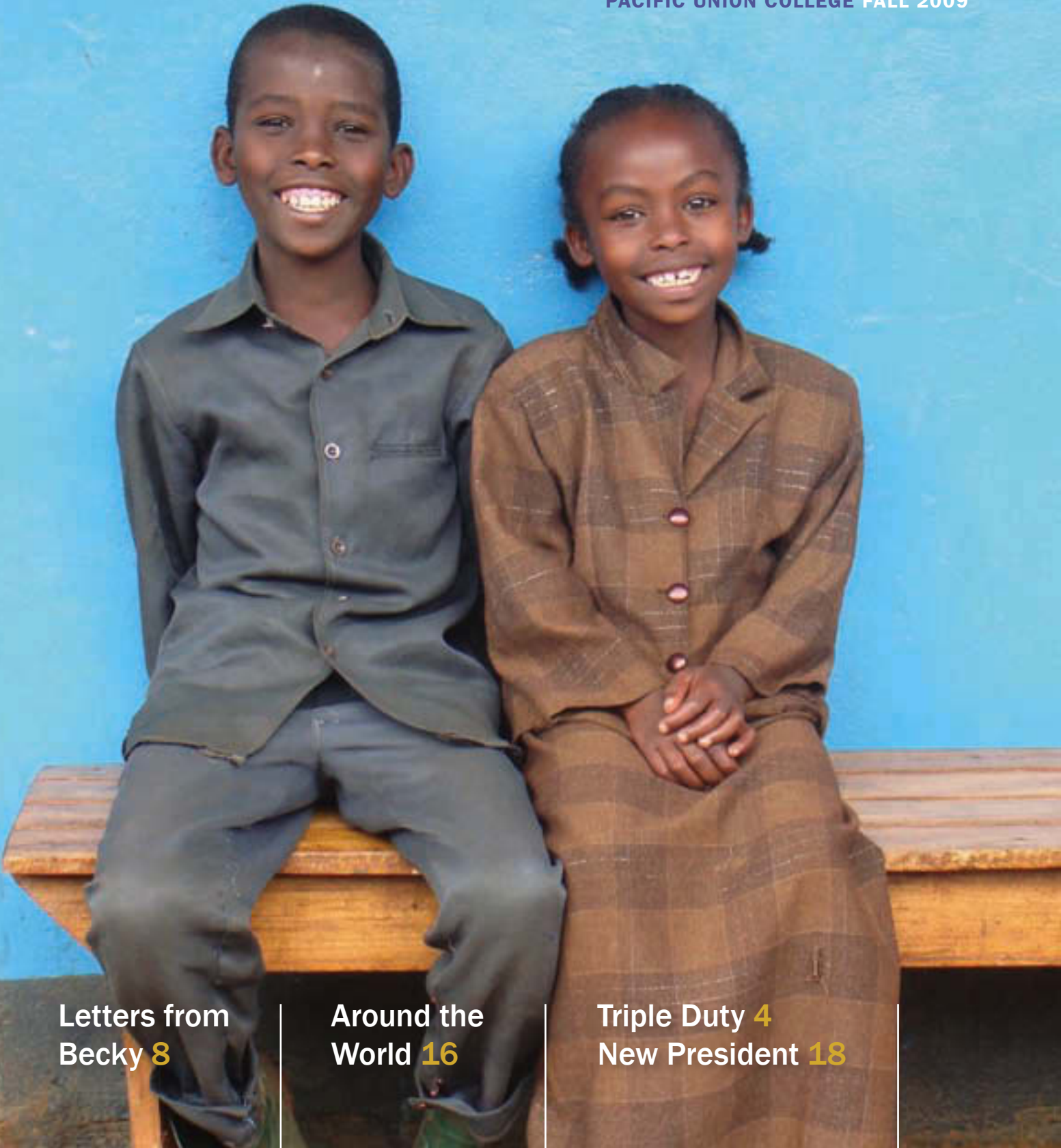


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*PUC is waiting this summer... The sun pours down and we wonder, feeling a little unmoored yet looking forward to what is coming.*

## Moving

When I was 42, I moved with my two sons to Dover, New Hampshire, to go to graduate school. How I dreaded that move! As I sat in my home in Angwin, surrounded by furniture and dishes and books and clothes and toys — stuff of all types — it seemed utterly impossible that I was going to get it all out of one house (which would then have to be cleaned from top to bottom) and across 3,000 miles of desert and plain, mountain and river valley, and reassembled in a home I had yet to even locate.

I did it, of course — with lots of help from family and friends. And naturally, graduate school turned out to be endlessly intriguing, and even my grown-up boys now see it as a great adventure. But when I was in between, unmoored from the past but not yet arrived at a livable future, it seemed daunting indeed.

PUC has recently embarked on a great new adventure, symbolized by changes at the President's House. After eight years of their generous hospitality, Dick and Norma Osborn have moved out, moved on to new challenges. Their presence is gone, and as I write this, the house stands vacant — hot summer sun slants across the empty deck, through the large windows, and onto the bare dining table, the silent kitchen.

Like the house, PUC is waiting this summer. We find ourselves in a liminal space, between one thing and another — one president and the next. The sun pours down and we wonder, feeling a little unmoored yet looking forward to what is coming.

By the time you read this, Dr. Heather Knight and her husband, Dr. Norman Knight, will just be settling in to their new home. With the boxes and beds, the lamps and linens, come possibilities. Who will this new president and her husband turn out to be? How will our campus home be changed, as it always is, by a new president?

I like to think about the presidents of the past. Our first president, Sidney Brownsberger (1882-1886), like our new one, moved from Michigan, where he had been president of Battle Creek College. It was he who helped us get settled into our first home, the Healdsburg Institute, purchased by W.C.

White for \$3,750 “gold coin.”\* Brownsberger and his wife were the complete faculty when Healdsburg Academy opened with 26 students in April of 1882.

Brownsberger soon undertook PUC's first capital campaign — he was determined to create a “school home,” a four-story residence for the students to be built on a five-acre tract near the school. Ellen White encouraged the project, saying, “Our plans are too narrow. Let us plan greater things and pray to God and see if He will open the way.” Soon the first dormitory in the denomination was dedicated, in August 1883.

Such vision was certainly required years later, in 1908, when the school in Healdsburg closed, with plans to relocate — somewhere. Our own sense of waiting is dwarfed by this early experience, with leaders looking at properties all over northern California. It was Walter Irwin (1909-1921) who met Ellen White and her son at Angwin's Resort on September 10, 1909, to show them the 1600 acres of buildings, orchards, hay fields and barns, the cows and horses, the swimming tank and porcelain bath tubs, the pure springs of water and idyllic woodlands that would be PUC's new home.

As the students were constructing the first new building, what is now Graf Hall, Professor Newton asked Ellen White if she thought it was too big. “No indeed, you must build large; a great work is going to be done here.”

Yes, things are changing — again — here at PUC. We feel a little unsettled, and yet with words like these still in our hearts, we are hopeful. We know that “a great work is going to be done here” — here in our home, this sacred ground. We're moving on.

*\*All references are to Walter Utt's history of Pacific Union College, A Mountain, a Pickaxe, A College.*

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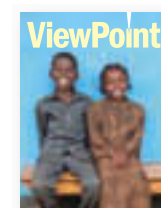
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# TRIPLE DUTY: FAMILY, COUNTRY, DEGREE

An unusual brand of PUC student takes learning to a whole new level

By Lainey S. Cronk

IT'S 3 A.M. IN A MILITARY DORM BUILDING IN QATAR, and it's Dalia's turn to call the kids. Back in California, where her kids are, it's 5 p.m. and Dalia can talk to them before their supper-and-going-to-bed schedule. She fires up a Skype video call on her laptop — a valuable technology for someone who's really hoping her three-and-a-half-month-old will recognize her when she gets home in six months.

Crazy? Maybe so, but for Air Force Staff Sgt. Dalia Castillo, it's simply a part of what she does. A medical technician who enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, she and her husband are based at Travis Air Force Base in Fairfield, California. Dalia was recently deployed to Qatar, a small Arab emirate on the Persian Gulf where soldiers supporting current military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan are treated. It's her fifth deployment — and her husband, an MRI technologist, was deployed to the same location at about the same time. Dalia's mother and sister moved to take care of the Castillo's three daughters for the six months, and Dalia and her husband took advantage of Skype (which allows you to make free calls, including video calls, via the Internet) to stay in touch with them, often alternating days for the early-morning conversations.



But on top of an intense dedication to her work and her family, Dalia had one more thing on her plate, represented by two huge stacks of nursing textbooks. It cost her \$200 to send them, but it wasn't really a decision; she had to have them with her. Just before being deployed, Dalia had enrolled in Pacific Union College's program at Travis, a two-step program that allows students to move from a "med tech" (similar to an LVN) to an RN and then from an RN to a BSN degree.

### A Third Full-Time Job

Dalia had just finished the prerequisite science classes and started her 18-month med tech to RN program — she and the 24 other students had just gone through orientation — when she shipped off. "She's actually missing the hardest session, because it's the first, when all of them are just getting used to the nursing program," says Debra Winkle, who heads up the med tech to RN program at Travis as part of her role as director of PUC's LVN to RN programs.

Whenever she gets the chance, Debra is delighted to extol the awesome dedication of Dalia and other students in the PUC/Travis program. She's also quick to explain that the program specifically works with students who are not only working full-time and may have families, but also those who are deployed.

Which is why, when Dalia returned from a difficult deployment and half a year away from home, she was still enrolled.

"Some schools are just like, 'That's it, you missed it,'" Dalia says, explaining how most programs would not tolerate a deployment. "If it wasn't for [our teachers], and for Debbie, there's no possible way... that somebody with the military and a full-time job and a family could do it."

"Many schools will drop them out of the class when they are deployed, and I have a hard time with that," Debra says. At the same time, the teachers can't change the requirements or let students slide by without doing the work or passing the tests. For a student to take work with them on a deployment and then try to catch up with their class once they return is a daunting task for both students and teachers. Returning airmen are always given the option of waiting and joining the next cohort; but it's a wait of about a year and many of them are determined to not put it off. And Debra works to



**Dalia Castillo's** youngest was three and a half months old when Dalia went to Qatar on her fifth deployment.

make sure they can pick it back up: "These guys are putting their lives on the line for us. The least I can do is help them get caught up."

That's inspiring in theory; in practice, it's grueling. While deployed, Dalia worked 12- to 15-hour days, six days a week. In the evening, she and her husband would get supper at the chow hall, head back to the military dorm for showers, and then she'd just read, read, read. Internet access for getting online class materials was intermittent, so she mostly relied on her two boxes of books. Then she'd catch a few hours of sleep before the early-morning call to her daughters. When she got back to the States a couple weeks ahead of her husband, she was a (temporarily) single mother who'd lost 25 pounds and was waiting for her books to arrive, while going to Debra's house or the PUC campus to make up tests and try to get back on her feet.

From the last class, 10 airmen were deployed during their nursing courses. "And all of them graduated on time, every one of them!" Debra exclaims with pride. "It was so hard for them. They come back, we're already starting into a new session, and they're making up the last one. They have the dedication — they'd be over at my house on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday nights, taking tests and getting caught up. They were just so focused on it."

When Dalia says "If it wasn't for them..." the "if" is a big one. PUC's is the only on-base nurs-

ing program in the U.S. Air Force, something that both the USAF and PUC are proud of. "It's a real selling point for the Air Force," Debra says. "The word is getting around."

"I didn't want to come to California," Dalia recounts. "I kicked and screamed... and then when I heard about the [nursing] program from my supervisor, I was like, 'There it is, it's a sign. That's the reason I'm here.' It's something that I've always wanted to do, and it doesn't matter how much sleep I don't get or do get, I need to do what I need to do to accomplish it."

