christine earned her bachelor’s in English with a minor in history from Pacific Union College in 1974, and continued on to earn her master’s in English from La Sierra University. Don earned his bachelor’s in biology with a minor in religion from PUC in 1974 as well, and a master’s in administration and leadership from La Sierra University. The Dudleys reside in Highland, Calif. They have two sons, Dante and Darren, and grandchildren Miles, Ely, and Lucy, 2.

Dr. Stanley and Raylene Sturges, ’50
Honored Alumni
When Dr. Stanley and Raylene Sturges arrived in Benepa, Nepal, they were the first Seventh-day Adventist medical missionary couple to the country. Dr. Sturges was the only qualified physician in the area, while Raylene served as his nurse and administrative assistant. Within two years, and without the use of modern tools, not even a wheelbarrow, Dr. Sturges turned a small one-room clinic into a 20-bed hospital, the Scheer Memorial Hospital. He even made the bricks for it. They provided compassionate medical care to an under served area as the only hospital serving over half a million people.

Upon graduating from Pacific Union College in 1950, Dr. Sturges and Raylene went on to the College of Medical Evangelists, where Raylene graduated with a nursing degree in 1953, and Dr. Sturges graduated with a medical degree in 1955. Two years later they left to Nepal. In 1961, Dr. Sturges was honored as one of America’s Ten Outstanding Young Men by the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Sturges and Raylene have been married for over 50 years.
Worshipping Together

Throughout Homecoming Weekend, PUC’s alumni family gathered together to worship Our Heavenly Father.

Pioneers Vespers
Pioneers Vespers was held Friday evening. President Knight welcomed the congregation and Manny Mora, ‘16, and Whitney Weems, ‘17, led out in the annual singing of the school song, “Our College on the Mountain.” The PUC octet provided special music.
Pastor Samantha Angeles Peralta, ‘13, was the evening’s featured speaker. Angeles Peralta currently serves as the associate pastor for youth, young adults, and worship ministries at Bonita Valley Adventist Church in San Diego. Her talk, “Because of William,” challenged listeners to take the risk to trust Christ and live as we do. “For each of us, God has a special call to be a pioneer … to open the way and break ground to lead others to Him.”

Sabbath School
Honored Alumnus Elder Charles White, ‘66, presented his talk, “Ellen White Through the Eyes of Her Great Grandson,” where he shared stories and insights into the lives of the famed Adventist pioneers. For over 40 years, he has served as senior pastor at multiple churches, and has been involved in missions and ministries around the world.

Sabbath Worship Service
The Sabbath sermon, “Welcome Home,” was presented by world-renowned vocalist, pastor, and education activist Wintley Phipps. Mr. Phipps has traveled the globe for close to 30 years, singing and preaching messages of hope to thousands of people, and currently serves as the senior pastor for the Palm Bay Seventh-day Adventist Church in Palm Bay, Fla. He reminded the congregation of the ultimate Homecoming, when we are welcomed home in heaven and inherit the kingdom God has prepared for us. He also commended the PUC legacy, saying, “I believe the true greatness of PUC is not determined by its ability to produce scientists and doctors … lawyers or engineers … The true greatness of PUC in the eyes of God is determined by its ability to produce men and women of Christ-like character.”

“Since his ascension, Jesus has been planning a welcome home for every prodigal whose character has been transformed by the Blood of the Lamb.” - Wintley Phipps
Connecting with Friends
A Variety of Exciting Events to Experience Together

Sabbath afternoon and Sunday morning included a full schedule of events for alumni and guests to attend.

Sabbath School
The Wilmore C. Hansen Museum was open for viewing, as was the student art exhibit at the Rasmussen Art Gallery. A ribbon-cutting was held for the Herbert Ford Pitcairn Islands Study Center, and honored Herbert Ford, ’54, for his exemplary work in making the center a reality.

The annual gathering of the Friends of Walter C. Utt met in the Rasmussen Art Gallery to remember the beloved history professor who taught at PUC from 1951 to 1985. Several of Utt’s former students shared memories of the professor. Also on display were Utt’s extensive collection of posters and comics, which was significantly comprised of Soviet propaganda. The department of music held their annual homecoming concert featuring the I Cantori chorale, the symphonic wind ensemble, the string quartet, and the handbell choir. Closing the Sabbath, Wintley Phipps shared his vocal talent in concert, blessing the many alumni and community members in attendance.

Sabbath Evening
In the evening, many alumni dispersed for individual parties celebrating the honor classes. This year, the graduating classes of ’56, ’66, ’76, and ’86 were honored. There were also alumni games for women’s and men’s basketball.

Sunday Morning
The weekend came to a close with additional Pioneers athletics events Sunday morning; a men’s soccer alumni game, as well as women’s and men’s volleyball alumni games.

See more photos of the 2016 Homecoming Weekend at puc.edu/homecoming-2016.
The festivities of Homecoming Weekend 2016 began with the second annual PUC Talks on Friday afternoon. This new tradition is a series of mini lectures modeled after the popular TED Talks, and according to Walter Collins, vice president for advancement and alumni relations, “They’re designed to connect PUC alumni and community to the rich intellectual tradition that PUC fosters and provide an opportunity for all of us to be inspired and informed by the research and ideas presented.” The featured speakers this year were Katy Van Arsdale, Dr. Stanley Sturges, and Dr. Floyd Hayes.

