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# president’s message



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## Making a Campus a Home

As president of Pacific Union College, I’m frequently away from campus representing PUC at Adventist denominational meetings, higher education conferences, and events with alumni and supporters. Likewise, my husband Norman, PUC’s outreach chaplain, spends a lot of time on the road, preaching the Word of God and speaking with young people about the benefits of a wonderful Adventist education.

A busy life has its many rewards, but of course this schedule can be challenging. After a long stretch of time on the road, few things seem as appealing as going home. I long to pull into that driveway, pass through the door, kick off my shoes, and settle in. I love to look out the window of my living room and see the beautiful hills and forests of Angwin. Just being there is like entering a solemn refuge—it brings peace and tranquility to the mind and the soul, and inspires profound gratitude to God.

Then there are those bittersweet times our schedules conflict—when I can come home but Norman is still on the road doing his work, or vice versa. In those moments, when the house is empty but for me, the feeling of home is not quite the same. While I enjoy my refuge, there’s a vital part of it missing: the person I love most.

There’s nothing like being together in that special, familiar place. All the better when our grown children can be there with us as well. A house can be wonderful, but it’s not quite a *home* until you’re sharing it with people you love.

This spring, as happens each year, hundreds of PUC alumni returned home to their special, familiar place. Homecoming this year was a joyous event. I had the chance to mingle with many former students of this great college; to be blessed by the testimonies of our very distinguished Honored Alumni; and to share my plans and goals for the future of PUC with special groups of alumni who care deeply about that future. It was a blessed

weekend where old memories were shared and new ones made, and I was honored to be a part of it.

If you were able to join us here on the hill, I want to thank you for being a part of that wonderful Homecoming. I’m sure that each person who returned here that weekend felt a sense of joy as they drove up Howell Mountain Road, entered the beautiful campus, and strolled the verdant slopes of their old stomping grounds. But surely that special feeling wasn’t complete until they saw the faces of dear friends—until *your* friends saw *you*.

If you couldn’t make it this year, I hope that you can be a part of next year’s festivities. Know that with *you* a part of Homecoming, that feeling of returning to a special place will be that much sweeter for everyone who comes back to this campus. Like a busy family reuniting after a long journey, it’s the friends and classmates you miss so much that truly make a campus feel like home.

Heather J. Knight, Ph.D.  
President

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# SURPRISE!

## Erica McCray couldn't believe what she had already won

Larry Peña



WHEN PUC SOCIAL WORK MAJOR ERICA McCray went in to the PG&E office in Napa, Calif., on May 30, she thought she was interviewing for a chance at the company's Bright Minds Scholarship. She was in for a surprise—PG&E had already selected her from a pool of 8,000 as one of ten statewide recipients of the \$30,000 scholarship, renewable for four years of education.

"When I walked in, there were balloons, cake, and a giant check with my name on it!" says McCray, emotion still ringing in her voice a day after the surprise award ceremony. "I just started praising the Lord...It blows my mind, and I still can't stop smiling."

To McCray, the moment seems to be a turning point after many difficult years. When her husband abruptly left her six years ago, he took everything but their three children. McCray suddenly found herself without a partner, a significant income, or even access to what had been their joint bank account.

Despite the sudden, unexpected hardships, McCray never stopped trusting God to sustain her through the most difficult times. "I had just been walking on faith," she says. "I thought that the lessons I had to learn were how to en-

sure, to be longsuffering, and to live with dignity, no matter what."

Before her divorce, she had worked as a childcare provider and would often go out of her way to help single working mothers gain access to necessary family services like food and health care. Now on the other side of that equation, she found herself working with social service workers who helped her provide for her own family. "I discovered that the thing I already loved to do was something I could actually do for a living." That discovery in turn led her to the realization that she needed to return to school.

Living temporarily with her parents in American Canyon, Calif., at the southern tip of the Napa Valley, she began seeking out social work training programs that could eventually lead her to a Ph.D. From her first visit to PUC, she "felt it was the right place." Despite the price tag of a private college, she felt it was time to prioritize her education for the sake of her family's future. They moved to Angwin and she enrolled in PUC's social work program, taking out loans to pay for her first year of tuition.

Meanwhile, friends at her home church encouraged her to apply for PG&E's new Bright

Minds Scholarship. The program awards renewable funding to students who show a desire to lead in their communities, a drive to overcome significant challenges, outstanding academic achievement, and financial need. Although she seemed to fit all the criteria, she was reluctant to devote hours to filling out the lengthy application, having her hands full already just getting a handle on the return to school. "I thought, why even bother? What are the chances?"

But she made the effort anyway. For months, she heard nothing from PG&E and had all but given up hope when she received a call late in May informing her that she was a finalist. "When I found out there was an interview, I felt a lot better," she says. "I've always been good at connecting with people face to face, and I thought my chances were better."

The night before what she thought would be her interview, she laid out a very simple strategy. "I wanted to try to show them that I would represent them well, because I try to live my life in a way that represents the Lord," she says. "I didn't know what they would ask me, but I just said, 'Lord, give me the words to say.'"

It turned out that God had the situation even more under control than she had known. Walking into the interview room, she discovered her mother, her cousins, representatives from PG&E, and members of PUC's social work faculty waiting in front of an enormous banner that read "Congratulations Erica!"

The scholarship will provide McCray with a full ride at PUC, eliminating the need to take out any further loans and giving her family a better chance to get ahead financially once she's done with school and back in the workforce. "God has just been so faithful to me," she says. "I am so grateful...Now that this has happened, I keep wondering what else is in store for me." **VP**

# THE MAXWELL SCHOLARS

## This year's exceptional incoming freshmen

Larry Peña and Julie Z. Lee

PACIFIC UNION COLLEGE HAS SELECTED THIS year's recipients of the Maxwell Scholarship. Named for PUC's iconic former president, this prestigious award honors incoming freshmen who show outstanding academic achievement, exceptional leadership experience, and a commitment to Christian service. The five finalists will receive \$15,000 in renewable scholarship funds for all four years they attend PUC.



**Rachel Cacho**  
Lodi Academy  
Lodi, Calif.

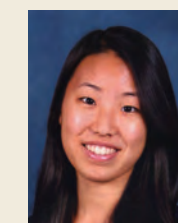
Rachel was ranked first in her class at Lodi Adventist Academy, has won the Stockton All-County Student Pinnacle Award, and has won numerous school awards for consecutive semesters with a perfect GPA. She served as editor-in-chief of the school's newspaper and was first chair saxophonist with the academy band. She was captain of the varsity basketball and football teams, was twice named to the Mountain Valley All-League basketball first team, and has been a Lodi *News-Sentinel* Athlete of the Week. She has volunteered in homeless ministries, at Lodi Memorial Hospital, at Vacation Bible School programs in local churches, and on a mission trip to the Philippines. Last year the Daughters of the American Revolution honored her with their Good Citizen Award.



**Donghwan Kim**  
El Diamante High School  
Visalia, Calif.

Donghwan has been a leader of the school's academic decathlon team, president of the local chapter of the California Scholarship Federation, an after school tutor for his classmates, and a volunteer

with many academic support and community service groups. He was a member of the school's cross-country team, and has been an MVP on his school's tennis and swimming teams. He is an accomplished musician, playing the violin in the Tulare County Symphony and volunteering his musical skills at Fresno Korean Seventh-day Adventist Church as an accompanist. He also gave free lessons to children in the congregation—a service that other members say has helped bring new families in to the community of believers.