### No Student Life

Dalia's life is a world away from the life of an 18-year-old undecided major living in Andre Hall. "I taught on campus this last quarter," Debra recounts, "and I said, 'How would you like it if, during your last quarter in nursing, you were deployed?' They simply could not comprehend what that would mean."

"I know!" Dalia exclaims. "Not to be conceited, but when I see younger people — I'm not old either, I'm 29 — but I'm like, 'There's so much out there for you to do, why aren't you doing this?! You don't have kids, you're not married... What are you doing with your life?!'" She can't imagine what it's like to only have one big thing (school) to focus on, unencumbered by two or three other full-time commitments. She tells her younger brother, "All you have to do is... go to school! Dude, how hard is that?!"

The average student on-campus may be worried about tomorrow morning's quiz. Dalia was worried about whether her baby daughter would recognize her. On the second of her five deployments, Dalia's oldest was five months old, so there was zero communication for the six months of her absence other than talking to her baby on speaker phone. When she got home, her daughter didn't recognize her, and it took a good couple months to get reacquainted. This time, leaving a three-and-a-half-month-old, Dalia didn't get her hopes up about Skype, but it turned out to be a great improvement. "She came to me really quickly and kinda stuck her face in my shoulder, and I was like, 'Oh my gosh, she remembers me!'"

For the Travis students, "It's just a different world," as Debra puts it. But it's the ones who get deployed mid-studies that see the biggest gap. They take their books; they access materials online; and they typically get time in the ward that counts toward their clinicals. Dalia had it extra tough on this last deployment, which she says has been her hardest so far — partly because she was trying to keep up on studies, and partly because she was put in a



**Debra Winkle's** PUC office proudly displays this gift "In Appreciation of Your Support" from the Travis Air Force Base class of 2008. The case displays a flag flown over the "332d Air Force Theatre Hospital at Balad Air Force Base, Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom 25 August 2007."

## PUC FOR AIRMEN: FAST FACTS

**24:** Typical med tech to RN class size

**18 months:** Length of med tech to RN program

**Flexible:** Length of RN to BSN program

**Claim to fame:** Only on-base nursing program in the U.S. Air Force

**Goal:** A nursing degree for medical technicians

**Military result:** Med techs eligible for officer status

**Civilian result:** Med techs recognized by non-military healthcare systems

management position that didn't allow her much time in the ward.

During a more typical deployment experience, Dalia says that the work hours can be grueling, but the value of what you're doing keeps you going. Talking about her previous deployment to Iraq, Dalia starts to tear up. "It was hustling and busting, getting people out of our helos [helicopters], barely hanging onto life, seeing our gear guys burnt or shot or... and that was hard emotionally and mentally, but you were constantly working, for a purpose." That kind of ward experience can count toward students' clinical time; but it can be a lot different from what they may encounter in a typical civilian hospital. "Believe me," Debra says, "they're seeing things a lot worse than they'd see in the hospital on a Sunday!"

Regardless of what the deployment is like, there's major catch-up that has to happen when the students get back to their program in the States. Not to mention that, even when they're not in catch-up mode, they're still juggling multiple full-time demands on their time and energy.

When asked about how her "student life" compares to the average resident student's, Dalia just laughs. "It's not a student life! Even though I'm going to school full-time, that's part-time of my schedule because I work from 7 to 5, and then getting the kids, coming home, making dinner, doing all the motherly and wifely duties, and then putting my girls down and studying from like 8 to midnight every single night." It's standard procedure for Dalia to wake up with her head in the books, regardless of whether she's studying in bed or at a desk. She gets through by reminding herself that it won't be this way forever. "In the end, it's going to be all well worth it. I just need to focus and get it done."

The funny thing is, these students — who have it so much harder than the average PUC student — are also some of the most appreciative. "They honor PUC because they're so grateful that PUC is there giving them this opportunity. They love PUC! Let me tell you, you won't find a group of students that love PUC more than these guys do!" Debra says.

Sherry Mason, now retired from the Air Force, is a case in point. She graduated from the med tech to RN program in 2006 and was also deployed during the first session of her program. She packed her nursing books in her bags, leaving little room for her own gear. "I told my husband to just send me stuff if I needed it..." Sherry returned to finish up the coursework and testing for the first session on a Friday, fol-

lowed by starting the next session on Sunday! Yet she has nothing but good to say about the program. "I'm an advocate for the school, it's just awesome!" she says. "The instructors, Debbie, Shana [Ruggenberg, department chair] — they're all just awesome and make it so much better. If you need anything, they're there for you — they're great mentors, great teachers, listeners."

### An Opportunity for Airmen

The nursing program at Travis had its roots over 10 years ago. A PUC nursing professor was at a national nurses meeting, where PUC was presenting about our new LVN to RN program in Hanford. At the time, the program was unique for California, one of the first non-traditional programs that allowed LVNs to work full time and go to school. Pat Rovella, a now-retired Air Force colonel and nurse, was at the meeting and asked, "What's the possibility of doing something like this for the airmen?"

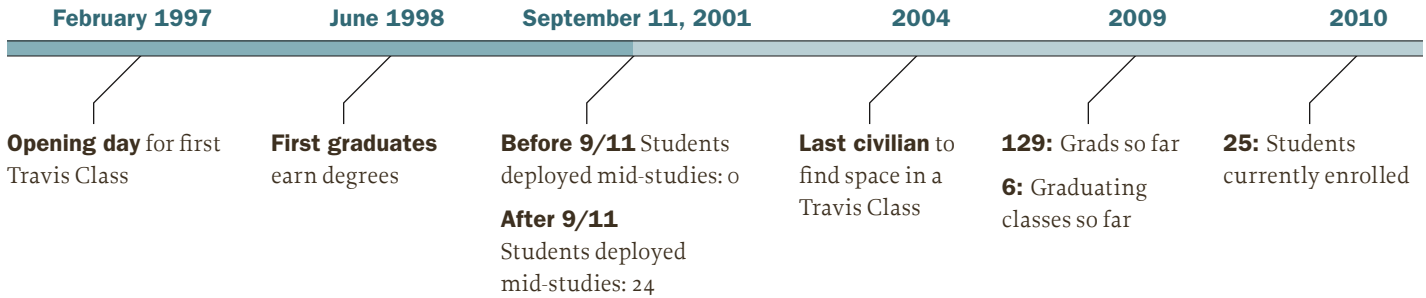
To move to the rank of commissioned officer, nurses need a bachelor's degree in nursing. And for med techs who retire or choose to leave the military, their nursing training, even the highest level of med tech, is not recognized at all in the civilian world — unless they get an RN or BSN.

So PUC administrators and nursing teachers started working with education personnel at TAFB to set up a program. In 1997, PUC became one of a half dozen colleges represented in "Travis University," and was given an on-base office space with PUC's seal on the door. The base provides state-of-the-arts classrooms with the latest in technology, computer labs, and David Grant USAF Medical Center for student preceptorships. The program and curriculum, however, are entirely overseen by PUC. PUC nursing professor Nancy Tucker, who heads up the RN to BSN program, and Debra coordinate instructors for all the courses and work hard to get their students off-base for their clinicals, to get civilian experience that can be very different from military nursing experience.

The med tech to RN program accepts 24 students in each 18-month cohort, and those 24 stay together through the program. The RN to BSN program is less rigid, with classes offered continually that students can enter as needed; they graduate whenever they complete the required classes.

A few of the classes are taught by nursing professors from the main campus; the rest are contract teachers PUC recruits from the area. Some are even former graduates of the class

# OUR TIME AT TRAVIS



**Sherry Mason**, here with Debra Winkle and former PUC president Richard Osborn, packed her bags full of books when she was deployed.

who are now working in military or civilian nursing settings and return to teach.

Classroom atmosphere is unique (or at least, very different from PUC classroom experiences), and not just in the location. When a cohort starts, Debra tells them, "There is no rank in this room — we're all students." But, she says, the hierarchy among the different levels of airmen is always present. You can't get away from that. Instead of tension and competition, however, that hierarchy actually lends itself to a more supportive cohort. Debra calls it "family-oriented," and describes how the senior non-commissioned officers will watch the others, and if they see a younger airman having a hard time, they'll do what they can to help. "I've not found the hierarchy to be negative," she says. "They may roll their eyes at each other — but boy, if they're in trouble, I see people surrounding each other." Some people miss that after leaving the military. "When they get out in the

civilian world and it's just kind of dog-eat-dog, they miss that surrounding of comfort, of support."

As far as Sherry's concerned, that kind of support is often what gets them through the program. At some point, she says, each of them reaches a point where they want to quit. "But always somebody said, 'No you're not! You made it this far, you're not gonna quit!' You've just got to keep each other going."

## Change, Challenge & Destination

At the beginning, the agreement was that active duty and active reserve had preference for admission. And then, if there was space, they would take retired, dependents or spouses, and then civilians. There were a handful of civilians in the first few classes, but once the program became more widely known, it filled up entirely with active duty or retired airmen and now there's never room for civilians. Every class is at maximum capacity.

The most distinct change, though, came several years into the program. Debra gets a funny look on her face when she remembers the events surrounding 9/11. "People look back on that day and everyone remembers what they were doing. Unfortunately, here we are on a military base, and we're giving an OB test on 9/11 morning. They're shutting down the base because of the severity, obviously... there's no way we as civilians were getting back in the base for a long, long time." Alarms and beepers were going off and guards were telling the class to leave the building and the dedicated teachers were saying, "But we're in the middle of a test!"

Debra laughs. "We look back on it now and we're going, oh, unbelievable! They knew their lives were changing. Us, civilians, we have no idea what it means. They all knew what it meant." For several weeks, PUC couldn't get on base and classes were pulled to another site. The next day, September 12, they went ahead with class. "They all had to be within 20 minutes of being deployed — and we were still having classes! They had their bags packed ready at their door." Since then, the program has had to adapt to accommodate for student deployments — 24 of them so far.

The deployments have created extra challenges for teachers and students in an already rigorous course; and it's created an exorbitant sense of joy and success upon completion.

"I would go through it all over again, it's so worth it!" Sherry exclaims. For her, it's about career advancement, but also about being better able to take care of people. "Part of [why we're so dedicated] is Debbie's vision and PUC's vision for us as med techs," she says. It's significant to the airmen, she explains, for PUC to recognize our contribution for the world..."

As Debra concludes, "These students have my highest respect and admiration." She hopes the world will recognize them "not only for their scholastic accomplishments under such strenuous conditions but also for the sacrifice they so willingly (and without complaint) give to this country." **VP**



**Two of the program's 2008 graduates** celebrate the end of an exhausting but worthwhile journey.





Becky Carlton, '00, recounts her days at a rural hospital in Ethiopia and as a midwife in South Sudan.

# Letters From Becky

LETTERS FROM BECKY CARLTON, '00, COME IN VARIOUS FORMS, DEPENDING WHERE SHE IS and whether she has access to a computer, the Internet, or a post office. Offered a job as a midwife at Gimbie Adventist Hospital in rural Ethiopia, she became the nursing supervisor of the 71-bed hospital, went on a six-month stint with Doctors Without Borders as a midwife in South Sudan, and is now back at Gimbie.

As the nursing supervisor, her tasks ranged from working at remote satellite clinics to facing the huge daily needs of the hospital. Becky often wrote about her experiences to family and friends back home, including Jeff Veness, former PUC vice president who was at the time leading a Sabbath school class at the PUC Church. Jeff and his class took a special interest in Becky's work and got involved last summer, though thousands of miles away.