Katy Van Arsdale, M.A., MLIS
Before coming to PUC in 2015 to work as the special collections librarian, Katy Van Arsdale worked for several years as a research librarian in Washington, D.C. With an M.A. in History and an MLIS in Library Science from the Catholic University of America, she especially enjoys researching local history and bringing it to life. Van Arsdale presented “Memory On the Mountain: Heritage and Campus Identity at PUC,” where she discussed the grit of the early PUC Pioneers and their resourcefulness as they moved from Healdsburg to Angwin’s beautiful, though remote, mountaintop location, which came with unique challenges. She also discussed the building of what is now Irwin Hall, and how students and PUC faculty were an integral part of the process, from designing the plans to literally working day and night to cart dirt up a hill to make the dream of an administration building a reality. That building today is known as Irwin Hall.

Stanley Sturges, M.D., ’50
Dr. Stanley Sturges is a 2016 Honored Alumnus and a graduate of the class of 1950. Following his time at PUC, Sturges went on to the College of Medical Evangelists, where he graduated with a medical degree in 1955. Afterward, he and his wife Raylene (also a 2016 PUC Honored Alumna) served as missionaries in Benepa, Nepal. During Sturges’ presentation “Something Out of Nothing: Scheer Memorial Hospital—Then and Now,” he shared his memories as well as photographs from his experience with his wife being the first Seventh-day Adventist medical missionary couple to go to the country. Within two years, and without the use of modern tools, Dr. Sturges turned a small one-room clinic into a 20-bed hospital, the Scheer Memorial Hospital, which was the only hospital within the area and provided medical care to over half a million people.

Floyd E. Hayes, Ph.D.
Dr. Floyd Hayes has been a professor in PUC’s department of biology since 2003, specializing in the ecology, behavior, and biogeography of birds and other animals. After completing a bachelor’s degree at Loma Linda University and a master’s degree at the University of Michigan, he worked for three years as a vertebrate biologist for the U.S. Peace Corps, and subsequently studied the birds of Paraguay for his Ph.D. dissertation at LLU. In 2012, he was awarded a Fulbright scholarship to study in Paraguay, and he has published more than 100 technical articles in peer-reviewed scientific journals. Dr. Hayes’ talk, “The Dancing Grebes of Clear Lake,” highlighted his extensive research on the breeding biology and conservation of grebes in Clear Lake, with the assistance of several biology students. The Western grebe and Clark’s grebe are fish-eating birds which breed in colonies on floating nests in lakes throughout western North America.
Herbert Ford
Pitcairn Islands Study Center
Opens Homecoming Weekend
Herbert Ford

“The world-wide telling, writing, and filming of this famous sea story never seems to end. Every couple of months, somewhere in the world, a new book on some aspect of the Bounty saga is published, a major magazine article about it appears, or a new documentary or motion picture on it is produced.”

A new and enlarged Pitcairn Islands Study Center that houses the world’s largest collection of information about “The Bounty Saga”—the famed 1789 mutiny on H.M.S. Bounty and its aftermath—has opened on the campus of Pacific Union College.

During PUC’s Homecoming Weekend, April 15-17, scores of people attended a brief ceremony of speeches and a ribbon-cutting, followed by a tour of the new information-giving facility, located within the college’s Nelson Memorial Library.

Founded in 1977, the Center contains over 1,600 books relating to Captain William Bligh, his ship, the Bounty, and to Pitcairn and Norfolk islands, the two Pacific isles on which most of the descendants of the Bounty mutineers now live.

Also in the Center are some 25,000 pages of articles, monographs, theses, typescripts, correspondence, and other papers relating to various aspects of the mutiny and its aftermath. The Center also houses collections of Pitcairn artifacts, and rare historical papers and objects.

The Center is located at PUC due to the school’s long association with and concern for the people of Pitcairn Island. In the late 1800s and early 1900s, young Pitcairn islanders were students at the college’s campus in Healdsburg, Calif. Later in the 1900s, one of the Seventh-day Adventist missionary teachers who served on Pitcairn Island became the dean of women at PUC, and the college also maintained a weekly radio contact with Pitcairn, which sometimes included providing much-needed supplies and emergency assistance.

More recently, through the Center, funds have been given to provide wind generators for the island, to help build an all-weather paving around his kitchen table on the issues facing Adventism at that time,” shared Victor Aagaard, ’78.

PUC President Dr. Heather J. Knight gave an update on the progress of the Walter C. Utt Center for Adventist History and Research & Media Center. The Center will host the Dr. Utt manuscript collection and his collection of books and other documents, as well as provide a 21st-century research space for Adventist scholars and PUC students. Dr. Knight thanked the many generous donors for their support in helping to not only make the Center a reality, but also to transform the Center from the original vision. “We’ve been dreaming even bigger dreams in the year since we’ve met,” she said. Over $4.1 million has been raised for the Center, and there are now revised plans to have a third floor conference room and study center, a patio garden, and an executive board room. The Center will also include the Percy and John Christian Civil Rights Conference Center.

Dr. Knight also praised Dr. Utt’s dedication to his students and the incredible personal relationships he had with them, noting that attitude still characterizes the learning environment at PUC today. Dr. Eric Anderson, professor emeritus of history and director of the Walter C. Utt Center, recalled that Dr. Utt would carry on written correspondence with numerous students long after they had graduated. He noted Dr. Utt was “a teacher who exemplifies being a mentor beyond almost anything we see in ordinary life.”