**Sophia Kwon**  
Loma Linda Academy  
Loma Linda, Calif.

Sophia has earned distinctions at two schools: Atlanta Adventist Academy and Loma Linda Academy. She has received commendations for excellence in English, American literature, U.S. history, and math. She served as a class officer for three years, was student ministry director at Loma Linda, and sang with the LLA show choir. In Georgia, she performed violin with the Georgia Youth Symphony and served as the assistant concert master in 2010. In her senior year she earned a Presidential Award for community service—she has been a volunteer with Locks of Love since before high school, raised funds for cancer research with Pennies for Patients, and volunteered at nearby Hacienda Junior High School as a mentor for younger students from broken homes. At her local church, she has been involved in elderly, youth, and music ministries.



**Isaac Lee**  
West Salem High School  
Salem, Ore.

Throughout high school, Isaac has displayed a passion for social justice

and public service while earning a variety of academic distinctions. He has campaigned throughout Oregon to spread awareness about human trafficking; testified in state senate hearings regarding tougher standards for prosecuting sex trade offenders; and served as president of his school's humanitarian club. He won two state championship awards as a member of the school's mock trial team. He is a recipient of the Polk County Sheriff's Office Citizen Recognition Award, and has volunteered with service groups including Christian Solidarity International, the Somaly Mam Foundation, and the Eden Reforestation Project. He has also volunteered for door-to-door ministry and served as a junior deacon at Salem Central Seventh-day Adventist Church.



**Ella Melnik**  
Mountain View  
High School  
Vancouver, Wash.

A highly driven and responsible student, Ella has already planned her academic and professional career all the way to a surgical residency. She is an All-American Scholar; a member of Mu Alpha Theta, the national math honor society; and an officer in her school's chapter of Health Occupation Students of America. She has volunteered extensively, serving in the children's ministry program at her local church and preserving natural spaces around her community in Clark County, Wash. Meanwhile, her wealth of advanced courses has given her an incredibly high GPA.

*Maxwell Scholarship semi-finalists also receive a substantial scholarship: \$12,000 renewable for four years. This year's semi-finalists are Hannah Choi, Bethany Costa, Sam Han, Emily Mathe, and Emily Miller.*



# OUR COLLEGE ON THE MOUNTAIN

## The alumni family comes home

In April, hundreds of alumni returned to Angwin for the annual PUC Homecoming Weekend. It was the biggest turnout in recent years, as the college hosted a particularly diverse variety of events aimed at PUC students of all generations.

The celebration this year honored the classes of 1952, '62, '72, '82, '87, '92, and '02, as well as several truly distinguished alumni (see page 9). For three days, the campus was abuzz with old friends sharing memories and catching up after decades apart—or enjoying a little face-to-face time after years of connecting online.

While many alumni appreciated the chance to reunite with loved ones from the past, many also were reminded of another promised reunion in the future. “What can I say about the expressions of joy and recognition in the faces of the alumni...all on the same campus!” said Deanna Nakamura, '62. “It surely is a prelude to how it will be in Heaven someday!”

**Reconnecting** For most alumni, the best part of Homecoming is not the campus or the programs, but spending time with friends, classmates, and even new acquaintances.







## HONORED ALUMNI

### The Honorable Terry A. Bork, '82 *Honored Alumnus*

The son of two PUC professors, Terry Bork spent much of his childhood growing up in Angwin. As a PUC student, he created his own interdisciplinary program combining communication, journalism, and political science, before earning his *juris doctor* at Pepperdine University School of Law in Southern California.

As a lawyer, Bork joined the Los Angeles County district attorney's office, where he prosecuted a stream of criminal cases. He then built his name on a series of high-profile fraud and corruption cases, working zealously to protect the public against dishonest bankers and developers, and even corrupt public officials and police officers.

In 2007, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger appointed Bork to serve as a judge for Los Angeles Superior Court. As both a jurist and a prosecutor, he has been noted for his thoughtful demeanor, his unflappable courtesy in the courtroom, and the scope of his intelligence on every case. "It's intellectually stimulating to be in his courtroom," one attorney who has worked with him has said; "He's one of the most learned judges I've ever been in front of," said another.

"PUC has honored so many deserving physicians and pastors and teachers," said Bork. "I was happy to see them reach out to those in other areas. There's a nascent but growing number of Adventist young people going into law...[I am] merely a symbol for them."

### John Y. Chung, M.D., '84 *Honored Alumnus*

John Chung studied biology at PUC and medicine at Loma Linda University. He went on to a family practice internship, dermatology residency at the University of Florida, and a fellowship at Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation.

Today he owns one of the busiest dermatology practices in the nation—but Chung is not content to just provide physical healing. His passion is ministry and evangelism. When

he was young, his father, a minister told him, "Physicians can have ten times more influence than a pastor in winning souls," he says.

Chung invites every patient he can to his weekly Bible study group, with sometimes as many as 40 attending. He also serves or has served on the boards of many Adventist ministry organizations, including Amazing Facts, Adventist Medical Evangelism Network (AMEN), Weimar Center of Health and Education, and Generation of Youth for Christ. "We can cure people's bodies, but that doesn't last forever," Chung says. "Only in leading people to the Great Healer do they find true healing."

### Erica Davis, '04 *Young Alumnus Award*

A lifelong athlete, Erica Davis had every intention of achieving the heights of success in a variety of sports. But when she lost the use of her legs to an unexpected spinal hemorrhage soon after graduation, it seemed like she would have to forfeit her dreams.

Her determination wouldn't let her give up without a fight. From her wheelchair, she continued to train and participate in every sport she could—tennis, basketball, even triathlons. In 2010 Davis set a world record, becoming the first paraplegic woman to scale Mt. Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest peak.

Davis now works with the Challenged Athletes Foundation, encouraging other athletes with disabilities to reach for their full potential. She loves mentoring young disabled athletes, helping them find hope through their difficult transition. She also continues to train, and this summer qualified to represent the U.S. at the World Triathlon Championships later this year in New Zealand.

"Of all the awards I've won, this one means the most, because of PUC's role in shaping me," said Davis.

### Scott Nelson, M.D., '92 *Honored Alumnus, Vespers Speaker*

While working in the Dominican Republic as medical director for CURE International, orthopedic surgeon Scott Nelson felt the first shocks of the devastating 2010 earthquake in nearby Haiti. Quickly volunteering to help, Nelson was one of the first doctors on the ground in Port-au-Prince. He thought he was in

for a weeklong humanitarian trip—but ended up staying for six months operating on earthquake victims. The experience demonstrated just how desperate the need was in the impoverished nation.

Nelson was instrumental in establishing a new orthopedic program at the *Hôpital Adventiste d'Haiti*, the nearest medical facility to the earthquake epicenter. Since the disaster, the program has grown to be the best, and in some cases only, option for critical orthopedic care for Haiti's poorest communities. "Out of the tragedy has grown an opportunity to provide services that they've never had access to before," he says.

"The education, adventures, and inspiration I received here have lasted throughout my life," said Nelson. "The real honor of this award goes to God—but also to the incredible professors here at PUC."