"She had sent a wish list and I heard about it," Jeff recounts. "She itemized 45 sets of sheets, 5 blood pressure cuffs, 5 stethoscopes, 45 blankets, mattresses, and a number of other items. She said she needed \$1600 for all the items. Our Sabbath School class raised funds and we sent \$3200."





**Sometimes Becky chronicles with her camera.** This photo, from Becky's first stint in Ethiopia, represents the mothers and children who figure so largely in her written accounts.



**July 13, 2008 Dearest Ms. Becky,**

Just wanted to let you know that our Sabbath School class raised all the \$1600 that you had requested. I think your Mom and Dad plan to help with some of the extras that you needed. Funds should be forthcoming shortly and I gave Mrs. Carlton Sr. the job of getting it wired to the appropriate account. [From Jeff Veness]

**August 15 Dear Jeff, Cindy, & Co.**

Fayada! Wow, things are interesting here. The OB doc quit this week ... We are doing our best with our current resources and definitely let us know if you know a doc who wants some mission time. I'm totally exhausted because the supervisor for the female ward is on vacation and I still need to cover the rest of the hospital. No matter... I can rest later, eh?

On the up side, a car went to Addis this morning with a check and my wish list. We hope to have a stack of new blankets by midweek. It will be good because August is rainy season. The sheets and blankets take days to dry and we don't have many to go around as it is. Actually, since I knew you were sending money, I took an advance from the business office and bought 50 sets of sheets. It's marvelous to be able to give some to the nurses every time they ask. Soon I'll have the blankets, too. Yay!! We purchased some mattresses to put on the worst beds as well. The nurses are very excited. I took one of the new mattresses out to the clinic that burned down (we are using a borrowed room). The nurse was so happy to have a new mattress. I think they sometimes get ignored out there. We are trying to do better. We have been sending medical students and a nurse out to do mini campaigns. It has been good for the clinics. I'm also purchasing material for patient gowns and tubs for the laundry staff.

Paul, my boss, is amazed at the amount of funds I came up with. He wants to know what my secret is. I told him it was you, my mom, and a really generous community at home. You guys are amazing.

A storm is headed up the valley and I need to get to the market to get some food for Sabbath. Tell the folks in Angwin hello for me. I am so grateful for their support and yours as well.

**August 15 Perfect timing Ms. Becky,**

Tomorrow I share with my class again and it will be nice for them to hear the report. I love it. So will you be staying for longer than the 6 months? Nice to be able to make an impact on

your community. I am hugely proud of you. I'm happy to be of any support needed. [From Jeff Veness]

**August 21 Dear Jeff and Co.**

I went to the admin office this morning after doing staff worship. I opened the door and found 40 blankets piled in the administrator's office. I was so pleased. My mom wired the money you donated a couple weeks ago, but we'd been unable to access it. I sent my updated wish list with the car last time it went, but didn't have much confidence that anything would come of it that trip. Obviously, I was wrong. They purchased 12 BP cuffs, 10 stethoscopes, the blankets, 10 thermometers, an otoscope for ER, two bathroom scales for the outer clinics (Dungoro's didn't survive the fire), pens, and many other supplies. It is so great!!

Ayantu, the Male/Peds Ward supervisor, asked me for sheets this morning. I have the key for the linen closet so I took her down there to get some. When she saw the stacks of soft, new blankets, she got a little teary and gave me a kiss. She asked me to relay her gratitude to you. So, THANK YOU from Ayantu, Gimbie Adventist Hospital, and the people of Ethiopia to you! Your gifts are making a big difference here at Gimbie.

**August 24 Dear Jeff,**

I had this little encounter with my friend Gameda and thought I should write it down. Then I thought maybe you would enjoy it.

Dear Someone, I am the nursing supervisor at Gimbie Adventist Hospital. Nursing supervisor, or "matron" as it is called here, is one of those liaison sort of positions. Lots of people — even ones not under my chain of command — come to my office to run their concerns by me. Gameda just came to my office. Poor Gameda is the business manager for this crippled ship. There are so many things that need repairs, outer clinics that are hemorrhaging money, medicines to be bought, staff to pay, and equipment that is badly needed. And there is so little income. Gameda loses sleep at night trying to figure out how to make payroll. "Can't squeeze money from a rock," they say.

But today is a special day. There is a giant stack of supplies in my office. Someone heard that our sheets were threadbare and the patients were shivering on their moldy mattresses without blankets. Someone told Someone Else, then Someone Else told other Someones. Someone was generous despite inflation and hideous



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# The Wish List



**45 sets of sheets**  
**purchased: 50 sets of sheets**



**45 blankets**  
**purchased: 40 blankets**



**5 blood pressure cuffs**  
**purchased: 12 BP cuffs**



**5 stethoscopes**  
**purchased: 10 stethoscopes**



**mattresses**  
**purchased: new mattresses**

## Various other items purchased:

**10 thermometers**  
**1 otoscope for ER**  
**2 bathroom scales**  
**1 ear wash syringe**  
**material for patient gowns**  
**laundry tubs**  
**pens**  
**enema tips**  
**chest tubes**

**Total needed: \$1,600**  
**Total sent: \$3,200**

gas prices. A check was wired to Awash International Bank. My heart jumped a little when I found out the amount Someone had sent. I could purchase as many blankets as we need and more. The nurses no longer have to feel shame from telling patients that we haven't enough blankets for everyone. Now, when the staff asks, there will be linen in the closet.

Gameda looked at the pile of supplies stacked by the wall and asked if he had done well with the purchases. He was nervous to buy the supplies because many were unknown to him (enema tips?). I assured him that he had done very well. There was a blanket lying on my bench. He fingered the blanket and asked if they were good quality. I told him that they were fine — I tried one out myself on Thursday night when I stayed up on the ward due to a staff shortage. Gameda is shy about his English skills, but what he finally came out to say was that Ethiopians are his people. His blood. And that he is so grateful that someone would share their money to make this hospital better for his people. No one knows better than Gameda how much help that check will be. He came to me to say thank you.

I've always said that nurses are the hub of a hospital. Sometimes it's hard to be the hub because everyone comes to the hub with their issues. Today, I'm glad to be the hub. I am the hub that knows the people at home who shared their hard-earned shekels. I am the hub that sent the driver to Addis to buy chest tubes. I

am the hub with the linen closet key who got kissed by teary-eyed Ayantu-Male Ward supervisor when she saw the full closet. I am the hub that got to give an ear wash syringe to Tsegay for ER. He requested it almost two years ago. I am the hub that shook hands with business manager Gameda who came to say — in his sweet, awkward way — THANK YOU!

*This past winter and spring, Becky spent six months in South Sudan on a maternal/child health project with Doctors Without Borders. Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) is an international medical humanitarian organization that is working in more than 60 countries to assist people whose survival is threatened by violence, neglect, or catastrophe. Becky worked with MSF as a midwife, and she wrote of some of her adventures on Facebook and to her grandma in Angwin.*

## May 9, 2009 Life of a Midwife in South Sudan

It was a typical afternoon in the maternity tent: hot! I was trying to ignore the sweat running into my eyes and thinking about unplugging the baby warmer because its alarm goes off when the ambient temperature exceeds 105F.

I was screening a patient who was having some bleeding three weeks postpartum, when, out of the corner of my eye, I saw a group of people bring a woman into the tent and put her on

the birthing bed. I heard someone say, "...twin born at home yesterday morning...referred here to deliver second twin...no heartbeat..." ...

Postpartum-bleed Lady left, so I decided to evaluate the newborn while Catherine tried to get a heartbeat on the retained twin. The baby I was examining was beautiful, healthy-looking, and starving. She was trying to eat the blanket. I was pleased to find the cord dry and intact, tied with some string. The family said they had cut the cord with a new razor blade (versus an old one or a piece of sugarcane). Auntie said that she had been fed some goats' milk since her mama had been unable to breastfeed yet (still being in labor 32 hours after the first birth and all). ...

Baby 2 was also a girl. She came out nice and easy, but Catherine and I had to suction her mouth a bit before she perked up. I always lose a few years off my life waiting for the little ones to really breathe. This one finally decided to join us as a living, human person and started to fuss. I felt very happy.

While we were doing all this, I hear Abby say, "Guys... Guys, I think there might be another baby here." The abdomen was still large. Catherine went back with the doppler to see if she could find yet another heart. This time, we couldn't find one, but there was another baby coming. I prepped the table again. I thought to myself, "Sheesh, I'm going to have to re-stock Vitamin K again just because of one patient!" Baby 3 came head-first without trouble. She was limp and blue around the lips. Catherine



and I suctioned her and gave her puffs of air. There was no heartbeat. We did CPR for a few minutes, but there was nothing. Baby 2 lay on the table several inches away facing Baby 3, just watching her. It was like she knew what was happening and was saying goodbye and loving her. It made me feel a little choked up. They were all three of them beautiful.

### May 15 Dear Granny,

I was going to write you a letter on Sunday, but I was sitting down with a cup of porridge about 8 am when I got a call on the radio from the medical assistant: "Can you come help me resuscitate this baby." I left my porridge with the cinnamon on top and ran to find the driver to take me to the hospital.

Ten hours later when I came home, the porridge was sitting there on the table. Someone thoughtfully put a makeshift lid on it to save it for me. You know what they say about old porridge... Well, maybe no one says anything about day-old porridge, but it's not fit for human consumption. I'm trying to imagine what sort of fantastic African bacteria might grow in a medium of milk/oats at a temperature of about 103°F in a span of 10 hours. ... I was a little bummed because we hadn't had oatmeal for weeks. Fred, the logistics supply guy, went to Wau this week and found some. Richard, Australian-Who-Lived-In-Antarctica-And-Is-Now-Resident-Fix-Everything-Broken-Guy, makes us porridge on Sundays if we have any, so I felt disappointed at not getting to eat the oatmeal. Eileen, the new OR nurse, dared me to eat it. Even I have my limits.

Is that enough about oatmeal? I guess I could tell you about the day that I had, but it was rather depressing. Seemed like every baby I



Gutema says, "Thank you for the new blankets at Gimbie Adventist Hospital!!"

touched, died. They were in bad shape to begin with, but it didn't make me feel good about life/death in general. There was the baby that was 900 grams...too small...he was tough, for a little dude, but that's too small to make it. And the baby that I went to resuscitate — well, I didn't have hopes of arriving in time, but it's horrible to try to resuscitate a baby by yourself. I went to be supportive of my medical assistant.

That baby couldn't decide if it wanted to live with the humans or not. He would breathe, then stop breathing. His heart seemed strong, but I was worried that he already had brain damage. How do I decide when to give up? When is it better for him? So, he finally decided to try to live and we sent him off to pediatrics to be monitored. His mother had issues, too. She was combative before delivery and went completely nuts after. I've never seen post-partum psychosis, but 10 mg of Valium (would have knocked me out completely) didn't touch her. We didn't know what to do and she was escalating to the point where four people had to hold her down and we had to send Abby to the pharmacy to pick up some Haldol (a heavy antipsychotic).

Meanwhile, dozens of people came to be seen, I discharged bunches and they still kept coming. The resuscitated baby in pediatrics decided that he didn't want to stay after all and died. His mother's family (all 20 that were there in the ward with their friends and extended family) decided to take her home to let a traditional healer work with her. We weren't seeming to have any progress with our treatment and people have a right to do what they want, so they took her away. I'd be surprised if she is still alive.

The malaria cases are getting more frequent. Even Shin, our pharmacist, caught it. I'd just as soon avoid it, but what more can a person do than wear repellent, take prophylaxis, and sleep with a mosquito net. I think I'll be fine. Well, I must give the computer to someone else, but I thought I'd write you a note. Sorry if it is a bit graphic or makes me sound matter-of-fact about the difficult things that happen here. It helps me to process to write it down sometimes. I'm doing well — all things considered. I'm going to miss this place when I leave. I'm making good friends.