This year, the annual Friends of Walter C. Utt gathering included a specially curated exhibition of Dr. Utt’s extensive collection of posters, which number over 100. The exhibit is comprised largely of Soviet propaganda, which Dr. Utt became interested in following a trip to Russia. About 30 were on display during the weekend in an exhibit entitled “Red, White, and Blue: Posters and Cartoons from the Walter C. Utt Collection.” The posters fall into two categories: the early 1900s and art of the Great Patriotic War of 1941-1945. Dr. Utt also had several French posters on subjects that include World War I and contemporary politics. The items displayed, including cartoons collected from “The New Yorker” and other magazines, military uniform prints, and miscellaneous Utt travel memorabilia, had previously been in storage for three decades.

Katy Van Arsdale, special collections librarian at the Nelson Memorial Library, curated the exhibit. She describes the posters as “a mystery that unfolded,” since there was an awareness they existed but the extent of the collection wasn’t known until recently. Now she and Dr. Anderson hope to find ways to keep at least some of the posters permanently displayed, perhaps on a rotating basis. “We want people to enjoy it … We want people to feel connected with the collection, which doesn’t happen if it’s put away in boxes,” she says. Eventually, the goal is to have a visual inventory and photo gallery of the collection online, including translations of the pieces, to be accessible not only to the PUC campus but to the greater community as well.

During the Friends of Walter C. Utt gathering, Dr. Anderson invited alumni to share their pieces and memories of PUC history with the college, as the Library is always looking to add to its expansive collection and preserve the college’s history. Photographs, posters, letters, recordings, old yearbooks, and newspapers are greatly appreciated. If you have something you want to share, contact Katy Van Arsdale at kvanardsale@puc.edu or call (707) 664-6066.
Inaugural Civil Rights Lecture
Featuring Dr. Aamodt & Dr. Blake

On April 14, Pacific Union College held the 2016 Inaugural Lecture of the Percy and John Christian Civil Rights Conference Center. The lecture entitled “Percy W. Christian and Adventism’s Academic Jackie Robinson” was given by professor Terrie Dopp Aamodt, Ph.D., followed by a question and answer session with honored guest Donald F. Blake, Ph.D.

The Percy and John Christian Civil Rights Conference Center was founded in honor two influential Adventist educators who were fiercely committed to the goal of racial equality. As trained historians, Percy and John devoted their lives to strengthening Adventist education. During his esteemed career, Percy served as president of Pacific Union College (1945-1950), Emmanuel Missionary College (now Andrews University), and Walla Walla College (now Walla Walla University). While president of WWC, Percy initiated the acceptance of black students. He also hired Dr. Donald Blake, the first black professor to teach at an Adventist institution outside of Oakwood University in Alabama. He is credited with integrating Adventist higher education.

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One of the highlights of the lecture was the mid-week testimony of John Christian, a City Missionary who was a deeply personal account of his struggles with epilepsy. When he was 20 and was officially seizure free for six years, Samuel and her family believed God was watching. However, when she suffered another seizure during the winter quarter of her junior year, Samuel said that it was the beginning of a new phase in her life. She referenced Mark 8:22, the parable where Jesus heals a blind man. Jesus noted in the Bible, this man was only referred to as a “blind man” and was never actually given an identity: “This man had no name,” she said. “At that point, when I had another seizure, I felt like I had no name. I felt like I meant nothing to God.”

During the question and answer portion following the lecture, Blake spoke about the obstacles he and his family faced during his early career and how his mother’s strength and perseverance was an inspiration to himself and his siblings. His younger brother and sister attended the presentation and also shared stories about how their mother influenced their lives.

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Each year, the Center will sponsor a lecture with the goal of examining the past, assessing the present, foisting positive action. This year, Dr. Terrie Dopp Aamodt, professor of history and English at Walla Walla University, spoke about honored guest, Donald Blake, and his inspiring career in education, calling him the “Adventist academic Jackie Robinson.” She argued, “We must never forget what visionary leaders have done to show us the way to a more courageous future.”

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Student Week of Prayer 2016

PACIFIC UNION COLLEGE students, faculty, and staff gathered together daily for student week of prayer, held April 4-9. The annual event launched spring quarter, a time of renewal and celebration. For six days, student speakers spoke from their hearts to share personal testimony on the theme “Home.”

Every quarter, the college hosts a week of prayer event, but this spring week of prayer is particularly meaningful as it features students. Students are given the opportunity to courageously share intimate testimonies of their walk with God in hopes of rejuvenating the spiritual life on campus. This year’s speakers were Enicie Lee, Tim Patton, Alma Musovici, Paul Chung, Chris Dorey, Sacha Samuel, George Yuya, Madison Brown, Paula Martella, Kevin Galeano, and Robert Nyirenda.

A highlight of the event was the mid-week testimony of Sacha Samuel, a senior communication major. Sacha’s talk was a deeply personal account of her struggles with epilepsy. When she turned 20 and was officially seizure free for six years, Samuel and her family believed God was watching. However, when she suffered another seizure during the winter quarter of her junior year, Samuel said that it was the beginning of a new phase in her life. She referenced Mark 8:22, the parable where Jesus heals a blind man. Jesus noted in the Bible, this man was only referred to as a “blind man” and was never actually given an identity: “This man had no name,” she said. “At that point, when I had another seizure, I felt like I had no name. I felt like I meant nothing to God.”