### Daisie Harrison *Honored Pioneer*

Since sending her own daughter to Pacific Union College in the late 70s, Daisie Harrison has been advocating for the quality Adventist education at PUC. A counselor of public school students in San Francisco, Harrison has learned over the last three decades that for troubled urban teenagers, the best way to provide hope is to combine rigorous learning and a supportive Christian environment.

Harrison began introducing troubled San Francisco high school students to PUC, driving them to Angwin, advocating on their behalf, and personally monitoring their academic progress. She found that students who came from disadvantaged backgrounds often did the best in college—because given the opportunity, they would work the hardest to succeed.

Harrison considers bringing students to PUC her "mission work." She has seen the power of God working in the lives of her students, and loves watching students break the chains of terrible circumstances through the power of prayer, knowledge, and an Adventist community.

In addition to introducing students to PUC, the Harrisons have also founded a scholarship for students who devote themselves to academic excellence in the health sciences. Since 2006, the Daisie Flor and John Harrison Endowment has helped promising students with financial challenges be able to afford an invaluable education.





#### Worship Services and Awards Programs

**1.** Lawrence T. Geraty, Ph.D., '62, was the keynote speaker for Homecoming Weekend. A noted Middle East archaeologist and former president of La Sierra University and Atlantic Union College, Geraty gave a sermon based on the book of Jeremiah, illustrating that God's promises are sure.

**2.** At the Pioneer Dinner on Friday evening honoring long-time volunteer Daisie Harrison, Ellen White portrayer Rita Hoshino, '79, recounted the Adventist pioneer's involvement in the foundation of PUC, and used White's own written words to talk about the importance of Adventist education.

**3.** At the Friday evening Vespers program, honored alumnus Scott Nelson, M.D., '92, encouraged alumni to accept extreme challenges for God and others in need. "Now is the time for bold, risk-taking action in service to God and our fellow man," said Nelson.

**4.** President Knight praised John Chung, M.D., '84, at the Sabbath morning Honored Alumni ceremony. Chung also spoke at Vespers, challenging alumni to spread the Gospel in all they do. "Your only goal in life is to lead people to Christ," he said.

**5.** Many eyes filled with tears on Sabbath morning as President Knight honored paraplegic athlete Erica Davis, '04, who has become a leader in the disabled athlete community and has broken a world record for mountaineering.

**6.** Honored alumnus and Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Terry Bork, '82, along with his father, former PUC professor Paul Bork, '50, read a text from the book of Jeremiah and offered the invocation at the Sabbath morning worship service.

**7.** PUC's Chorale and organists Bruce and Rosalie Rasmussen provided the music for the weekend's programs. Other featured performers included vocalist Tad Worku, '08, Dan Ganancial, '05, and Chaya Miranda, att. '03-'04.



## A 75-YEAR DREAM

One of PUC's most senior alumni celebrates a family milestone

Thomas S. Geraty, Ed.D., '37, returned to PUC this Homecoming Weekend for a very special family occasion: at his own 75-year reunion, he had the unique pleasure of sharing in his son Lawrence Geraty's 50-year reunion, and watching his son present the Homecoming keynote address.

"It's a dream realized," said Geraty of the event.

A distinguished former educator and international missionary, Geraty says he keeps his mind sharp at the age of 97 by making a point of writing an original poem every day—a habit he has kept up since his youth. Many of his poems have been printed in Adventist publications throughout the years, including the following selection featured on the cover of *Review & Herald*, May 21, 1936.

#### *Without Affliction*

*He is not deaf who in his heart hears the voice of God;  
He is not blind who in his vision sees the coming kingdom;  
He is not dumb who in his life tells "the old, old story;"  
He is not feeble who leans on "the Everlasting Arm;"  
He is not thirsty who drinks at "the Fountain of living waters;"  
He is not hungry who daily partakes of "the Bread of life;"  
He is not poor who owns "the Pearl of great price;"  
He is not unlearned who hearkens to the Master Teacher;  
He is not a stranger among men who is a "friend of God;"  
He is not weary who rests on the bosom of Jesus;  
He is not homeless in this world who is "going home;"  
He is not lost in danger who abides "under the shadow of the Almighty;"  
He is not uncouth who is acquainted with "the One altogether lovely;"  
He is not despised who is "the servant of the Most High;"  
He is not slothful in affairs who is "on business for the King;"  
He is not a failure on earth who is a success with God;  
He is not a man of earthly kingdoms who is "a son of God."*





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#### Parties and Group Events

**1.** Honored alumnus Erica Davis, '04, arrived on campus the day before Homecoming to guest-teach an exercise science course on water safety for swimmers with disabilities.

**2.** The class of 2002 held its reunion party at St. Helena's Pizzeria Tra Vigne, a favorite local eatery among recent PUC students.

**3.** Leslie Goodwin (blue shirt) and his classmates from 1952 enjoyed a sumptuous catered banquet in the library's elegant Maxwell Reading Room on Saturday night.

**4.** Members and friends of the class of 1982 enjoyed a lively reunion at the home of Kellie Lind, '82, just off campus.

**5.** Alumni and a few current Pioneers basketball players met in Pacific Auditorium for a game on Saturday night.

**6** At the first ever Pioneer Alumni Volleyball Game on Sunday morning, former Pioneer Melinda Liou, '02, (right) went up for a block against current outside hitter Brita Widmer (left).

**7.** President Knight (center) and Carolyn Hamilton, '81, vice president for advancement (left), thanked members of the President's Circle—including Wilmonte Penner, '66,—for their support of PUC at a special brunch at Napa Valley's elegant Meadowood Resort on Sunday morning.

**8.** Julia (Scharffenberg) Courtney-Williams and her classmates shared their life stories at the luau-themed class of 1972 reunion party in the Dining Commons.

## THE FRIENDS OF WALTER C. UTT Honoring an academic legend

Sabbath afternoon of Homecoming, the Friends of Walter C. Utt gathered in Nelson Memorial Library to pay homage to one of PUC's most iconic educators. This group, consisting mainly of Utt's students from the 1960s and 70s, meets every year at Homecoming to share memories of the history professor, preserve his published work and manuscripts, and discuss ways to honor his legacy by making his college a more effective center of historical learning for the Adventist Church and the world.

With the passing of Utt's wife, Martha Utt-Billington, earlier this year, the group heard memories from Utt's son Kenneth. "She loved being the 'Martha' for Dad," he said, recalling his mother's hardworking biblical namesake. Walter Utt's brothers Richard and Theodore also spoke, sharing stories of their boyhood mischief and their late brother's fantastic imagination. A collection of Utt's childhood drawings, including incredibly detailed maps and illustrations of make-believe countries, accompanied their tales.

The meeting served as an opportunity to unveil a new portrait of Utt, created by painter and physician Wesley Kime. Although the

artist could not be present, he sent a letter describing how he would listen to recordings of the historian's lectures while he painted from photographs, getting a feel for the personality of a subject he had never met. "Of course I had heard of Dr. Utt—who hadn't?—and I envied you PUC students," Kime wrote. "By painting his portrait...I now know your Professor Utt in a special way."

President Heather J. Knight took the opportunity to announce the launch of the campaign to create a facility honoring Utt's life and work. The Walter C. Utt Center for Adventist History would house a collection of the professor's papers and publications, and will be a part of the planned phase two of the renovation of Nelson Memorial Library.