### July 14, Back in Ethiopia

I finally made it back to Ethiopia. Feels like coming home. I ate injera (sourdough tef pancakes) and chiro (spicy chickpea sauce) for lunch. Love it! I sure liked Sudan, but they don't have good food like Ethiopians. I guess that's what you get with an uninterrupted food tradition thousands of years old. It's good to be here. Paul my boss and I tried to get bus tickets for tomorrow, but you gotta be quick around here and we can't go for another two days. The bus is horrible, but it saves us travel money (the landcruiser is expensive to run). It's always an adventure.

*Love you bunches  
Becky*



Becky demonstrates a stethoscope to a young visitor.

*After finishing her work in South Sudan, Becky spent some time traveling in the States and headed to Geneva, Switzerland, for the World Health Organization's Global Conference on Health. She returned to Gimbie in July to explore a new role, that of teaching in the nursing school. She's now dean of the Gimbie Adventist College of Health Sciences. For more stories about life at Gimbie, you can visit their blog at [gimbieadventisthospital.blog.co.uk](http://gimbieadventisthospital.blog.co.uk) VP*



# RENOVATING COMMUNITY

## A welcoming space makes things more “homelike” in Newton

By Larry Peña



**Students and deans** find that the updated lobby is more conducive to a feeling of community.

**H**ERNAN GRANADOS, '99, ASSISTANT DEAN of Newton Hall Men's Residence, believes that there should be more connecting a dorm community than just adjacent rooms. “My biggest thing is that we're a family, that we take care of each other, that we look out for each other, clean after each other,” he says. But the dorm lobby – an important common area that hadn't been updated since the time that he himself was a student living there – was never the best place to build that common bond.

Now the lobby of Newton Hall is getting a remodel. Planned changes include an overhaul of the walls, ceiling, and carpet, a new fire-place, and new and reupholstered furniture. It's an ambitious, ongoing project that began in stages earlier this year, and its aim is to give the men of Newton a comfortable, welcoming space where they can come together.

### Starting the Project

Initial funding for the project came from a \$15,000 donation through the Advancement Office. The gift came from an alumnus from the class of 1978, a husband and wife team who prefers to give anonymously. Further funding came from a general account used for upkeep of the campus's three men's residences. About half of the planned updates have been completed, including new lighting, a resurfacing of the pool table, and a backlit, mood-adjustable, full-wall wave design.

The changes implemented so far have already made a difference in the lobby's atmosphere. “It's a lot more comfortable now,” says Uzzie Barba, a Newton resident who has started spending more time in the refurbished lobby. Dean Granados notes that he too has noticed an increase in students studying, eating, and just hanging out there.

“There's a big change,” he says. “It's good, because I get to be close by in my office, and I hear them, and I get to go out and talk to them, and that's good to get to know everybody.”

One big part of the remodel is a new entertainment package that includes a large-screen high definition TV and sound system. The system features central controls at the lobby front desk. Outgoing president Richard Osborn donated funds for this feature, which has become an especially important part of building a common culture among of a bunch of men living under the same roof.

“A lot of people in Newton enjoy having sports on — there are a lot of sports rivalries,” says Isaac Ajenjo, a first-year nursing student who lives and works in the dorm.

“With the TV they had before, you had to sit right in front of it to get a good view. But now if there's a game being showed everybody can come — you can accommodate many more people.” And, he adds, “I spend a lot of time there.”

Anjejo has also noticed another benefit: giving Newton Hall a welcoming face for new members of the dorm community and their families. “I'm working at the desk right now for the summer, and a lot of parents come here with their kids, trying to see how the school is,” he says. He notes that many prospective students are encouraged by the more comfortable, home-like facilities.

### A Place to Belong

Newton head dean Robert Kurtz, '84, has a special understanding of the need for new residents of Newton to feel at home in the

dorm. When his overextended mother kicked him out of the house in 1979, Newton Hall became the only place he belonged. "I had nowhere else to go," he says. "Everything I owned was in that dorm. It was home." A welcoming community of deans, RAs, and other residents helped ease the transition, and now he's glad that the facilities are being improved to match the company. "I think it steps it up a notch, in terms of the quality of fellowship, when the place is more representative of the people that are there," he says.

The men have taken notice and seem to enjoy the long-awaited changes. "It looks very nice — there's a huge difference between before and after," says Pierre Ferrari, another student who lives and works in Newton Hall. "The old lobby walls were kind of faded, and everything looked a little dated." Jim Boyd, PUC's dean of men and coordinator for this ongoing Newton project, estimates that the lobby had gone a good 20 years without renovation. So it's no wonder the area is basking in its new youthful looks.

### Looking Forward

Boyd estimates that about \$30,000 worth of renovations remain to be completed. These changes include raised coffee shop-style pub tables and chairs for a study area and a new fireplace, which should lend a cozy vibe.

Upcoming projects include repairing and resurfacing the shower and restroom facilities and a floor-by-floor renovation of the rest of the dorm to keep it in line with the motif set by the new lobby. Such further projects will be planned as schedules and budgets permit.

This project, and others like it, can only be undertaken with the help of generous gifts from concerned alumni and other PUC supporters. "Alumni gifts help make the quality of life better for students who are on campus today," says Pam Sadler, vice president for advancement. "They make it possible to maintain PUC's level of excellence and give a whole new generation of students a great PUC experience."

But for the men of Newton Hall, it's much more personal. A more comfortable common area is a place to build a stronger community, and for Dean Granados, that's the whole point of the renovation. "It's more like the family atmosphere that I like to create," he says. "It's not just a dorm, it's *their* dorm." **VP**

# WELCOMING THE FIRST MAXWELL SCHOLARS

## Five stellar recipients

By Julie Z. Lee and Larry Peña

Five high school students were selected this summer to receive \$10,000 each in renewable scholarship money from Pacific Union College as the 2009 Malcolm and Eileen Maxwell Scholars. The program honors high school seniors who have demonstrated high academic achievement, a commitment to Christian service, and outstanding leadership skills. A new program, the scholarship was established in honor of the late Dr. Malcolm Maxwell and his wife, Eileen, and their commitment to Adventist education. "There were so many qualified applicants," said Nancy Lecourt, academic dean and chair of the selection committee. "Ultimately we tried to select students who we felt would not only be outstanding students but also make a positive impact at PUC by using their God-given talents for leadership and service."



**Samantha Angeles**, from Loma Linda Academy in California, is an aspiring attorney who won Best Defense Attorney in the San Bernardino mock trial competitions. She was also an outstanding senior class president; and she co-founded with her family a group called Simple Acts of Kindness Evangelism, aimed at improving quality of life for low-income families in San Bernardino.



**Kaitlyn Min**, from Madison Academy in Tennessee, participated in the Governor's School, a prestigious Tennessee state summer program. She has gone on mission trips, served as a student leader, started a chapter of REVO (which raises funds and awareness for specific charities), and volunteered in her community. Kaitlyn spent the summer before college in China and Korea with Korean-American Youth Adventist Missionary Movement (KAYAMM).



**Matthew Phelps**, from Lodi Adventist Academy in California, was a National Honor Society member and has been nationally recognized for excellence in math and science. Matthew is a skilled musician and plays football, basketball, and golf. He was a student leader and has been active in service, from playing guitar in a praise band and volunteering at homeless shelters to organizing a Lodian Singers concert and benefit for the patients at Shriners Children's Hospital in Sacramento.



**Colleen Uechi**, from Hawaii Mission Academy, was a Hawaii's top essayist in a Veterans of Foreign Wars' Voice of Democracy scriptwriting contest. She presented her script on the radio and attended the national final competition in Washington, D.C. Colleen was an editor and contributor for the school newspaper, served as a student leader at her academy and home church, and twice wrote and narrated the school's May Day program, an annual celebration of Hawaii's island culture.



**Dana Yoon** comes from Portland Adventist Academy in Oregon. A National Honors Society member, she served as a student leader and participated in yearbook, music groups, and varsity athletics. At her home church, she taught a junior high class, accompanied the children's choir, played in a worship band, led out in Vacation Bible School and coordinated a youth rally. Dana was involved in mission trips, camp counseling, and volunteering in her home community. **VP**

Learn more about the Maxwell Scholar Program at [www.puc.edu/maxwellscholar](http://www.puc.edu/maxwellscholar).

# From Angwin to Nairobi, Okinawa, and Brussels

Overseas jobs and the lure of adventure draw alums to homes around the world

Larry Peña

**A**FTER LEAVING PUC, most graduates stay in the United States, and a good many even remain in Northern California. However, for a special few, post-graduate plans include faraway places around the world. Whether the reason is an overseas missionary posting, a job offer from far away, or just a desire to explore a new place, some PUC graduates find themselves very far from their alma mater. These are a few of those alumni.

## **Richard and Hadassah Doss Nairobi, Kenya**

Richard Doss, '03, and Hadassah (Rodriguez) Doss, '04 are currently living and working at Maxwell Academy in Nairobi, Kenya. Richard, who graduated from PUC with a degree in theology before earning a Master of Divinity degree at Andrews University, is the dean of the boys dormitory; and Hadassah, with a degree in math education, teaches at the Academy's elementary and high schools.

Living on the campus at the base of Kenya's Ngong Hills, Richard and Hadassah get to experience safari life every day. "It's the quintessential African paradise with the acacia trees and even gazelles," says Hadassah. "The gardens are full of birds and flowers in every color." They have climbed Mt. Kenya and been on wildlife safaris in several of Kenya's game parks,

including the nearby world-famous Maasai Mara reserve.

The pair also gets to experience a different kind of wildlife at close range: academy students. Their small house on campus is attached to the boys dorm where Richard works. "I will admit, sometimes it feels like I live in a fish-bowl, but it's really a unique experience to live with your students," says Hadassah. "Our lives are intertwined with theirs, and I wouldn't have it any other way."

While Hadassah is just getting used to living in Kenya, the experience for Richard is like returning home. Growing up in a missionary family in the small African nation of Malawi,

only a few hundred miles south of their current home, he graduated from Maxwell in 1999. He had planned to return all along. "Ever since we started dating, I knew if we got married missions were in my future," Hadassah says. "That was perfectly fine with me."

Their current position calls for a five-year stay at Maxwell, after which the couple may look for another similar posting. "Rich would like us to be living overseas 'til we retire," says Hadassah. "We'll see what the Lord has in mind."

## **Brent and Joelle Yamada Okinawa, Japan**

Stationed on the island of Okinawa with the U.S. Navy, Brent Yamada, att. '88-'94 and '97-'98, and Joelle (Reed) Yamada, '93, have grown to love the culture of the island they now call home. Brent is a sonar technician with the Navy, and Joelle is a writer and editor for a local blog called *Okinawa Hail*, a website devoted to helping American military families get to know the island and the community.

This is not Brent's first overseas commission — previously he had been stationed at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and in Cornwall, England. When he discovered that the position in Okinawa was available, he and Joelle asked God to help them decide whether or not to take the opening. It has been a positive experience,



**Richard and Hadassah Doss** with a cheetah at Nairobi National Park's animal orphanage.





**Larry and Jamie Williams**  
Brussels, Belgium

**Brent and Joelle Yamada**  
Okinawa, Japan

**Richard and Hadassah Doss**  
Nairobi, Kenya

**These three families** represent the alums whose international travels have turned long-term.

especially since Brent and their children, of partial Japanese descent, have the opportunity to experience a previously unexplored part of their heritage.