During the question and answer section following the lecture, Blake spoke about the obstacles he and his family faced during his early career and how his mother’s strength and perseverance was an inspiration to himself and his siblings. His younger brother and sister attended the presentation and also shared stories about how their mother influenced their lives.

While on campus, Dr. Blake visited with many PUC students and faculty members, sat in on classes and was the guest lecturer for the department of social work’s Racial and Ethnic Relations class, where, “he shared his personal story and experiences of racism and discrimination, but also how his faith in God helped him triumph through adversity,” said professor Allison Musovici. “It was truly a pleasure to have Dr. Blake in our class, his wisdom and message was very welcomed by the students.”

Dana Negro
Tri-Campus Retreat: Students pose for a group selfie during the annual spiritual retreat in Yosemite. Students gather from PUC, La Sierra University, and Loma Linda University for a weekend full of nature and worship.

Angwin to Angwish: Participants in the annual trail run enjoy the beauty of the college’s “Back 40.”

Plane Unveiling: Vice President for Academic Administration Nancy Lecourt christening a plane donated to the college by Ray and Deborah Tonella of Rutherford, Calif.

Student Life: PUC students relax in the campus mall.

Homeless Ministries: PUC students distributing boxed lunches to the local homeless in San Francisco.

Tommie Smith: The former Olympian poses with Nancy Jacobo of the Teaching and Learning Center while on campus for a speaking event. Smith was one of the two figures in the iconic photo of the Black Power salute during the 1968 Olympics.

Shakespeare at PUC: The San Francisco Shakespeare Festival put on a production of Hamlet for the PUC campus.

Student Service: PUC students join the Stop Hunger Now movement, providing humanitarian relief to areas in need.

Weekend Fun: PUC students take advantage of nearby San Francisco.
Networking and Job Opportunities for Students

Pacific Union College hosted its 35th Annual Career Day on Thursday, March 3. This highly attended annual event offered students a unique opportunity to connect with close to 50 working professionals, many of whom were PUC alumni, in various fields of interest ranging from U.S. Marshall to educators to professionals from companies such as Adventist Health, LinkedIn, Tivo, the Sacramento Kings, and more. The event began with a special Colloquy presentation by Dr. Loree K. Sutton, a PUC alumna, distinguished retired Brigadier General, and the recently appointed commissioner of veteran’s affairs in New York City. Sutton addressed a full church imploring students to be their best self part academically to help my family. I am also very keen to become a remarkable place to be,” said Athletic Director Brittany Brown.

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Sutton is the founding director of the Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury (DCoE). During her military career, she received many awards, including the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, and the Order of Military Medical Merit.

“it was really inspiring to hear from a PUC alum who has done so many amazing things in their career. Knowing she has sat in many of the same classrooms I have gave me so much hope for where my future can take me,” shared senior business major Chris Romero.

After Colloquy, students gathered in the Dining Commons to network with visiting professionals for Career Day and learn more about the possibilities available to them after college. The event provides students with a chance to see how their education at PUC can help them continue on to new and exciting places.

Dana Nogo & Larissa Church
PUC Offers New and Improved Scholarships

Provisioning for a college education is one of the largest single investments a family will make. Pacific Union College’s resolve to make a Seventh-day Adventist liberal arts education accessible and affordable to all admitted students is stronger than ever. Last year, PUC awarded students over $40 million in aid.

We’re excited to announce a new scholarship program for first-time freshmen entering Fall 2016. The PUC Legacy Scholarship recognizes families who have made a PUC education part of their family tradition. Legacy students will receive a $5,000 renewable scholarship if their biological parent or legal guardian attended PUC (for criteria see puc.edu/scholarships).

Also beginning in Fall 2016, PUC will offer improved scholarship opportunities to high achieving students. The Maxwell Scholarship, PUC’s highest recognition, will award five first time students $20,000 per year. Also beginning in Fall 2016, PUC will offer improved scholarship opportunities to faculty members.

To learn more about PUC’s full scholarship program, specific criteria, and to apply, please visit puc.edu/scholarships or call (800) 862-7080, option 1.

Staff Writer

Class Notes

1950

Elizer Benavides, att. ‘47-50, has recently retired as associate director of the department of public affairs and religious liberty of the Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. In addition to working with church members relative to Sabbath accommodation, “Pastor Ben,” as he is known, opened the work of the church among Hispanics in the Pacific Union, and also served as a missionary in South America.

Clarence Currier, ‘61 (att. ‘48-50), and Joy Currier, att. ‘48-50, celebrated their 6th wedding anniversary in Depoe Bay, Ore., in October, with their children and grandchildren. Clarence is a retired teacher from the Seventh-day Adventist academy system, and Joy is a retired nurse. They currently live in Biddle, Ore.


Leonard Tolhurst, ‘54, one of the “Iron Men” of Seventh-day Adventist teacher evangelists of Australia and Asia, recently completed an 84 lecture sermon mission at Adventist institutions in India, Bangladesh, Myanmar, and Thailand. Leonard writes from his home in Cooranbong, Australia, that he “lost eight or more kilos in body weight” during his three-month journey, “but that did me no harm.”