# MAN ABOUT CAMPUS

## Pastor Tim Mitchell says farewell to PUC

Larry Peña

ASK ANYONE AT PUC AND THEY WILL TELL you that Tim Mitchell has a unique approach to ministry. Ask Tim Mitchell, and he will tell you that he never had much of an approach at all.

"I don't have a program. I just want to find out about you and see how we can get along," he says, describing his first year of ministry at the Pacific Union College campus church in 2003. As he wraps up his nine-year tenure at PUC this summer, Mitchell's leaves behind a legacy as one of the most campus-involved pastors in the congregation's history.

Tim Mitchell first came to PUC as a student, graduating with theology degrees in 1976 and 1979. The fact makes him the first PUC alumnus who has served as a pastor at the PUC Church. It has also had a profound affect on his ministry at his alma mater, not to mention his own personal walk of faith.

"We had Morris Venden here [when I was a student], and he packed 'em in," says Mitchell. "He talked about our loving, forgiving, empowering Savior, and it was packed every week. It was great news. I think most adolescents have a lot of guilt, and they can't get enough Gospel."

But as uplifting as that message was, his time as a PUC student also contributed to a nerve-wracking transition coming back decades later.

"Seeing this pantheon here, they're all these people you admire. How do you come preach to Malcolm [Maxwell] and Dick [Osborn] and Bill Hemmerlin and Aubyn [Fulton]? And all the guys who were your teachers...how do you preach to them?"

His expectation at first was to come in, keep his head down, and go with the program. He knew that with a college administration, a strong student government, and the leadership at nearby St. Helena Hospital, that he would be only one voice of many—not the solo leadership role most pastors are used to at traditional congregations. What he didn't realize was that that seeming weakness would become one of his favorite strengths.



"Through collaboration with the vice presidents, it has worked really well," he says. "[We all share] common goals. We started collaborating more."

That multifaceted community also gave Mitchell the opportunity to develop what would become his signature style: a deep involvement in all areas of campus life. He's not only been the leader of the college's affiliate church, he's also taken an active role in student advocacy groups, social and cultural events on campus, and student life leadership—things that generally fall outside of his specific job description.

"That was an automatic," he says. "For me, that's what I knew about PUC. That's how I could hang out with students in low-stress, low-anxiety environments—friendship venues—and build trust."

Many student leaders are immeasurably grateful for his service and involvement. "Tim Mitchell is a man of God as he is a man of love," says Amador Jaojoco, '12, who was baptized by Mitchell and worked with him frequently in a variety of campus groups and activities. "He represents what I look for in a pastor, tolerating spiritual diversity within the church and on campus. He comes from a place of love and acceptance, no matter what the situation."

"He was always on hand at club meetings, events, and worship services, whether he had

an active role or not," says last year's Student Association President Erin Truex, '12. "Pastor Mitchell always ensured that his presence was felt, which allowed students comfort and enabled them to build a relationship with him and seek him out when they needed help. He will be missed, but I know that the foundation he has built between PUC and the church will have a lasting impact on both students and the campus alike."

In recognition of his active and involved ministry, the Student Senate this spring passed a resolution thanking the outgoing pastor. In particular, it praises Mitchell for "his dedication and availability to students, promoting spiritual growth and community on and off our campus, advocating for service and social justice both within the church and outside the church, and instilling in each of us a passion to be like Christ."

In his next job, Mitchell will serve as a religion teacher and chaplain at Mountain View Academy, a role that will put him closer to his children and grandchildren in the South Bay area. He's eager for the new challenge and new opportunities. "I feel like I'll have more autonomy than I have here, so I'm just jazzed and excited at the things we can do," he says. But at the same time, he says the team atmosphere at PUC will be hard to replace. "Collaborating with the great people here...I'll miss that." **VP**

# ADVANCED SCIENCE

## Professor Vola Andrianarijaona is expanding the boundaries of experimental physics.

Larry Peña

VOLA ANDRIANARIJAONA, A PROFESSOR OF physics at Pacific Union College and a winner of a grant from the National Science Foundation, recently returned from a research trip to Tennessee's Oak Ridge National Laboratory, one of the world's top experimental physics laboratories. His subject: charge transfer of astroparticles, a largely unexplored area of physics with a broad range of both theoretical and practical applications.

"I chose to focus on these particles because no one else is doing them, because they're too difficult," says Andrianarijaona. That's no idle boast. The particles within the scope of Vola's research—specifically ion-neutral molecular hydrogen—simply do not exist in Earth's normal environment, and only occur naturally in the near-vacuum of space and the extreme upper atmosphere.

The resources to simulate the conditions required in Andrianarijaona's research exist in only a handful of facilities in the world—including Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee; and the *Université catholique de Louvain* in Belgium. The physicist has spent much of the last few months gravitating between those facilities, pushing forward on cutting edge experiments. Several of the techniques he is using are so revolutionary that they don't even have a name, including one apparatus in Belgium that he himself designed and built, and describes as "something like a portable 3-D imaging technique."

The NSF grant has been vital in providing an important resource as Andrianarijaona performs his experiments: the assistance of excellent student researchers. PUC physics majors Christian Guillén, Shalyn Romano, and April Vassantachart accompanied the physicist on his most recent trip to Oak Ridge. "Other scien-



tists literally came up to me and said, 'Vola, I didn't expect that your students would be that good,'" he says.

The National Science Foundation is a federal agency created by Congress to promote the progress of scientific discovery, as well as advance national health, welfare, and defense. Andrianarijaona's research into charge transfer has the potential to yield implications in all those areas.

First, as the most basic element in the universe, new insight into the behaviors of hydrogen has the potential to reshape our understandings of fundamental physics. Second, the reactions under observation mimic the condi-

tions of our universe's earliest moments, meaning that Andrianarijaona's findings could shed new light on the scientific assumptions as to how those moments occurred.

A little closer to everyday life, his findings may present new insights into the cooling of atomic reactions and the evaluation of current methods of cancer treatment.

The physicist has already presented preliminary results at several international conferences, including last year's International Conference on Photonic, Electronic and Atomic Collisions. He hopes to publish further findings later this year in several scientific journals. **VP**



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## Father's Day Graduation PUC's 125th class gives dads an unforgettable gift

HUNDREDS OF DADS RECEIVED A VERY SPECIAL GIFT IN ANGWIN THIS FATHER'S Day—the gift of watching their children successfully complete their undergraduate educations. Pacific Union College graduated its 125th class on June 17 in the campus's beautiful Commencement Grove.

"It's the best Father's Day present I could ever have," said Geoff Brummett of Redlands, Calif., whose son, also Geoff, graduated as a senior class officer with a double major in graphic design and photography.

The class of 2012 comprised 291 graduates representing fourteen states and eight countries. Over 75 academic distinctions and honors were presented, with 14 summa cum laude graduates, nine magna cum laude, 43 cum laude and 10 graduates from the honors program. The class most notably included 119 graduates from the department of nursing, 40 from the department of business and 22 in the visual arts.

PUC board member and Adventist Health regional CEO Terry Newmyer presented the commencement address on Sunday morning. A veteran healthcare administrator, Newmyer's leadership has been instrumental in a dramatic fiscal turnaround at St. Helena Hospital over the last several years. He is also the proud father of Michael, a cum laude business major and member of the graduating class.