At *Okinawa Hail*, Joelle edits the “To Work” section of the website, where she highlights women in the community with interesting jobs while offering tips and advice on where and how to find or create their own jobs. She posts once a week, and also helps manage the website’s advertising. “OkinawaHai.com is a labor of love for all of us,” she says. “It’s sort of become the savior of many newbies coming on island. We constantly get emails thanking us for making people’s transitions go well.”

A lifelong lover of travel, she is grateful for the opportunity to spend some time overseas. “I think that living overseas has given me an incredible glimpse into the broadness of God’s love,” she says. “To have such differing people and places around the world shows me what a huge God we have — a God that could love all of us so much regardless of our diversity.”

#### **Larry Williams Brussels, Belgium**

A graduate of PUC’s public relations program in 1981, Larry Williams serves as the general manager for market development and sustainability for the World Steel Association, the international trade group of the iron and steel

industry. In this position, he is in charge of promoting the organization’s member manufacturers, as well as exploring issues relating to the environmental effects of the industry.

Although he had done a lot of international



**Larry, Tessa, and Jamie Williams** at the Place de la Concorde in Paris this summer.

travel in previous steel industry positions, he had never worked long-term outside the U.S. until the Brussels-based association recruited him last year. While his wife Jamie (Pinto) Williams, ’81, stayed in the U.S. to help their daughter finish up 8th grade (Jamie is the director of business development and marketing for SimBLOX Corp., a U.S. technology start-up, and makes frequent trips between Brussels and the U.S.), Larry set off for Europe to start the new

job and settle an eventual home for the family.

Upon arriving, Larry was impressed by the smallness and timelessness of Europe. “We’re close to everything, including the metro system that will take you anywhere you need to go within minutes,” he says. “I can get to Italy for 50 euros. Paris is 90 minutes away. Walking into St. Chapelle in Paris yesterday, I was awed by the magnificence of the stained glass windows that have been in their frames since the 1240s.”

As a marketing professional with a high-profile organization, Larry especially values the communication experience he received at PUC. “Probably the most important thing I did at PUC was to work on the *Campus Chronicle*,” he says. “The campus newspaper helped me develop my writing skills and how to tell the story so that the reader could make sense of it. This has benefited me in every job I’ve ever had.”

His current plans call for his family to join him in Brussels this fall. He plans to stay at World Steel for at least four more years while his daughter attends high school. “Working here has opened up the world for me,” he says. “I think this is going to be an experience that will have a positive impact on the rest of her life as well.” **VP**



## New President Arrives on Campus

Heather J. Knight  
accepts presidency

WITH THE NEW ACADEMIC SCHOOL year that began in September, PUC also welcomed a new leader, president Heather J. Knight. The PUC Board of Trustees announced in July that Knight, then the provost of Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan, had accepted the invitation to take up PUC's presidency.

The board's decision was based on Knight's extensive experience and exemplary service in higher education and academic administration. She has served as professor of English, assistant provost, and associate provost at the University of the Pacific in Stockton, California, followed by serving as provost at Andrews University. At Andrews, Dr. Knight served as second officer, providing

administrative and academic leadership and managing the day-to-day operations of the university. She successfully developed and implemented a new strategic plan, integrated budget and planning priorities, increased enrollment and student selectivity, and strengthened leadership in all areas of campus life.

"Dr. Knight comes to Pacific Union College with over 20 years of experience in higher education and a deep respect from the higher education community. From her work at the University of the Pacific to Andrews University, Dr. Knight has a proven track record of leading institutions to success, and we are thrilled to have her at PUC," said Dr. Ricardo Graham, PUC board chair and president of the Pacific Union

Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

Knight's new role brings a "first" to PUC and to Adventist education in general: She is the first female president at PUC, and she is the first African-American woman to lead an Adventist college in the U.S.

Knight is also a lover of the arts, the mother of college-educated children, and wife of Dr. Norman Knight. Norman has been serving as senior pastor of the Berean Seventh-day Adventist Church in South Bend, Indiana, as well as adjunct professor of homiletics at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. The move to California includes a bonus for the couple, who has family (including an expected grandchild) in the state. They are also looking forward to

getting to know the Angwin and Napa Valley communities.

"It is a tremendous privilege and blessing to be invited to serve as the next president of Pacific Union College," said Dr. Knight. "Pacific Union College has a very distinguished history, and I am honored to have this opportunity to carry on the proud PUC tradition of ensuring academic excellence and spiritual authenticity. I look forward to working collaboratively with the PUC Board of Trustees, faculty, staff, students and alumni to help move PUC to the next level of excellence for this distinctive institution."

*Watch for a full interview with Dr. Knight in the next issue of ViewPoint.*



## Class of 2009 Earns 294 Degrees

THE 285 GRADUATES OF PUC'S CLASS OF 2009 MARCHED THE FINAL LEG OF THEIR UNDERGRADUATE CAREER ON SUNDAY, June 14, in Commencement Grove. In addition to the undergrad degrees, distinctions and honors awarded, Theodore Benson and Milton Hare received honorary doctorates. Aviation program director William Price and business department chair Richard Voth were also honored as Professors Emeriti.

Although graduation is a serious time, students always make it personally meaningful. "Not For Sale" lettered on one cap celebrated the cause that students raised \$10,000 for two years ago. Pink ribbons on a married student's robe formed the letters "I O U," which he said were for his wife, who put up with him as he finished his degree.

Ricardo Graham, chairman of the PUC Board of Trustees and president of the Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, addressed the graduates and also presented to outgoing president Richard Osborn a chair with the seal of PUC and the dates of Osborn's presidency emblazoned on it. He commended Osborn for guiding PUC into the 21st century "with integrity and precise analysis of the challenges and opportunities that face this education institution." The main address at the program was given by the Honorable James Chang, a retired judge from the Santa Clara County Superior Court, who also attended PUC.



**One way students personalize** their commencement ceremonies is by going all out on their caps. These are just a few of this year's fancy headwear selection.

## Fourth Annual Student Film Festival

THIS YEAR'S STUDENT FILM Festival in June showcased seven films, one trailer for a feature film, and the college's video yearbook — all work of PUC student filmmakers. In two screenings open to the community at the Cameo Cinema in St. Helena, six current students and two alumni showed works ranging from Public Service Announcement (PSA) to "mockumentary." Peter Han's PSA "Why Would You?" and Timothy Wolfer's documentary "Grow Up," which screened at the festival, have both won film awards this year.

After the screenings, the filmmakers participated in a Q and A session moderated by Rodney Vance, director of the film and television production program at PUC. The students answered questions about challenges, why they chose their topics, and what will come next.







# Brian Wong: Pure Energy

## Students vote for enthusiasm and passion

THIS YEAR, STUDENTS VOTED BIOLOGY PROFESSOR Brian Wong the 2009-2010 Educator of the Year. "Dr. Wong brings passion and enthusiasm to everything he does," biology chair and 2008-2009 Educator of the Year Robin Vance says. At a program in Wong's honor, biochemistry major Rachel Devadhasan spoke eloquently on Wong's role as a teacher. ViewPoint here reprints excerpts from her tribute.

### A Student's Tribute to Dr. Wong

My first introduction to Dr. Wong was quite memorable. On the first day of BIO 111 a short Asian man bounded to the front of the classroom and proceeded to bombard me with more facts and figures than I could count. My pen flew across the pages of my notebook but after the first minute I was already light-years behind him. Three years later in Histology this past winter, I still couldn't keep up with him. Dr. Wong is pure energy.

Dr. Wong sets the highest standards possible for his students. Each time I've asked him, "Dr. Wong, what should I know for the test?" I've gotten the same response: "Know everything. EVERYTHING!"

As I've gotten involved with research, I've gotten closer to Dr. Wong, and I've come to realize how patient he is. The first time I performed a molecular

assay, my analytical chemistry skills failed me and I completely botched the job. I had wasted \$500, a caspase kit, and precious cancer cells. I dreaded the moment when I would have to tell Dr. Wong, but when it came, I didn't get the lecture I so richly deserved. Dr. Wong simply smiled and said, "It's harder than it looks, isn't it?"

Understanding Dr. Wong has not happened overnight. The appreciation of his character has come slowly, in the form of late nights in lab, long discussions on religion and politics, and trips across the country. It has come in the form of research articles he bookmarked especially for me, birthday cake he shared with the whole class, and gifts of mangoes just because. Dr. Wong is passionate about science and loves his job, obviously not for the money. He strives to keep up with the ever-changing field and has remained at the forefront of cancer research because of it. Dr. Wong is from a different generation and part of the world, yet he is able to transcend the bonds of culture and age to truly connect with his students. He takes a personal interest in every one of us and makes sure that we all feel welcome in his classroom. ... His patience, commitment to education, and passion to serve make him worthy of the title "Educator of the Year."

### academic highlights

**Herber Grants:** Ray Herber and his children Steve, '82, Sandra, '91, and Susan, '84, established the Herber Family Endowment for teachers' professional development. Three faculty received grants this year for summer projects. Vola Andrianarijaona, physics professor, traveled to Oakridge National Laboratory to do research and attended the International Conference on Photonic, Electronic, and Atomic Collisions. Heather Reid, English professor, spent two weeks at the Huntington Library for research and writing. Mei Ann Teo, '02, drama director, attended the La Mama International Symposium for Directors in Italy.

**Brian Wong**, biology professor, had an article, "Chinese medicinal herb *Scutellaria barbata* modulates apoptosis and cell survival in murine and human prostate cancer cells and tumor development in TRAMP mice," published in the *Journal of Cancer Prevention*. Biology major Dinh Nguyen was the second author.

**Bruce Ivey** and **Robert Ordonez**, both professors in the computer science department, attended a July workshop in Boston on teaching computer science with unconventional tools. Ordonez, who attended last year, learned even more in the advanced track this year. "We're already using the curriculum and tools in one of our classes, and will now expand that to include the whole freshman-year sequence of CS courses," he reports.

## Plein-air Painting

AS USUAL, SUMMERTIME AT THE ALBION FIELD STATION WAS A REFUGE FOR aspiring artists of all ages, occupations and abilities. The painting classes for the Summer School of Art ran June 14-26 this year, with the digital photography course offered July 12-24.

"The art camp is designed for individuals who want to study with professional artists as well as a tradition of artists coming together for two weeks of doing what they like and learning from one another," says Gilbert Muth, field station director and a long-time supporter of Albion's programs. The workshop is also a chance for artists of all levels to come together for relaxation and spiritual nourishment.

Instructors John Hewitt and Dennis Simpson led the group in exploring plein-air painting and, as long-time participant (and a vice president of PUC) Lisa Bissell Paulson explains, "The students notice rapid artistic growth and learning. ... Just the concentrated art time allows for amazing development of both design skills and technical skills."



## Making Social Work Real

THIS PAST SCHOOL YEAR, SENIOR SOCIAL work major and president of the Social Work Forum Alisa Jacobo and professor Monte Butler kick-started the Angwin Food Pantry. "I realized we needed to develop some type of sustainable program so that social work majors can learn and serve," Jacobo says. "A food pantry was the most practical solution."

The food pantry was set up in a side room of the PUC Church complex and is open every Thursday evening. Around 25 families attend each week to pick up various food items depending on their need, and bi-lingual volunteers are available. The PUC Church also partners with the social work department to donate food and money to the pantry.

For students and social work majors in particular, the food pantry offers the opportunity to apply theory to practice. "The food pantry is a structured place where we can learn and ask questions with our professors," Jacobo says. And as Butler says, "It is our job to take students beyond knowing about social work to being able to do social work."