George G. Burton, ‘56, was named a “Legend and Leader in Respiratory Care” at the annual meeting of the American Association of Respiratory Care in Tampa, Fla. Burton, a 1961 graduate of Loma Linda University’s School of Medicine, has been associated with Kettering Medical Center since 1965, where he has served as a former chief of staff, published 15 textbooks and 100 peer-reviewed articles in pulmonary medicine, and is retiring from an active sleep disorders medicine practice in 2016.

1960

Lawrence Geraty, ‘62, and his wife Gillian, have been honored by Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich., with a Spirit of Philanthropy award for “their generosity of time, talent, and treasure, a true testament to what it means to be a philanthropist.” In addition to having helped form the Archaeological Consortium of Adventist Colleges, Lawrence served as president of Atlantic Union College from 1985-1995, and president of La Sierra University from 1995-2007.

Charles E. White, ‘66, until recently the senior pastor of the Comeback Seventh-day Adventist Church in Phoenix, Ariz., has taken up a new calling. He is taking appointments throughout the North American Division of the Adventist church to help parishioners understand the work of his great-grandmother, Ellen G. White. “It is my desire during the Ellen G. White seminars that my personal family history to be of benefit in making my great-grandmother’s work more personal, better understood, and accepted,” Charles says.

1970

Vinyl S. Childs, att. ‘76, former session pastor of the Oakland, Calif., Market Street Seventh-day Adventist Church, has been named Regional Coordinator for the Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

Leonard G. Lutz, ‘77, along with his wife Jeane (Thorman), ‘79, has been living on the Central California Coast at Nipomo since 1988. “I have been teaching at Valley View Adventist Academy in Arroyo Grande, Calif., and am now teaching music at Coastal Christian School in Pismo Beach, Calif.,” writes Leonard. “I also work part-time at a pharmaceutical business as a purchasing agent. I am director of the San Luis Obispo County Band and the Grande Ringers, a handbell choir of the Methodist Church in Arroyo Grande. I am also organist/choir director for the Arroyo Grande Seventh-day Adventist and Peace Lutheran churches. In our spare time Jeane and I enjoy grocerying, and I am a semi-active magician and musician.”

John Westerdahl, ‘79, the current chair of the Vegetarian Nutrition Dietary Practice Group for the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, recently organized vegetarian nutrition activities and a scientific education session at the Academy’s annual Food and Nutrition Conference.
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Angwin to Angwish:

- October 30, 2016: Homecoming Weekend: April 22-23, 2017
- Maxwell Cup: May 19, 2017

Raymond D. Tetz, att. ’75-76, owner of Mind Over Media, has been named communication director of the Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

1980

Carolyn Hamilton, ’81, has been appointed as vice president of advancement for Southern Adventist University. Prior to this appointment, Hamilton served as a founding partner in the Hamilton Company, a comprehensive consulting firm serving nonprofit, vice president for advancement at Pacific Union College, and the vice president in philanthropy at Loma Linda University.

David Colwell, ’82, has been named advancement operations officer for Loma Linda University Health. Prior to this transition, David served 25 years as executive director of philanthropy for Loma Linda University Health in Loma Linda, Calif.


Clinton L. Wahlen, ’84, was re-appointed as an associate director of the Biblical Research Institute of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Wahlen’s special interests are the New Testament, Biblical theology and Judaism, and early Christianity. The Institute exists “to promote the study and practice of Adventist theology and lifestyle as understood by the world church.”

Jerry E. Nelson, ’87, was elected associate executive secretary of the California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists at the recent 3rd constituency meeting. Nelson’s appointment includes overseeing 13 churches in 7 counties in Central California. In addition, he will continue to serve as a teacher and pastor of Monterey Bay Academy in Watsonville, Calif.

Gregory L. Hones, ’88, has recently been elected director of western region churches of the Southern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, a position in which he counsels pastors of a number of churches of the Conference. Greg has served as senior pastor of the Hollywood and the Santa Clarita, Calif., churches, and as an adjunct professor of pastoral studies at La Sierra University. In addition to his new counseling role, Greg is working on a Ph.D. in practical theology and religious education at Claremont Theological Seminary in Claremont, Calif.

1990

Hyung Woon An, ’91, a physician associated with Feather River Hospital in Paradise, Calif., has recently been named a “2015 Physician of the Year” by Adventist Health, the headquarters to 20 hospitals, 250 clinics, 15 home care agencies, four retirement centers, and a workforce of 35,000 in a four-state area of western America. Dr. An is one of 18 physicians selected for the honor from among a 4,000 medical staff physicians of Adventist Health. He is married to Suk Young ‘An, ’95.

Andre Wang, ’94, has been elected by the North Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventist to serve as the NPUC in house legal counsel. Prior to his service to the church, Andre worked as a general practice attorney focusing on immigration law, estate planning, and general business and employment law. Since June 2016, he has taught business law at Mt. Hood Community College in Gresham, Ore. Andre and his wife Lisa have two children.