In his address, Newmyer encouraged graduates to "make failure your friend." Noting historical examples of long strings of failure culminating in great success, he reminded graduates that in life, victory and defeat often go hand in hand. "Failure in life is what gives us courage," he said. "How often in life are we willing to finish with a failure? To see how far we can go? We'll never know if we've gone too far until we go too far."

*Larry Peña and Giovanni Hashimoto*

## PUC Hosts Critically Acclaimed Author Maxine Hong Kingston

CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED AUTHOR MAXINE HONG KINGSTON SPOKE AT PACIFIC Union College, May 31, on the "Woman Warrior's Journey to Peace" in the year's final installment of the Colloquy Speaker Series.

Kingston spoke about how she became involved in anti-war activism during the Vietnam War and protested against military action before the 2003 U.S. occupation of Iraq. She noted the important role one's conscience plays in life. "I truly believe that what protects us from harm are our values, and our conscience, and being able to know what that conscience is saying."

Kingston said that pacifist values can be traced back through the history. "These values of non-violence, we can trace them to Martin Luther King, Jr., and before him, to Ghandi, and before Ghandi, to the American Transcendentalists," she said.

Kingston recounted how her thought and study of non-violent ideologies left her wondering how she could carry out her values of peace, when in 2003, the United States government began preparing for a "shock and awe" campaign against Iraq. At that time, Kingston was among a group of women who went to Washington, D.C. to protest the U.S. invasion of Iraq.

"We brought our tactics of non-violence—that means that we would have a demonstration in which we would just feel love for each other and for everyone, and it would be a non-violent demonstration," she said. "No throwing rocks and no baiting the police or anything like that, and it truly worked. It was so peaceful."

The love she felt with other demonstrators continued, Kingston said, even when they were arrested and held in jail for the maximum amount possible without being charged. "It just made me believe there is such a thing as human love," she said. "We were singing in jail, we were singing our peace hymns, and we felt really happy... they let us go, and then we were still happy."

When only 21 days later the occupation began, Kingston said she felt despair and questioned whether non-violence was effective. But then she concluded, "Maybe our efforts will have an effect, not



right away, not in 21 days, but maybe 100 years from now our love will reverberate."

Prior to Kingston's presentation, PUC President Heather Knight introduced the speaker, recounting how Kingston rose from her humble roots. The daughter of Chinese immigrants who operated a Stockton, California, gambling house, Kingston eventually wrote the critically acclaimed book *The Woman Warrior*, a story Knight described as the quest for female empowerment. Kingston also wrote its sequel *China Men*, and more recently *The Fifth Book of Peace* and *To Be the Poet*.

President Bill Clinton awarded Kingston a National Humanities Medal in 1997 in recognition for bringing the Asian-American experience "to life for millions of readers and [inspiring] a new generation of writers to make their own unique voices and experiences heard."

Following her presentation, Kingston signed copies of her most recent book, *I Love a Broad Margin to My Life*, in the Dining Commons and held a luncheon and question-and-answer session with English students.

*Giovanni Hashimoto*

## Three Pioneers Named Daktronics NAIA Scholar-Athletes

THREE PACIFIC UNION COLLEGE VARSITY ATHLETES HAVE BEEN NAMED TO the 2012 Daktronics NAIA Division II Scholar-Athletes List, two of which are receiving the honor for the second time. Both Carla Bartlett and Michael Giang were listed for the second year, with first time honors going to Josh Jewett.

Carla Bartlett, a guard on the Pioneers women's varsity basketball team, is a senior exercise science major. Earlier this year, Bartlett was also an honorable mention for the all-conference team at the conclusion of the season. Last December, Bartlett, who is from Banning, Calif., was named a Cal Pac Player of the Week.

Yucaipa, Calif., native Michael Giang is a four-year member of the men's varsity basketball team. He majored in both chemistry and biochemistry at PUC; following graduation, he will attend Loma Linda University School of Medicine this fall.

New to the list is Josh Jewett, from Scottsdale, Ariz. Jewett was named a First Team All Conference player for the men's varsity basketball team and was also named a Cal Pac Player of the Week in December. He graduated this June with degrees in intercultural communication and Spanish.

In order to be a recipient of the Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete award, the athlete must be a junior or senior, have attended the nominating institution a minimum of one full year, and have a minimum grade point average of 3.5 at the time of nomination.

*Julie Z. Lee*



# Students and Faculty Present at Western Psychological Association Convention

Twenty-one students and four professors from PUC’s department of psychology presented the conclusions from six research projects at the 92nd annual convention of the Western Psychological Association (WPA) in San Francisco, Calif., April 26-29.

In addition to presenting research, the convention offered students the opportunity to attend lectures by prominent psychologists, learn about recent research in the field, network with professionals from throughout the region and otherwise prepare themselves for careers in psychology.

Participating in and staying up to date on cutting-edge research is critical for students of psychology, explains Charlene Bainum, one of the PUC professors who was involved. The annual convention allows students to put everything they’ve learned from the field together, she says. Attendees at the convention present their independent research



giving students a chance to learn about the most cutting-edge developments in the field. “You go from poster session to symposium to invited address,” Bainum adds. “They’re all talking about the latest thing that they’ve been doing.”

For PUC students, however, the WPA convention is not

only an opportunity to interact with leading psychologists and hear about their latest research; it is an opportunity to make their own contributions to the field in a professional setting.

Presenting research at the convention is only possible for undergraduates thanks to the faculty’s support of student research, explains Danielle Hagood, a junior psychology major. “The professors do a lot to make us that successful to get there,” she says. “They definitely mentor us a lot and give us the opportunity to get so involved that we wouldn’t know how to do it on our own... All of a sudden, you’re presenting and doing research without even realizing that you could do it.”

According to Bainum, participating in a convention like WPA is an excellent opportunity because it gives students a chance to showcase their research experience—an opportunity often not as easily accessible at larger colleges. A small school like PUC gives students a higher likelihood of having the option to work with professors to do actual research due to more personal class sizes, she explains. “There’s nothing, to us as faculty, more exciting than when we see students just light up and get really, really excited about psychology.”

Founded in 1921, the WPA is the professional organization for psychologists in the western region of the United States. Students and faculty from Pacific Union College have made the annual trip and presented research at the convention since 1990.

Giovanni Hashimoto



# Students Serve Others Over Spring Break

Scores of PUC students gave up their spring vacations to participate in two service trips ministering to impoverished communities. Twenty students traveled to the village of Empalme de Boaco in Nicaragua to demolish and begin reconstructing a crumbling community clinic; another 19 headed for Arizona for a second trip serving the Navajo communities within the former Bennett Freeze zone.

The Nicaragua group followed in the footsteps of PUC alum Jake Scheideman, ’91, who has been working to improve the community of Empalme de Boaco for 12 years. Schiedeman introduced PUC students to the project this year, and PUC’s office of service, justice, and missions plans to build the project into a long-term partnership with local residents.

Students and faculty members of PUC’s department of education also worked with Empalme schools to evaluate the possibility of a future partnership to improve local students’ educational opportunities. “We spent quite a few hours in the classrooms observing...My goal is to take that information and help better the methods and strategies of these teachers so these kids will understand the power they have through education,” says senior education major Tarynn Machado, who hopes to return to Empalme next year and assist in its schools.