## Pitcairn and NASA

THE PITCAIRN ISLANDS STUDY Center (PISC) in the library, directed by Herb Ford, '54, recently served as a facilitator between the NASA Space Center and Pitcairn Island in coordinating the Pitcairners' participation in a space experiment. The International Space Station released a large amount of ammonia crystals into the atmosphere and needed photographs of the diffused ammonia cloud to analyze "sublimation" processes. Since Pitcairn and Easter islands were the only two inhabited lands in the Pacific Ocean from which the cloud and the ISS were visible to the unaided eye, the PISC coordinated motion picture and still photography by the Pitcairn islanders.





**Seniors ring the bell after finishing their last exam.** A tradition that began several years ago, ringing the Healdsburg Bell gives seniors a moment of historic celebration.



**The study of tiny things.** Microbiology was one of many classes taught at PUC this summer.



**Shakespeare in Performance.** The 2009 summer class at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival included five plays, a backstage tour, meet-an-actor, and seminars.



**Hilltop gardens.** Faculty, staff, and community members grow delicious organic produce (and flowers) in the garden plots by the old dairy.



**Lady Pioneers.** The womens volleyball team started their season several weeks before classes started.



**Honors Program studies “Beauty” in Italy.** Five weeks in Florence gave these students an up-close study of art history.



**PacificQuest 2009.** Thirty 7th-9th graders studied psychology, French, and physics at the annual PacificQuest summer program.



**Digital Art Photography class.** Instructor Farrel Brizendine and student LouAnn Clemons enjoy a photo shoot near the Albion Field Station.





The four-day workshop in Lego Robotics taught middle school educators about a national Lego organization.

## Lego Robotics and Victorian England

LECTURES, DISCUSSIONS, AND HOMEWORK CONTINUE DURING THE SUMMER. HISTORY PROFESSOR Amy Rosenthal taught an upper-division seminar on social deviancy in Victorian England this summer, and found that the session offered both challenges and opportunities. "One of the biggest challenges to teaching a course like this in the summer is the short timeframe. ... At the same time, however, the smaller class size allows me to get to know my students better, both because students are usually more willing to express opinions in a smaller group and because I can modify the class to accommodate the interests of individual students."

Other professors led classes that would be difficult to teach during the school year. Visual arts professor Milbert Mariano took a group of 12 Honors students to Florence, Italy, for five weeks of aesthetic inundation. Visiting teacher Rick Nelson taught a four-day workshop on Lego robotics, teaching current and future middle school educators how to participate in a national organization called FIRST Lego League. Students also use summer to fit in required classes, such as tackling a difficult microbiology class that would be much more daunting with a full schedule.

## Ecovillage Update

ON JULY 16, PUC ANNOUNCED A SIGNIFICANT CHANGE FOR THE ANGWIN ECOVILLAGE PROJECT: Triad Communities, LP, will no longer be a land buyer for the project. PUC is taking over the project, maintaining Triad solely in a consulting role. Rather than selling the 63 acres of ecovillage land and over 500 acres of agricultural land to Triad, PUC will complete the entitlement work itself and then decide how to sell the land.

The PUC Board of Trustees voted to move forward with the Environmental Impact Review that was begun earlier and had been put on hold while the Napa County Board of Supervisors debated on land-use policies in Angwin. PUC will take this project through the EIR and project approval process while working with Triad's Curt Johansen as a consultant. Julie Z. Lee, vice president for marketing and enrollment services, says "PUC remains committed to creating a project that will strengthen our local community, meet the needs of the college, and ultimately enhance the Napa Valley."

## leave a legacy

### Burt & Carol talk about education

BURT AND CAROL PONTYNEN HAVE TIES TO PUC that go back to 1917 when Burt's father attended. Carol is a PUC graduate and Burt taught in the technology department from 1953 to 1981, taking two years off for graduate study. They love PUC and want to support education. They also give to other areas, but, says Carol, a former elementary school teacher, "education is our first love."

After thinking over their intention to leave part of their estate to charity, they decided it would be easier to make those distributions during their

lives. To this end they have gradually been shifting funds out of their estate and into charitable gift annuities. Charitable gift annuities satisfy their need for investment



stability, ease of management and life income.

At their deaths, the remainder will go to student loans because "we have a burden for students," Carol says with a smile. "We hope that students who attend PUC may use their education to work for the Lord." Burt chimes in, "More students also means more income for the college and we want the college to continue for another 100 years."

Carol thoughtfully adds, "We feel that we have been blessed and thus want to express our gratitude by helping others. We believe that PUC is supplying a valuable service to the youth of our church and feel that the Lord will bless those efforts."

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Class Notes, Births, Weddings, and In Memory

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## Class Notes

### 1920

**Willeta Raley Bolinger, '29, '59**, celebrated her 103rd birthday on August 18! She is quite well and living in Jefferson, Texas, near one of her daughters. Willeta and her family lived at PUC for nearly 20 years, while her late husband, Walter, taught at the college. Willeta taught at Howell Mountain Elementary and Napa Adventist Elementary.

### 1930

**Finis Ewing Wiggins Jr., '38**, was awarded a Distinguished Humanitarian Award by Loma Linda University at the 2009 LLU graduation ceremonies. The award is "for his unflinching commitment and dedication to this institution, and for his support of its historic mission – 'To make man whole.'"

### 1940

**John McConnell, '43, '56**, has been writing devotionals for many years, and now his devotional writings from as far back as 1993 are collected on a new website. The website, [www.morningglorydevotionals.net](http://www.morningglorydevotionals.net),

is the result of years of work on the part of Mark Bahlke to make John's devotionals (there are hundreds!) available.

### 1950

**Nancy (Ross) Tikker, '50**, lives in Napa, Calif. Nancy is an artist who works in watercolor; and in addition to offering her art through local galleries, she has done a number of murals in buildings in Napa. Nancy has recently been in contact with alumni friends such as Robert, '48, and Lirlie (Elliott), '46, Horner, Gordon Osborn, '49, and Janice (Smith) Von Pohle, '51.

**Victor S. Maluenda, '52**, now lives in Takoma Park, Md., where he teaches for the Montgomery County (Md.) schools, and with his wife, Lydia, also serves as a buyers agent in real estate. Victor also serves as the elder of the Capitol Filipino Seventh-day Adventist Church in Maryland.

**Gilbert, '54, and Winnifred (Larson), '52**, Plubell are busy in enjoyable retirement in their "summer" home in Boring, Ore., where Gilbert, who is retired from directing Adventist education for the North American Division of the church, now serves as part-time consultant and worker in the education department of the Oregon Conference. Winnifred

volunteers with the Adventist Medical Center in Portland, Ore. Winter finds the Plubells in their mobile home among a host of warmth-seeking Adventists at Desert Hot Springs, Calif.

**Barbara (Broadway) and Gerry Lammerding, both '56**, now live in Sun City Lincoln Hills, a Del Webb community for people age 55 and over in Lincoln, Calif. The Lammerdings write that they enjoy trips to Sacramento, San Francisco and California's Gold Country. Members of the Lincoln Amazing Grace Seventh-day Adventist Church, Barbara and Gerry write, "We have a small but growing congregation, and are at present in the process of purchasing property for our church in downtown Lincoln."

### 1960

**Larry Geraty, '62**, received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from La Sierra University this spring at their commencement ceremony (he was also the keynote speaker for the undergraduate commencement ceremony). The degree honors his dedication to higher education, research and cultural diversity. Larry retired from the presidency of LSU in 2007 and was appointed to the California Postsecondary

Education Commission. He was recently named chair of the board of the Loma Linda Broadcasting Network.

**Ray Cress, '65**, has retired after teaching pharmacology at Loma Linda University for 38 years. His wife, **Gail (Wichser), att. '63-'64**, retired from her nursing career several years ago. "We are now living in northern Wisconsin, four miles from Sam Campbell's island," he reports. "We have a new home on the edge of the forest, where we see deer, chipmunks, raccoons, bald eagles, piliated woodpeckers and an occasional bear. I am teaching part-time for Sumner College of Health Sciences, an on-line nurse anesthetist school." In 2008 they were at Mission College in Thailand for six months and then in Helderberg College in South Africa, where Ray taught pharmacology and physiology for Loma Linda's Master's in Nursing program.

### 1970

**Dianne David, '72**, is now a physician assistant working for a general surgery practice in Modesto, Calif., after some 36 years as a clinical laboratory scientist. "The two surgeons I work for specialize in laparoscopic bariatric surgeries," writes Dianne. "I do pre- and post-operative care



along with rounding in the hospital.” Much of Dianne’s work includes internal medicine along with helping patients manage their diets and making lifestyle changes for weight loss control after having gastric bypass surgery. “I owe a lot to the teachers in PUC’s biology department such as Trivett, Fallon, Clark and Hemphill,” notes Dianne.

**Max Torkelsen, '72**, became president of the North Pacific Union in January of 2009. His wife, **Linnea (Blomquist), '71**, is in her 17th year as Alumni and Development Director for Upper Columbia Academy. “Overshadowing everything this year is the birth of our first grandchild: Anika Brielle Kleven,” Linnea reports.

**W. William Hughes, '74**, was named “School Alumnus of the Year” at graduation ceremonies of Loma Linda University’s School of Science and Technology in May. Hughes is dean of LLU’s School of Pharmacy, a professor of pharmaceutical sciences at the School of Pharmacy, professor of general studies at the School of Science and Technology, and associate professor of pathology and human anatomy at the School of Medicine.

**Jana (Ford) Aagaard, '76**, recently appeared on the front page of the *California Bar Journal*. The journal was alerting attorneys of a scam using lawyers’ names; it reported on Jana’s experience, because her name had been used (unsuccessfully) by this scam. Aagaard is a solo practitioner who is “outside counsel” to Catholic Healthcare West in Sacramento, Calif. She was the first woman president of any PUC graduating class, and she now lives in Carmichael, Calif., with her husband, **Victor F. M. Aagaard, '78**, who is the manager for domestic taxation for the State Street Bank in Sacramento.

## births



■ Rylan Tobias Heier, son of **Jodel (Gheen)** and **Sam Heier, '99**, of Redding, Calif. Born 9-11-08.



■ Lillian Adair Akers, daughter of **Daneen Akers, '98**, and **Stephen Eyer, '98**, of San Francisco, Calif. Born 12-22-08.



■ Diana Isela Govea, daughter of **Maria Pia (Cepeda), '93**, and Frank V. Govea of Whittier, Calif. Born 1-10-09.



■ Jordan Christopher Campbell, son of **Elisa (Yingling), '05**, and **D'Andre Campbell, '07**, of Healdsburg, Calif. Born 2-17-09.



■ Asher Michael Molitor, son of **Kelly (Grant), att. '03-'08**, and **Luke Molitor, att. '01-'06**, of Redmond, Ore. Born 3-11-09.



■ Joshua David Kamuela Rai, son of **Michelle (Konn), '97**, and **David Rai, '97**, of Angwin, Calif. Born 6-9-09.



■ Madelyn Claire Setterlund, daughter of **Beth (Whittemore), '02**, and **Bruce Setterlund, '87**, of Angwin, Calif. Born 6-26-09.

**Teri Ann Ricchiuti-Losey, '76**, and husband **Steve Losey, att. '91**, were among 23 couples at the Fresno (Calif.) Central Adventist Church who

earlier this year participated in a re-commitment to their marriage vows during the church’s annual Family Life Sabbath service. Another part of the special day included a banquet prepared for the wives by the men (under female supervision).

**Richard Gore, '79**, his wife **Zetta (Baptist), '07, '08**, and their son **Zack, '09**, went on a June mission trip to Mozambique, Africa. They left



June 14, the same day Zack graduated! A team of 10 PUC and PUC

Church people built a church, held VBS, offered health talks and provided the first Sabbath Service in the new church for the village of Xai Xai. Richard was the Construction Supervisor and **Suzie Fox, '71**, was the Team Leader. Other alums on the team were **Victor Aaen, '69**, and **Scott Blum, '76**.