Sam Heber, ’99, has been appointed Southern Alumnae Finishing Company’s west general manager. He will manage the
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2000

Yonny Jimenez, ’06, who has served as a Seventh-day Adventist pastor in Southern California since his graduation from PUC, has been ordained as a minister of the Gospel. His August 2015 ordination was accepted into Cranbrook Theological Seminary, focusing on studies in Berrien Springs, Mich. She was born on April 27, 1927, in Rio Grande, S.D., on January 5, 1945, Lucille taught elementary school students in California and New Mexico for 44 years. A measure of her excellence in teaching is seen in the several major awards presented to her during her long teaching career. Lucille is survived by two daughters, Susan Bartzin and Marti Bartzin; her son, Bob; eight grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren, and her step-sister, Dorothy M. Walter.

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A Life of Service to the Community

Alan Baldwin, ’65, a well-known St. Helena businessman, died February 15, 2015, in St. Helena, Calif., surrounded by family.

Alan developed, owned, and operated Silverado Orchards Retirement Community in St. Helena and Valley Orchards Retirement Community in Petaluma. Alan was a former St. Helena City Councilman and served on the St. Helena Hospital Board of Directors. He was a licensed hospital administrator, preceptor, and lecturer.

Alan served in numerous leadership positions, including PUC Prep alumni president for over 20 years. He helped found the Berryessa Recovery Team for the Napa County Sheriff’s office. He also served as vice principal and business manager of Modesto Adventist Academy; regional manager of Hyland Enterprises; and vice president and corporate pilot of Cotter Health Centers, where he was in charge of two congregate hospitals, senior facilities, medical complexes, and properties throughout California, and oversaw over 1,500 employees.

Alan was born on April 23, 1945, in the St. Helena Sanitarium and Hospital to longtime dentist L. Meade Baldwin and Marjorie (Davidson) Baldwin. He attended Foothills Elementary School in Deer Park, and graduated from PUC Preparatory School in 1961. He went to Pacific Union College and majored in business administration, graduating in 1965.

Alan married Sharon Poncioni on June 21, 1964, after knowing each other since the eighth grade. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last year in Hawaii. Every family member, children and grandchildren, have worked in the business.

Alan is survived by his wife, Sharon; his daughter, Lori; his son, Kenny; four grandchildren; his father, L. Meade Baldwin; and his siblings, Jeannie Crouse, Sheri Predmore, and Fred Baldwin.

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Charles Myron Bolander, ’51, a self-employed businessman and serial entrepreneur, passed away on April 18, 2015, in Buckley, Wash. He was born on February 27, 1929, in Los, Cali. He is survived by his wife, Victoria; his son Ben Bolander; daughter Kirsten Rich, and two grandchildren.

Glady L. Robinson, ’51, a former teacher and artist, died January 18, 2015, in Mountain View, Calif. She was born on July 23, 1918, in San Jose, Cali. Gladys taught in a one room school in Corning, Calif., and as an artist received many awards for her artwork. She is survived by her three sons, Bill, Randy, and Bryan; and eight grandchildren.

Karl-Heinz Frederick Bahr, ’52, an accountant, administrator for the Seventh-day Adventist Church for over 40 years, died April 16, 2015, in Mountain View, Calif. He was born in Soo-Sorn, Korea, on April 18, 1930. For a portion of his Karl’s marriage, he was at the world headquarters of the church, and during that time he became a very busy meeting planner to better qualify himself to administer large meetings, including the church’s world leadership. Karl is survived by his wife, Betty (McEachern), ’52; their children, Karyl Krieger, Frederick Bahr, and Edward Bahr; and four grandchildren.

Gary James, ’62, a Seventh-day Adventist minister and dies docet, died July 1, 2013, in Kerre, Texas. She was born on November 18, 1940, in Hamburg, Germany. Before attending PUC, Euliree, with her mother Henriette, was a prisoner in a German concentration camp from 1940-1945. Following her graduation from PUC, she taught for 24 years in administration at Seventh-day Adventist academies in Nebraska and California. She taught library science at Andrews University from 1960-1967, when she served on the facility of Solano College in Vallejo, Calif. She was born May 1, 1958, in 1983. Euliree is survived by her son-in-law, Robert McChesney; her step-daughter, Marlene Bernabe, and two step-grandchildren.

Harold L. Rich, ’53, a Seventh-day Adventist educator and minister, died September 8, 2015, in Walla Walla, Wash. He was born in Glendale, Cali. Harold was a pastor in California and Hawaii; and served as an academy teacher and principal of Seventh-day Adventist schools in the Northern California and Central California Conferences. Harold is survived by his wife, Mary Lou; his daughter, Margery; his sons, Lawson Allen, Stuart, and Brian; and eight grandchildren.

Jae Beom Lee, ’61, a graduate, ’68, passed away on May 12, 2015, in Jackson, Calif. He was born on September 14, 1925, in Cano, Sanci, Canada. George is survived by his wife, Barbara.

Jacque Andre, ’65, an educator, died September 28, 2015, in Bonny Doon, Cali. He was born on August 31, 1924, in Los Angeles, Cali. Jacque had a 30-year career with the San Joaquin Unified School District, running the industrial arts program at San Joaquin High School and teaching woodworking, metalworking, and drafting. He is survived by his wife, Melissa; his sisters, Diane Antoniazzismo and Che Drake; and his brother, Rene Andre.

Gary S. Waterhouse, ’65, a retired Seventh-day Adventist minister, died July 14, 2015, in Georgia. Gary was born in Minneapolis, Minn., on November 29, 1946. Gary served as a pastor of Seventh-day Adventist churches in California for 30 years of service, and also served in Alaska. Gary was also the vice president for government relations of the Northwest Religious Liberty Association at the Alaska State Legislature. Gary is survived by his wife, Arma (Dyresen), his daughter, Mindy Thyeson; his son, Mark; and five grandchildren.