The Arizona trip was PUC students’ second trip to the area this year. Over winter vacation a group of students from PUC, La Sierra University, and the University of California, Berkeley provided construction service to families that had, until 2009, been forbidden by a controversial federal law from making even minor home repairs. Students continued this work on the spring trip.

While PUC students helped provide an important service to Navajo families in the community, “it was definitely an opportunity for learning and exchange in both directions,” said Lorie Johns, PUC’s nursing student success advisor, who accompanied students on the trip. “It was very valuable in that respect and just as a wakeup call for us to be more aware and more caring about issues that exist right here in the United States.”

Giovanni Hashimoto

# Journalist Christof Putzel to PUC Students: “Tell Every Story with Passion”

An award-winning documentary filmmaker and TV journalist gave a presentation on his work and career at Pacific Union College’s Communication Honor Society Symposium, May 4. Christof Putzel, a correspondent for Current TV’s *Vanguard* documentary series, spoke about his motivations and experiences as a young filmmaker to over 100 attendees at his afternoon presentation in PUC’s Scales Chapel.

Recounting the start of his career as a documentary filmmaker, Putzel spoke about how the summer before his senior year, he took advantage of a school program that gave students \$3,000 to spend exploring career interests. He spent half the money on a camcorder and the other half on a plane ticket to Kenya. The end result was *Left Behind*, a documentary about Kenyan AIDS orphans, which he completed while still an undergraduate in college.

“I had no idea what I was doing,” he said, recalling that he did not even know how to operate the camcorder before leaving on the trip. “I just knew I wanted to go do something.”

Putzel spoke about how he arrived in Nairobi, Kenya, and simply began filming. He then spent over a year editing the footage to create what became an award-winning account of the plight faced by AIDS orphans in Nairobi.

Although the film was a success, Putzel remembers being left “completely spiritually broken” and unsure what to do next. “I couldn’t see how I could possibly do anything like this again,” he says. He could not stop thinking about the people who had been in his film who had helped him get where he was in his career; he wondered what he had actually done to combat the spread of AIDS.

His emotional turmoil led him to a silent Zen Buddhist monastery in upstate New York, where he lived for ten days. “It was completely agonizing... just being alone with your thoughts is the most

horrendous thing,” he said, recalling how he struggled with his faith in light of injustices around the world.

He said he sought to understand how there could be a divine power who permitted injustices—citing examples of real evil, such as systematic rape, child soldiers armed to kill, and migrants dying in the desert. He wondered, “How could a God allow any of this to happen?”

Putzel said he continued to broadcast stories, while grappling with his own questions. People of all kinds of faith have given him one answer he finds particularly meaningful: “There’s a God, and you know that there’s a God because He made you to come do this.”

That notion, he explains, has had a huge impact over the years as he finds purpose in his reporting. “I try to tell every story that I have with mission, honesty, but most of all, passion,” Putzel stated. “I’ve had adventures which I wouldn’t trade for anything.”

Putzel encouraged students to pursue their passion, journalism or not. “I would encourage you—anyone in this room—to find something that you know is going to give you some sort of purpose.”

As students start out in their careers, he urged them to take great personal risks in pursuing their passion. Continuing, he asserted that world travel was the best education he ever had. “It will make you smarter, it will make you more conversational,” he added. “You will have a perspective which you never would have had otherwise.”

Giovanni Hashimoto



# Taylor Named Educator of the Year, Again

At Faculty Awards Colloquy on April 5, PUC business professor Lary Taylor was named Educator of the Year. This is the third time Taylor has won the award—an unprecedented feat in PUC history.

The Educator of the Year is decided by student vote, and the result is a closely guarded secret in the weeks between the balloting and the Colloquy program. Professor emeritus of chemistry Bill Hemmerlin, a longtime friend and colleague of Taylor’s, introduced the award, revealing the winner gradually with a series of childhood photos and biographical hints.

As the final clue was revealed, Taylor stood and approached the stage with good-humored reluctance as the church audience rose to applaud the repeat honoree. Academic dean Nancy Lecourt presented him with a framed certificate, and then he took a seat on the dais as Hemmerlin delivered a teasing roast of his friend.



Later in the program, business department colleagues Wally Lighthouse and John Nunes and business students Chris Madrid and Kelly Chung presented tributes to the professor. Each speaker highlighted the major factor that keeps students voting for Taylor again and again: his warm

and welcoming attitude to those around him. “Simply put, my friend Professor Lary Taylor has an incredible capacity to love,” said Nunes.

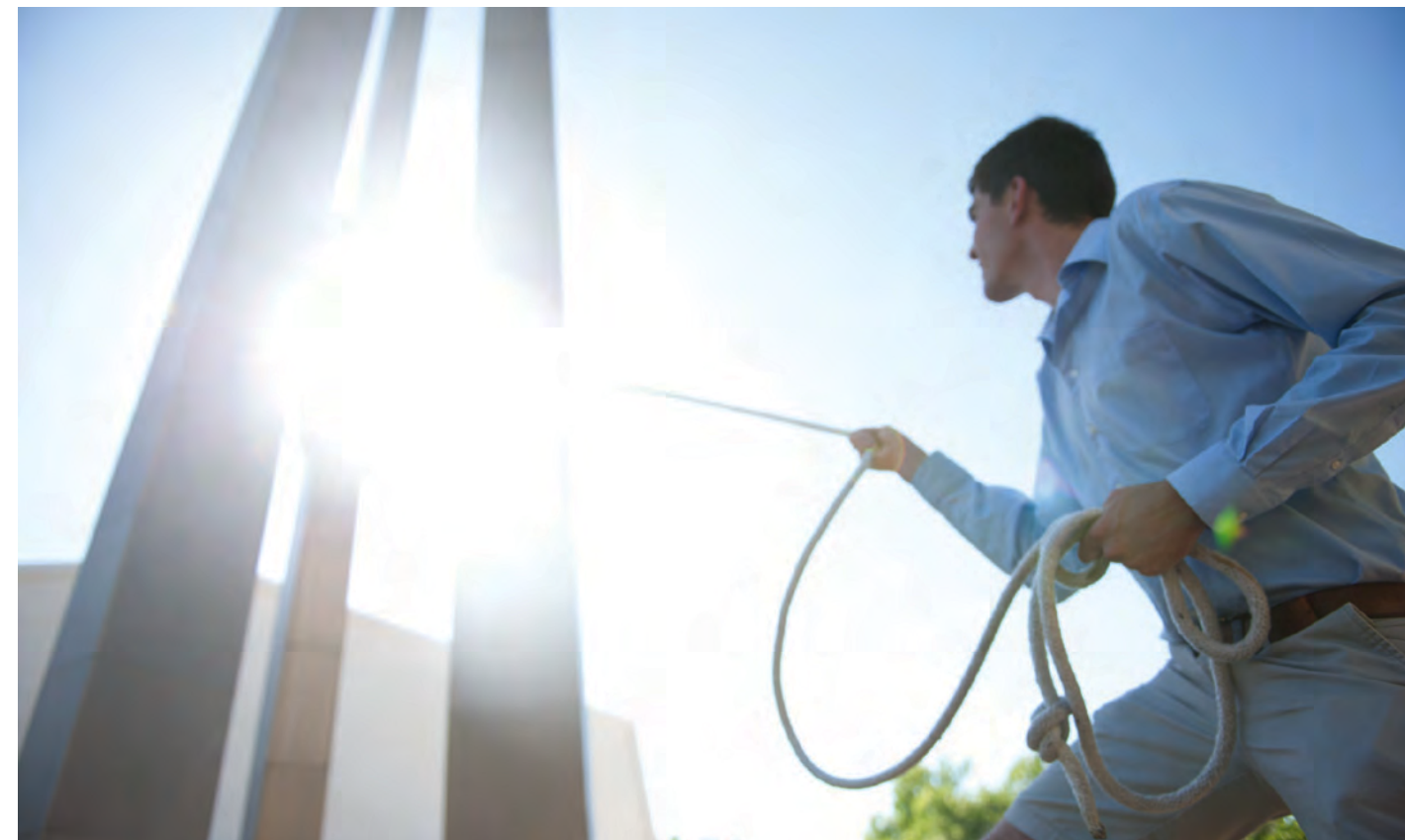
In addition to the Educator of the Year award, the program featured a listing of faculty members who have undertaken extravocational academic or creative achievements this year, as well as the 2012 Herber Grant winners. These grants go to help fund research expenses. This year’s winners included three new professors: visual arts instructor Amy Cronk, biology professor Scott Herbert, and chemistry professor Denise Lee-Haye. The final winner was English professor Maria Rankin-Brown, receiving her third Herber Grant.