## 1980

**Brigadier General Loree K. Sutton, '81**, has been given Honored Alumni status by the Loma Linda University School of Medicine at the school’s 77th Annual Post-Graduate Convention held in Ontario, Calif., in April, 2009. A psychiatrist, Sutton is a special assistant to the U.S. Assistant Secretary of Defense. She is the director of the Defense Center of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury. She is a graduate of the U.S. Army’s Command and General Staff College, a distinguished graduate of the National War College, and a former White House Fellow.

**Karen Alvord, '87**, is now offering the services of her Sacramento, Calif.-based Lilliput Children’s Services to Napa (Calif.) County families

interested in adopting a child from the foster system. Karen’s non-profit organization has facilitated 550 foster care adoptions a year, and she notes that there are 54,000 California foster children currently awaiting a permanent adoptive family. Lilliput’s service is a collaboration with Napa County’s Department of Health and Human Services. Information about Lilliput may be found at [www.lilliput.org](http://www.lilliput.org).

## 1990

**Chris Gibb, '97**, recently finished his residency in anesthesiology at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland. He and his family are moving to Okinawa, Japan, where he will be working in the U.S. Navy hospital. Chris has been in the Navy for seven years. His wife, Voleak, is very busy taking care of Spencer (age 5) and Wilfred (age 4).

**Sam Heier, '99**, his wife Jodel, and nearly-one-year-old son Rylan live in Redding, Calif., where Sam is business manager for a truss manufacturing company and Jodel is an occupational therapist working with developmentally delayed children. The Heiers enjoy hiking, camping and spending time at nearby lakes, and participate both formally and informally in their local church.

## 2000

**Mei Ann Teo, '02**, and **Cambria Wheeler, '07**, traveled to Seattle, Wash., in the spring to present a DVD screening of *Red Books: Our Search for Ellen White* (an original play produced by the PUC Dramatic Arts Society in 2007) and talkback for the Seattle chapter of Adventist Forum. “We really had an opportunity to dialogue with the people that came, and many had stories about their

experiences they wanted to share,” reports Cammie. “Many of the questions were about the response to the play so far that we’ve received, primarily from SDA leadership. The coolest part of the experience for us is it allowed us to reconnect with our experience from a couple of years ago while seeing it again through the eyes of people who hadn’t seen the play yet.”

**Luis A. Delgado, '02**, Army Reserve Spec., has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson in Columbia, S.C. according to the *Contra Costa* (Calif.) *Times*.

**Jacquelyn Hewitt, '03**, lives in Mendocino, California, and shows artwork (oil and oil pastel paintings and textile sculptures) in various galleries and businesses. Some of the locations her work can be viewed are the Glass Fire Gallery, Icons, and the Mendocino Art Center. Her most recent insane but awesome project was to build a giant banana slug, which she and fellow artists and family members “wore” as the Banana Slug for Peace in the highly popular Mendocino Fourth of July Parade.

**Zach Dunn, '06, Elisabeth Reeves, '08**, and PUC professor Greg Schneider, who were all cast members in *Red Books*, teamed up to perform a readers’ theater piece at St. Helena Hospital’s “Vineyard Mission Day,” an event that welcomed the new CEO and aimed to remind personnel of the heritage and mission of their institution. The readers’ theater was a historical dialogue among the founders of St. Helena Hospital: Dr. Merritt G. Kellogg (Greg), William A. Pratt (Zach), and Ellen G. White (Elisabeth). “It was a pleasure to be of use to our colleagues at the hospital, and especially a pleasure for the Red Books veterans to work together again,” says Greg.

## weddings

■ **Emily Thomsen, att. '95-'97**, and Tim Simmons in Chattanooga, Tenn. 4-26-09.



■ **Kyle Lemmon, '07**, and **Brooke Osborne, '06**, in Walnut Creek, Calif. 6-28-09.

**Elizabeth Rivera, '08**, returned from a year at Universidad Adventist del Plata



in Argentina (where, in addition to working on Spanish, she “read novels, took

long walks, fought with a bus agency in Uruguay and killed more massive cockroaches than I care to count”). She’s hoping to go into full-time writing; currently, she writes for publications such as *Adventist Today*, *ViewPoint*, and *Creative Screenwriting*.

**Correction:** The Honored Class labeled “1989” in the summer 2009 *ViewPoint* was actually the Class of 1984.

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## In Memory

**Clella Faye (Fulk) Bowen, '43, '45**, a former nurse educator at Western Nebraska Community College, died March 20, 2009, in Alliance, Neb. She was born on September 12, 1920, near Atlanta, Neb. She is survived by her husband, Robert; a daughter, Karen; a son, Steve; a sister, Elda Rager; a step-grandchild and six step-great-grandchildren.

**J. Harriet (Skinner) Bower, '42**, died April 20, 2009, in Loma Linda, Calif. She was born on March 6, 1918, in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Harriet was a teacher at Lynwood (Calif.) Academy, and with her husband, Donald, served as an Adventist missionary in India. She is survived by her daughter, Joan Bower-Oakland, and a brother, Ken Skinner.

**Ruth Peruvia (Miller) (Studebaker) Brehm, att.,** died April 10, 2009, in St. Helena, Calif. She was born on September 26, 1924, at Juliaca, Peru. Ruth is survived by her daughter, Ellen Victoria Walker; a son, William Conrad Studebaker; three grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

**Robert L. Carpenter, '40**, who was a chemical products salesman and service man died on March 16, 2009, in Medford, Ore. He was born on July 21, 1921, in Port Angeles, Wash. Robert is survived by his wife, Sue; daughters Leslie Long and Susan Yanish; a stepdaughter, Sue Kneeder; a stepson, Brad Wood; 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

**Dudley Cheu, '64**, died on July 3, 2009. He was born on March 25, 1941, in Canton, China, and moved to the

United States in 1951. Dudley had a private dental practice for over 25 years and then taught dentistry at the University of the Pacific for 15 years. He is survived by his mother, Phyllis; his wife, Genevieve; two sons, Jason and Derek; and three grandchildren.

**Lorene (Huffman) Espinoza Daggs, '66**, died on May 11, 2009, in Madera, Calif. She was born in Lodi, Calif., on September 20, 1943. Lorene was a teacher in the Madera Unified School District for 36 years. She is survived by her husband, David Daggs; six children, Norman Espinoza, Darla Vasquez, Joseph Espinoza, David Daggs, Donna Keene, and Dana Farino; a brother, Leon Huffman; and 17 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

**Robert William Gravatt, att. '73, '78**, died in Cayuga, N.Y., on April 28, 2009. He was born in National City, Calif., on December 6, 1954. Robert was an anatomy and physiology lab instructor at PUC for four years. He is survived by his mother, Anna Roberta; and a sister, Mina.

**William “Bill” Hardt Jr., '77**, passed away at age 54 on June 13, 2009. He was born in La Porte, Ind. A medical doctor, Bill was also a talented musician and enjoyed riding motorcycles, camping, cross country skiing, travel, and entertaining. Bill is survived by his parents, Bill and Lois; his wife, Maria; three children, Brenna, Michael, and Christos; his sister, Donna Wareham; and his brother, Rick.

**Twila Mae (Schooley) Howard, '42**, a retired medical secretary, died May 29, 2009, in Walla Walla, Wash. She was born on September 26, 1920, in Gooding, Idaho. Twila is survived by her husband, Theodore; two daughters,

## Alberto Guzman

### Education is redemption

**Alberto Guzman**, a minister, passed away on May 5, 2009. Guzman's life exemplified the saying "Educar es redimir"—to educate is to redeem. Working in youth ministry and as a pastor, his first question to young people was always, "What educational plans do you have for the future?" and he encouraged the less fortunate youth to continue their betterment through Christian education.

Guzman never worked full-time for PUC, but it was his delight to personally take young people to meet the educational staff at



Adventist academies and colleges; and for some time he worked formally with the PUC enrollment office to recruit students from the Hispanic community. He always found a way for students to enroll, and whenever he could, he would check up on his "hijos" and "hijas" who were studying at college, bringing them gifts. Many alums from the Hispanic community testify that he was the reason they came to PUC in the '60s – '80s. He played a crucial role in the lives and education of many young people.

Aileen Litchfield and Jeanine Kablanow; a sister, Leslie Rebok; two brothers, Jim and Paul Schooley; and four grandchildren.

**LaVeta Irene (Vance) Keszier, att. '42**, died May 16, 2009, in Lodi, Calif. She was born in Lookeba, Okla. A long-time resident of Lodi who assisted her husband in his dental practice, LaVeta is survived by her husband, Chris; two daughters, Tena Graves and Camy Baker; a son, Gary; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

**Jack G. King, '51**, of Yoncalla, Ore., died on April 9, 2009. Jack taught at South Fork High School in Miranda, Calif., for 20 years. He is survived by his wife, E. Marcella (Anderson), '63; a brother, Marvin; a sister, Pat Dunkhorst; daughters Carol, and Jennifer Rhodes; a step-daughter, Elsa Anderson;

one grandchild and two great-grandchildren.

**James W. Larsen, '59**, who taught chemistry at PUC from 1959 to 1971, died on March 22, 2009, at his home in Loma Linda, Calif. He was born on May 24, 1927. James is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; a daughter, Ruth Ann Quick; a son, Jim; his sister, Ann Linderman; and four grandchildren.

**Donald Ray Lovan, '75**, of Hanford, Calif., passed away on Februar 18, 2009, at the age of 57. He was born in West Planes, Missouri. Don was a social worker and an avid reader. He is survived by his wife, Stella; his mother, Norene; his sons, Michael and Matthew; and his sisters, Phyllis Jura and Murlene Garcia.

**Carl L. Lyons, '68**, died on April 21, 2009, in Lodi, Calif.

He was born on April 18, 1946, in Stockton, Calif. Carl taught industrial education and driver training at PUC and served in the U.S. Army from 1970 to 1972. He is survived by two sons, Brad and Cameron; and a brother, Gary.

**Ivadel J. (Michalenko) Peterson, '70**, died November 19, 2008, in Lacey, Wash. She was born on August 8, 1927, in Makoti, N.D. Ivadel was a teacher and principal in California. She is survived by her daughter, Vernadel Peterson; sons John and Brian; 12 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

**Joel Philip Rehngren, '51**, died on April 1, 2009, in Washington. He was born on February 29, 1924, in Caldwell, Idaho. A psychiatrist, Philip served as a mental health administrator in addition to nearly 20 years in private practice. He is survived by his wife, Shirley; daughters Patrice, and Joal Johnson Tolmie; stepsons Paul and David Shaw; and seven grandchildren.

**Harold Leroy Shaw, '60**, a sign designer, died on May 4, 2009, in Redding, Calif. He was born on May 20, 1933, in Farmington, N.M. A veteran of U.S. Army service in Panama, Harold was owner of the Harold L. Shaw and Assoc. design firm in Redding. He is survived by his wife, Florence; two daughters, five sons, two brothers, and grandchildren.

**Dorothy (Roberson) Simmons Westphal, '48**, who was a reference librarian at PUC in the early 1950s, died in Loma Linda, Calif., on March 2, 2009. She was born on December 4, 1920, at Takoma Park, Md. Dorothy was also an executive secretary at the St. Helena (Calif.) Hospital and a librarian at the Loma Linda University Library. She is survived by her

sister, Marjorie Callender; and nieces and nephews.