Jan Charles Halkusa, ’71, an educator, died September 29, 2015. He was born on December 17, 1945, in San Francisco, Cali. A veteran of service in the U.S. Army, Jan taught for 33 years in administration at Seventh-day Adventist academies in Tennessee before retiring in 2010. He is survived by his wife, Marcia Opstal Halkusa.

Law Mowry, att. ’54-58, D.D.S., died March 8, 2015, at his home in Loma Linda, Cali. He was born on August 17, 1923, in Loma Linda, Cali. He was born on May 1, 1930, in 1983. Euliree is survived by her sons and daughters of fathers and mothers he had earlier taught at PUC.

After elementary, secondary, and commercial education in Brazil, Bork continued his education at Emmanuel Missionary College in Michigan and then at Pacific Union College. His postgraduate education was done at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, where he earned his Ph.D. He did additional postgraduate studies and research in archaeology at the Pacific Union School of Religion, London University, and the University of Jerusalem.

A Seventh-day Adventist colporteur, pastor, conference youth director, and academy Bible teacher before beginning his college teaching career, Bork participated in archaeological excavations at Tel Gezer, Israel; and the “City of David,” an excavation of the Davidic palace, which in 2010 he heavily to an archaeological center in his native county, which today bears the name Paulo Bork Archaeological Museum at Brazil Adventist University. A published author, Bork has written several books including, “The World of Moses”; “Out of the City, Across the Sand;” “A Viagem da Promessa;” and “A History of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Southern California.”

Dr. Bork is survived by his wife, Norma K. Bork, who taught speech pathology at PUC from 1970-1978; his sons, Paulo K. Bork, ’78, and Terry A. Bork, ’81, a superior court judge in Los Angeles and two grandchildren.
Jean Turner 1924-2015
A Life of Compassionate Care

Jean Katherine (Aagaard) Turner was born in San Francisco, Calif., on Sept. 22, 1924, the daughter of Viktor Munk Jensen Aagaard, a Danish immigrant, and Fay (Shepard) Aagaard, a transplant from upstate New York.

Jean spent her youth in San Francisco, attending the public schools, before moving to the Napa Valley to take nursing at the St. Helena Sanitarium (now St. Helena Hospital). Upon becoming a registered nurse, she moved up the hill to Angwin, Calif., where she completed a Bachelor of Science in nursing education at Pacific Union College, graduating in 1950.

Having lost her father in 1946, Jean moved back to San Francisco after her graduation to live with her mother and practice nursing at Kaiser, Mt. Zion, and other hospitals. She and her mother were very close, and during the next 20 plus years, they traveled widely in the U.S. and overseas, including one trip that took them completely around the world.

Upon the death of her mother in 1972, Jean decided to move to Ukiah, Calif., where her older brother, Carl Munk Jensen Aagaard, had been practicing medicine since 1955. The moving company she chose was owned by a former college classmate, Dean Turner, who, seeing her name on the schedule, decided to assign this particular move to himself. An old attraction was rekindled, and after courting for a year Dean and Jean were married in 1974.

They built a home on a hillside near Dean’s business in St. Helena, Calif., where they lived happily in warm companionship until Dean’s death in 2005.

Once again, Jean decided to move to be near Carl, who had since relocated to Morhead. She purchased a home, acquired a puppy—the much beloved, and now bревед jett, made new friends, and became a faithful member of the Morehead Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Jean went to sleep in the Lord on Aug. 24, 2015, after a courageous fight against a long illness. Now she waits for the sound of the last trumpet when she will see her beloved Savior, Jesus Christ.

Jean is survived by her sister, Earlja G. Aagaard of Hayes Crossing and by four beloved nieces and nephews; Carla J. Aagaard Martin and Lola J. Aagaard Botan of Hayes Crossing; Victoria F. M. Aagaard of Carmichael, Calif., and East M. J. Aagaard of Chico, Calif., who fondly remember the elegant white streak in her hair which she had even as very young woman, her sweetness with them as children, and the love and hospitality she showered on them whenever they visited her home.

Ellen G. White’s Legacy at PUC

Ellen G. White has a rich history with both Pacific Union College and the surrounding Napa Valley.

1878 A portrait of Ellen G. White in Battle Creek, Mich., for her carte-de-visite, a “calling card” popular in the Victorian era. This copy was given to J.N. Loughborough, a founder of Adventism in California, who helped establish the church in St. Helena.

1890s Postcard advertising the Rural Health Retreat, which would become the St. Helena Sanitarium. Ellen G. White often gave guest lectures on health and spirituality for the patients and staff of the hospital.

1911-1921 Ellen G. White poses in front of the original college building in Healdsburg, Calif.

1913 Henry and Herbert White working in the PUC print shop, using the press purchased for them by Ellen G. White.

1930s Eliel Cottage, Ellen G. White’s home on the campus of St. Helena Hospital. Between 1881 and 1882, White stayed at the cottage every time she visited St. Helena. Today it houses the Hospital Foundation offices.