Larry Peña





**Preserving the Memories** PUC's Student Association distributed the beautiful new issue of the Diogenes Lantern just before the close of the school year.



**Ring the Bell** Following a relatively new tradition, seniors rang the Healdsburg Bell in the PUC Church during finals week to celebrate the end of their college careers.



**Nursing Pins** Nursing students celebrated the end of their studies with a special pinning ceremony over graduation weekend.



**The Crucible** The Dramatic Arts Society performed Arthur Miller's classic play about the dangers of intolerance and public hysteria from May 26 to June 3.



**Senior Art Theses** Visual arts majors presented their capstone projects at Rasmussen Art Gallery's annual Thesis Exhibition, May 19 through June 17.



**Stargazing** This spring PUC students watched the skies for two special events—the solar eclipse on May 20, and the transit of Venus across the sun on June 5 and 6, pictured here.



**The Incredible RED** PUC's film and TV students got a chance to try out the cutting edge RED One digital camera, a \$25,000 piece of equipment currently revolutionizing the Hollywood production world.



# Dead Man Walking

## Activist Sister Helen Prejean speaks at PUC



AT A CAMPUS WIDE PROGRAM AT PACIFIC UNION COLLEGE MAY 3, SISTER Helen Prejean, the noted social activist and author of *Dead Man Walking*, called for the end of the death penalty and a shift in focus from retributive to redemptive justice. Prejean’s presentation came less than two weeks after an initiative to end the death penalty in California qualified to appear on the ballot in the upcoming November election.

“The Supreme Court says that the death penalty should only be reserved for the worst of the worst murder cases—but how in the Sam Hill do we know which is the worst of the worst?” said the Louisiana-born nun who was portrayed by Susan Sarandon in a 1995 film based on her book. “Every murder is the worst of the worst...we don’t even know how to apply the standards.”

A nun in the Congregation of St. Joseph, Prejean called attention to what she sees as an extreme paradox—the religious justification

for executing criminals and the merciful figure of Jesus found in the Bible. “We have gotten ourselves to a point in this country where we try to make violence redemptive,” she said. “Nothing could be further from the gospel of Jesus.”

She related how she at first tried to focus on moral arguments, only to discover that for many, the practical arguments were just as compelling. “You spend \$4 billion to execute 13 people. You pay \$180 million a year to keep this death machinery in place, and on average you execute someone every 20 years,” she said.

For her, those numbers begged the question of how states that practice the death penalty could be putting that money to better use. “Can we end the machinery of death and put those resources into at-risk kids? Into health care for people? Into affordable housing? Into education?” she asked. “Look at California. In 28 years you’ve built 27 prisons and one university, and you’re cutting the education budget.”

Prejean concluded her presentation to a standing ovation from the campus audience. Following the program, she signed copies of *Dead Man Walking*, as well as her follow-up book *Death of the Innocents*, which details cases of wrongful convictions that led to executions.

At a luncheon following the morning programs, PUC President Heather J. Knight hosted Prejean, as well as college administrators, faculty, and student leaders of the PUC chapter of Amnesty International. Prejean encouraged the student activists to prepare for a hard fight in November. If the ballot measure passes, the sentences of the 720 California inmates currently on death row would change to life without the possibility of parole.

Prejean is passionate about much more than just ending the death penalty—she sees capital punishment as just one part of a struggle against economic and social inequality in the United States. “Look who’s on death row across the United States. Ninety-eight percent or higher are poor people,” she says. “The street saying is, ‘Capital punishment means them without the capital gets the punishment.’”

California currently has the most inmates on death row, far surpassing even the swath of the Deep South that Prejean calls the “Execution Belt states.” “It’s up to the discretion of the prosecutor whether to pursue the death penalty,” she says. “It’s pure political symbolism...get a death sentence and you’ll look tough on crime. It couldn’t be more superficial.”

Despite her claim that the U.S. has become a “punishing society,” Prejean is optimistic that with education, the American public will eventually come around to her side. “I’ve discovered that most people aren’t wedded to the death penalty—they just never think about it,” she says.

Larry Peña

### academic highlights

**Heather Reid**, professor of English, recently received a very positive review for a



chapter about *The Storie of Asneth* and female initiation rites, published two years ago in the

scholarly book, *Women and the Divine in Literature Before 1700*.

The review was published in the *Journal of English and Germanic Philology* (vol. 111, no. 2, April 2012) by Carole Meale, an exceptionally well-known and respected medieval scholar from the University of Bristol. Meale describes Heather’s portion of the book as “a fascinating read.”

**Ross Winkle**, professor of religion, successfully defended his dissertation before a doctoral board at Andrews



University on May 15, earning a Ph.D. in religion, New Testament studies. His dissertation

was entitled “Clothes Make the (One Like a Son of) Man: Dress Imagery in Revelation 1 as an Indicator of High Priestly Status.”

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## Class Notes, Births, Weddings, and In Memory

### Class Notes

#### 1940

**Lyle and Ruth McCoy, ’45 and ’42** were honored by

Napa County and the state of California for more than 35 years of working at election polling places in Angwin, Calif. At a tribute ceremony, California Secretary of State Debra Bowen presented a certificate of appreciation to the McCoy’s, and county Registrar of Voters John Tuteur praised the couple for their long and faithful service record in assisting voters at the polls. Guests at the event, which was featured in the Napa Valley Register, included all five Napa County supervisors.

**Robert W. Montanye, ’44**

was included in a new stone memorial to local military personnel from St. Helena, Calif., who died in service. The monument was unveiled at a Memorial Day ceremony on May 28 by the local American Legion Post 199. Montanye, who was in the U.S. Navy during World War II, died at 22 in an aircraft explosion in 1945.

**Eliezer Benavides, att. ’47-’50**, although formally retired,

stays active as an associate director of the Church State Council of the Pacific Union

Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. In his ministry Eliezer contacts employers who have fired or are threatening to fire an Adventist employee over religious issues. In doing this, he seeks through prayer and, when necessary, governmental action to forestall or end the threat of termination of the church member. Before retirement, Eliezer was the director of Hispanic ministries of the Pacific Union Conference.