**Gloria (Rund) Yaw, '62**, of Carmichael, Calif., passed away on July 12, 2009, at the age of 69. She was born in Lodi, Calif., on July 20, 1939. She was regarded as a concert pianist as early as sixteen years of age, became a music teacher, played the organ at church, and was a choir director. She is survived by her husband, Louis; a daughter, Bonnie Mende; a son, Louis; a sister, Candee Adams; and two grandchildren.

## Remembering Friends

■ In Memory is our opportunity to honor and remember fellow alumni. Currently, we receive obituaries from various sources and information may not always be complete. Family members with obituaries or information can contact the Alumni Office; and the names we receive are also read each year at Homecoming.

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# back in the day



## March Against Smoking students made their point — and national news — in a 1969 march to St. Helena

My Ph.D. dissertation was concerned with speech after cancer of the larynx. Because of this, I was asked to join the board of the American Cancer Society — Napa County. This led to the idea of a PUC march against smoking. Classes were cancelled for a day and several hundred students and faculty walked to St. Helena against smoking. We made national news, got lots of exercise and had fun doing it.

— *Norma Bork, PUC Professor of Speech Pathology and Audiology, 1967-1978*

Indeed, that was quite a march — 700 students ... strung out for miles on Howell Mt. and Deer Park roads ... helicopters overhead taking TV footage, a nationally-known anti-smoking figure addressing the students once they reached Lyman Park in St. Helena. That was in the day and time when the College was really doing PR. I was “away” from the College at the time, but returned to help “cover” the event in my capacity as PR guy for the Pacific Union Conference.

— *Herb Ford, '54*

Our guest celebrity was Emerson Foote, founder of the then well-known Foote, Cone, and Belding advertising agency in New York. He was an early anti-smoking advocate ... We acquired coverage on “The CBS Evening News With Walter Cronkite”

that same night, and also footage appeared on NBC’s “Today” show the very next morning.

The basic attraction for the media was a student protest march in which the male students were all beardless! At that time there were many student protest marches in the greater Bay Area (as elsewhere), against this and that and the next thing; but the secular campus male university and college students then all wore beards, as important symbolic evidence of their protest stance. PUC, however, had a policy at that time, requiring all male students then on campus to go beardless. (Some time later the policy was quietly dropped, because, by then, beards had lost much of their “magic”!)

— *Roger Coon, Director of College Relations 1967-70, religion professor 1970-1978*

The *Campus Chronicle* announced the march, scheduled for April 8, and commented that it “first of all, will show our support and concern for a grave national problem, that of cigarette smoking and cancer. Moreover, it will prove to skeptics, some in our own ranks, that college students have a sense of purpose and will support projects of civic interest.” When the CC did a follow-up report, they noted the march was sponsored by the Student Association under the direction of Herb Powell, '69, senior business administration major.

### What’s your memory?

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# letters



*"I remember ministries...  
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how much I learned....  
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*—Sara Acevedo,  
PUC Facebook conversation*

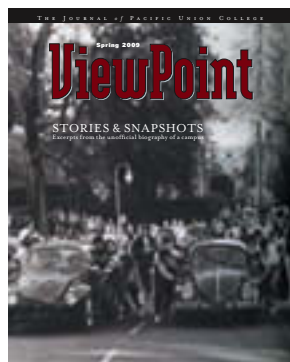
## Appreciate the Ode

I thank Nancy Lecourt for her ode to Richard Osborn (*tribute to the president, Viewpoint, Summer 2009*). It deepened my appreciation of him as a person, a leader, a Christian. His service at PUC stands as another example to me of God's timely leading in the lives of people and institutions.

Dr. Osborn's graceful and inclusive leadership style was notable on committees and at meetings where I met him. His positive connection with students and faculty was evident at the times I observed him in his environment. I enjoyed watching and experiencing personally his Christian grace in action. He gave generously of his time and encouraging attention to persons from every social, economic, educational, and religious position—a gift of divine origin and "for such a time as this."

*—Ken Lockwood, '65, '67*

## Scorpion and the Frog



After reading in the Spring 2009 Edition of ViewPoint the article, County Gives PUC Compromise in Land Debate, I couldn't help remember the old tale of the "Scorpion and the Frog."

As a former student at PUC (Circa mid 1970s) and a current land-use consultant, I became alarmed early last year when I learned about the college starting up an "environmental" curriculum. The new effort promised to teach students how to become eco-activists with the potential to land jobs or internships with national, state, or local environmental groups such as the Sierra Club and The Wilderness Society.

Being acutely aware of how many green groups champion obstructionism and eco-centrism rather than the promoting a Biblically-based "good stewardship" land ethic, I cautioned numerous PUC officials and SDA conference leaders about potential pitfalls with the new course of study.

It appears those concerns had some merit based on the fact that PUC had to fight a local "ecovillage opposition group" that was challenging the college's private property rights and their ability to develop land in the future.

Let's just hope that PUC's environmental graduates don't end up joining NIMBY organizations that stamp on the property rights of others based on a misguided view of the world. Next time, the frog may not survive the sting.

*—Don Amador*

## Write to Us

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## a new viewpoint

The Fall 2009 issue of ViewPoint is looking different and for good reason. Over the past year, the ViewPoint team has been researching and developing new design and content for our readers, and the result is a fully refurbished, four-color magazine. We hope to bring you more stories about fellow alumni, stories from the mission field, recent campus news, and a touch of nostalgia for the sentimental types. We're also hoping you'll take part in the conversation by writing in with story ideas, essays for the new "My ViewPoint" back page, and occasional updates about what is happening in your life post-PUC. Best of all, we're taking advantage of full-color spreads by including more photographs that depict lives on and off the hill.

The new ViewPoint is produced entirely in-house through the Office of Public Relations. Special thanks to Lainey Cronk, editor, and Haley Wesley, graphic designer, who led the redesign effort. It is their commitment and talent that brings us a fresh and modern publication to best frame the compelling stories from PUC's past, present and future.

*—Julie Z. Lee  
Executive Editor*

# my viewpoint

## Transcending Standards by J.P. Katz, '10

I would like to begin this piece with a sample of my life for the last two weeks:

*Standardized Testing is:*

- insipid
- inane
- jejune
- asinine

Any of you seasoned standardized-testers out there know that the answer is “e,” all of the above, and several other unnamed and possibly more inappropriate synonyms. What has inspired my just derision and cynicism, you inquire? The last two or so weeks of my life have been spent in arduous and adamant studies for that dreaded fiend, the GRE. Not the quantitative section, for math and I stick together like cohesive narrative and James Joyce; not the writing section, for writing comes to me as innately as the existence of mysterious casseroles at potluck. No, dear reader, it is with the invidious, intransigent verbal section that I have been engaged in a great controversy of super-cosmic proportions.

You see, I began my collegiate existence at PUC as a writing major with every intent to go into the publishing business. Three weeks of a copyediting class persuaded me otherwise; I learned that I have neither the patience nor the interest in acquiring the patience for the subtle art that is copyediting. That, and I wanted to simply rewrite all the sentences I was assigned. None of them had nearly enough alliteration (and all authoritatively adroit avant-garde artists acknowledge alliteration and assonance as aboundinglly aesthetic).

Having decided that publishing was not for me, I went to the esteemed Lady [Marilyn] Glaim, chair of the English department at that time, and presented my quandary. She suggested majoring in literature. I went for it. And loved it. Lady Glaim eventually convinced me that I should become a professor of English, and that has been my primary academic goal thenceforth. It has been, in a word, ineffable.

Except for this stupid test. Don't ask me how graduate schools will discern that because I know that “ascetic” is the antonym of “sybaritic,” I will be a worthwhile candidate for a Ph.D. I've always had a tendency to make Death Stars out of molehills,

and this test was no exception; in fact, it may have been one of my worst. Somehow, I went from thinking that it would be miraculously wonderful if I got into Cornell, and that I would vanish in a blaze of academic bliss if it happened, to thinking that if I didn't get into Cornell, I was a failure, and would end up working in Taco Bell for the rest of my life (not that there's anything wrong with that).

But thank heavens for professors like we have at PUC. Drs. Cynthia Westerbeck and Linda Gill of the English department spent inordinate hours telling me that I would do just fine on the test, and that it didn't really matter in the grand scheme of life. Even soon-to-be-Dr. Amy Rosenthal of the history department — who, while she is my advisor in history, is working on her dissertation and dealing with two small children — willingly and without duress spent hours consoling and counseling me about graduate school. Wherever I turned my passively incessant worry, professors stood up — well, sat down for hours — and supported me.

That is, without a doubt, what makes PUC a brilliant academic institution. In addition to the fact that they are almost without question of superior intellect and instructive ability, the professors care. Deeply. Actively. Nothing has been better for whatever inchoate incoherent spirituality with which I find myself operating than seeing professors' sacrifice and compassion for us students. Nothing has convinced me more completely that I want to humbly join the ranks of collegiate instructors than experiencing the empathetic puissance of my professors both outside and inside the classroom.

If you must know, dear reader, I scored well enough. Better than I thought I would, in fact, and well enough to render my GRE scores moot when it comes to keeping me from what I want to do (if you think I'm being arrogant, I point out with glee that I scored on the bottom half of the bell curve as far as the quantitative test is concerned). I wish I could say that it was because of the education my professors have bestowed upon me, but quite frankly, they don't waste their time with vocab words. Their priorities are not quantifiable by any constructed standard.

But the test is still ridiculous.



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Clarinet & Piano** October 3, Paulin Hall, 8 pm

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For ticket sales call 707.965.7500

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**Fine Arts Series: Trio Brio with Beverly Wesner-Hoehn,  
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### NOVEMBER

**Fall Festival** November 1, Pacific Auditorium, 3 - 9 pm

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Todd Barricklow and Jen Sturgill** November 7 - December 6\*  
Opening Reception, Saturday, November 7, 7 - 9 pm

**Concert Grand Series: Elena Casanova, Piano**  
November 8, Paulin Hall, 3 pm

### DECEMBER

**Christmas Concert** December 5, Sanctuary, 4 pm

### JANUARY 2010

**RAG: Reprise | Howell Mountain Community  
Art Exhibition** January 9 - February 4\*  
Opening Reception, Saturday, January 9, 7 - 9 pm

**Longo Lecture: David Neff** January 28,  
Dauphinee Chapel, 7:30 pm

**Fine Arts Series: Faculty Recital** January 30, Paulin Hall, 7 pm

### FEBRUARY

**RAG: New Work | Visual Arts Faculty** February 13 - March 14\*  
Opening Reception, Saturday, February 13, 7 - 9 pm

**Academy Band Festival Concert** February 27, Paulin Hall, 7 pm

### MARCH

**Chorale/I Cantori Concert** March 6, Paulin Hall, 4 pm

**Orchestra Concert** March 6, Paulin Hall, 7 pm

### APRIL

**Academy Keyboard Festival Concert** April 3, Paulin Hall, 8 pm

**RAG: Student Art Exhibition** April 15 - May 4\*  
Awards Presentation, Thursday, April 15, 7 - 9 pm

**Music Department Concert** April 17, Paulin Hall, 4 pm

**Green Fair** April 22, Dining Commons, 11 - 2 pm

### MAY

**Spring Festival** May 2, Pacific Auditorium, 3 - 9 pm

**Symphonic Wind Ensemble Concert** May 8, Paulin Hall, 9 pm

**Chorale/I Cantori Concert** May 15, Paulin Hall, 4 pm

**RAG: Thesis Exhibition | Visual Arts Majors**  
May 15 - June 13\*  
Opening Reception, Saturday, May 15, 7 - 9 pm

**Orchestra Concert** May 16, Paulin Hall, 7 pm

**Albion Spring Bird Watching Adventure** May 21 - 23

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**Albion Summer School of Art** June 13 - 25

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**Albion Digital Art Photography Class** July 11 - 23

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