Do you have an important piece of PUC history, or a story to share? Let us know! We’re always looking for interesting items to feature or share on PUC’s social media. Email viewpoint@puc.edu.
A Living Legacy

A Christian visionary in both the literal and figurative sense of the word, church pioneer Ellen G. White left a series of beautiful brushstrokes upon the canvas of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination. Her prolific library of writings, far-sighted founding of medical and educational institutions, and deep contribution to denominational theology created Seventh-day Adventism as we know it today.

Here at Pacific Union College, her legacy is visible just a few miles away in the stately Victorian home that is Elsmere Hall, where White lived the last 25 years of her life, and is carried on through the White family tree and her descendants who have attended PUC.

Tim Kubrock, White’s great-great grandson, graduated from PUC in 1984 and since then has worked as an academy teacher and administrator, including employment here on campus at PUC Preparatory School. Kubrock currently serves as the principal of Lodi Academy, and previously held the same position at Monterey Bay Academy.

Q: How will White’s legacy remain relevant for the next 100 years?
A: I see a consistent theme through the entire library of White’s writings, a message that should resonate with young Adventists: the most relevant aspect of her writings to apply to my students today is her appeal to character growth through a strong and personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Along with each generation, the White family tree continues to branch out. Kubrock laments family reunions might become more challenging logistically, as the number of relatives stretches well into the hundreds. Fortunately, the legacy of Ellen White reaches beyond her many descendants and into the pages of our textbooks and the soil of our surrounding area.

Q: Did you enjoy growing up a part of the notable White family?
A: It was great fun. As a teenager, I began attending White family reunions often organized by “Uncle Frank,” the youngest of White’s grandchildren. These events would include Saturday night talent shows, but trips to Monterey, opportunities to meet new cousins, Sabbath in Yosemite National Park, and even baptisms.

Q: Ellen White played a key role in the founding of PUC. How did your PUC education prepare you for a life of service?
A: My courses prepared me for a career in Adventist education and showed me good teaching is about much more than just the knowledge imparted. The PUC faculty, staff, and administration had the greatest impact on my development and thinking. Former PUC President Malcolm Maxwell was a giant of a man, but also a friend who took a personal interest in my students. The professors believed in our potential, not only the professors in my major, but across all departments.

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My Spring Break of Service

For the past five years, Pacific Union College’s Office of Service, Justice, and Missions has sent students to Brazil’s Amazonas to do mission work over the course of their spring break. The trip has since grown and now incorporates students taking Tropical Biology as well as Portuguese for school credit. The purpose of this year’s 10-day trip was to rebuild the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) center, which has been destroyed by a flood.

For me, this trip was the lab portion of the Tropical Biology course I took during the previous quarter. My name is Michael Lawrence and I am a third-year finance student. Although I was here for a class, the trip was the perfect blend of school, work, and play.

Here are some of the highlights of our trip:

Day 4: After a long day of traveling from PUC to Manaus, it was time for the trip to begin. Students were anxious to begin their trip on the Amazon River. What we did not realize was from Manaus to our final destination was another day of traveling. The day-long boat ride from Manaus to Umarí, the village where we held a clinic, was the perfect opportunity for students to bond with one another and to get to know people they otherwise would only walk by on campus. I cannot describe the day without mentioning cabin fever. A full day spent sputtering along on a boat was not the most glamorous of accommodations, however in retrospect, this time spent with the group was key in the building of relationships within the group.

Day 3: Our first day on land was spent hosting a clinic put on by a group called Ação dos Estudantes Solidaristas Adventistas de Manaus (AESSAM). The members of AESSAM who joined us were medical, dental, and nursing students from various universities in Brazil. The “club” began in 2011 where members would visit villages putting on health clinics like the one held today. Students from PUC had the opportunity to work alongside AESSAM in the clinic providing health screenings to members of the village. The club currently has over 80 healthcare students and professionals providing mission work across the Amazon.

Day 5: The final day of work was very bijectives. After three days of back-breaking work, everyone was looking forward to coming home and the relaxation that followed. There were also friendships made at the village, and it was going to be hard to say goodbye. Nonetheless, the time had come for us to begin the long journey home. Over the course of our time at the village Rosa de Saran, we demolished what was left of the old house, dug the foundation for the new home, and just about everything else required in the house building process. Each night, we would participate in the church’s Vacation Bible School. Here, students ran the program from Bible stories to arts and crafts. It was the perfect way to unwind after a long day of hard work and also the time where we connected with the villagers.

Day 7: The highlight of the trip in my opinion was witnessing Kelly Siegal give her life to Jesus. Kelly was a PUC student who went on this same trip just one year prior. After her experience on that trip she decided to become a student missionary instead of returning to school for her senior year and has been a part of that village ever since. We all woke up early in the morning and saw Kelly get baptized with the support of the entire village. It was a heartwarming and emotional event and the perfect way to wrap up our time spent at the village.

Service and Missions Coordinator Fabio Maia sees the value in creating relationships through mission work. The way Maia operates, he discovers a need somewhere and will continue to return to that location until the need has been fulfilled. The Amazon mission trip has been happening for five years, each year in the same place, and will continue indefinitely. To find out how you can participate in one of the many mission trip opportunities stop by the Office of Service, Justice, and Missions or email worldmissions@puc.edu.

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Michael Lawrence, ‘17, is a junior from Loma Linda, Calif., who is studying finance in PUC’s department of business.
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