**Nicholas and Sophie Poulos, ’50 and ’47**, recently

celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary, a milestone which was noted by the Napa Valley Register. The story cites the couple as the first American missionaries for the Greek Mission of Seventh-day Adventists, a church unit to which Nick was eventually appointed president. Later Nick became a physician, and at one time in his medical career, as a prison physician at Vacaville, Calif., he had as one of his patients the notorious criminal Charles Manson. Nick and Sophie are now retired, living in St. Helena, Calif.

**Bert B. Beach, ’48**, who

has served the Seventh-day Adventist Church as world director of public affairs and religious liberty, recently published his memoir,

*Ambassador for Liberty*. In addition to noting highlights of Beach’s leadership role in the church, the book also provides an interesting snapshot of the church’s history. The book is available for purchase at Amazon.com and through the Adventist Book Center.

#### 1950

**Bill Jamerson, ’50**, a retired

Seventh-day Adventist minister in Paradise, Calif., has published his remarkable life story, *It’s Great to be Alive... Because He Lives*. On the battlefields of Europe during World War II, Bill experienced a terrifying moment that changed him forever, setting him on a lifelong path of service to God. That path would include ten years as a life-saving missionary in South America and decades of tireless ministry in the Adventist church. “I wrote this book to inspire young people that they can do anything in life with God’s power, regardless of their background,” Bill said. *It’s Great to be Alive...Because He Lives* is available online through Amazon.com and Barnes & Noble, as well as direct from the publisher, TEACH Services, at [www.teachservices.com](http://www.teachservices.com).

**Herbert Ford, ’54**, has published the second edition

of his book, *Pitcairn Island as a Port of Call*. Ford, a professor emeritus of journalism at PUC, is an internationally-recognized authority on the unique history of Pitcairn Island, and currently serves as director of the Pitcairn Islands Study Center in PUC’s Nelson Memorial Library. In August 2012, the center will host the second International Bounty-Pitcairn Conference, featuring presentations by Pitcairn islanders, scholars, linguists, authors, and other experts on “The Bounty Saga.” The conference is open to the public, and information is available at [2012BPC.com](http://2012BPC.com). *Pitcairn Island as a Port of Call* is available at Amazon.com and direct from the publisher, McFarland, at [mcfarlandpub.com](http://mcfarlandpub.com). A special discounted rate is also available at [pitcairnstudycenter.org](http://pitcairnstudycenter.org).

**Stanley G. Payne, ’55**,

professor emeritus at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, has just published two books: *La Europa Revolucionarie and Espana—Una Historia Unica*. Both are available at Amazon.com. A historian of modern Spain and European Fascism, Payne is one of the most famous modern theorists of Fascism. He is known for his typological description of Fascism, and his assertion that Nazism



and Communism are closely related. Stanley is the author of more than 20 books.

**James J. Myers, '56**, has retired from Aerojet Strategic Propulsion Company at Folsom, Calif., where he worked for many years as a quality assurance specialist. He now keeps busy installing 3ABN satellite dishes for Seventh-day Adventist church members throughout the greater Sacramento (Calif.) Area. "It's good to keep busy doing something good for others," says Myers, who makes his home in Rancho Cordova, Calif.

1960

**Bruce Anderson, '60**, and **George T. Harding IV, '49**, both psychiatrists, are editors of a new book, *A Christian Worldview & Mental Health*, published by the Andrews University Press. Advertised as "an outstanding collection of Adventism's best thinking on matters of faith and mental health," the book also contains essays by two other alums, **Merlin D. Burt, att. '77**; and **E. Edward Zinke, att. '63-'67**. To order a copy, call 800-467-6369, or visit universitypress.andrews.edu.

**Beverly (Swanson) Laird, '62**, is teaching English at a private school in Ukraine. This is her second stint in that country—her first was as a missionary with the Seventh-day Adventist World Church from 1996 to 1998. Back in the U.S., from 1999 to 2005 she worked with Maranatha Corrections, teaching a class preparing convicts for their return to the outside world. She later worked as a teacher for the Adelanto Community Correction Facility.

**Trinette (Wallace) Bellinghausen, '62**, is happily retired from a career in nursing,

births



► Jane Cameron Fuller, daughter of **Evan (Lemley) Fuller, '01**, and Cameron Fuller. Born 9-23-11.



► Dax Owen Toon, son of **Jennifer Crow, '02**,

and Kevin Toon of Lincoln, Calif. Born 4-15-12.



► Dominic Querol Manuel, son of **Alexis Manuel, '05**, and

**Gemmabele (Querol) Manuel, '04**. Born 3-7-12.



► Aryia Carrin Orillosa-Thurber, daughter of **Darrin**

**Thurber, '07**, and **Christine Orillosa-Thurber, '06**. Born 2-7-12.



► Matthew Ethan Hubbard, son of **Nicholas Hubbard, '05**, and **Emily**

**(Moran) Hubbard, '04** of Ridgefield, Wash. Born 6-12-12.

and is especially enjoying her four grandchildren.

**Betty R. (Thomann) Hoehn, '62**, is enthusiastically retired after spending 20 years as a medical case manager for catastrophic work injuries across California. She spends her free time volunteering at the Camarillo (Calif.) Seventh-day Adventist Church, where she has been a Sabbath School secretary, an elder, and a head

elder. She's currently working in the church's outreach pantry, which feeds as many as 99 families each week. She is also proud of her 12 grandchildren, ranging from ages 13 to 25. She writes that she is "looking forward to going HOME!"

**Nancy (Neuharth) Troyer, att. '63-'67**, recently published *The Other Side of the Boat*, the devotional journal of a military chaplain's wife. Nancy's book tells of God's leading as she accompanied her husband, Lieutenant Colonel Don Troyer, to faraway places around the world during his 30-year army career. Nancy is one of four Neuharths who have attended PUC: her father, **Reuben, '42**; and brothers **Dennis, '64**, and **Steven**. *The Other Side of the Boat* is published by Pacific Press, and is available at their website, pacificpress.com.

**Cheryl (Taylor) Crouch, '66**, has retired after working as administrative assistant for the Central California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists for 30 years. She enjoys having time to be a support for her husband, who is still working for the Conference, and her daughter who works and lives nearby in Fresno. "I thoroughly enjoy staying in touch with friends from growing up in Angwin and look forward to seeing many of them at our Prep homecoming next fall," she says. "PUC is a family tradition with five generations attending and/or teaching there."

**Nancy (Caldwell) Jerus, '66 and '99**, retired in 2008 after 20 years as a clinical nursing instructor at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center in Downey, Calif. She now lives near Denver, Colo.

1970

**Martha (Díaz) Logé, '73 and '74**, has returned to Glendale Adventist Academy as the vice principal for academic affairs and registrar. She previously worked as a teacher and registrar at GAA from 1977 to 1990, before spending several years teaching at other Adventist academies across Southern California.

**Wanda (Lewis) Westcott, '73**, lives in Moraga, Calif., and has been a nurse for almost 39 years, and is excited about her 40-year anniversary of graduating from PUC and the Glendale nursing campus. For the majority of her career she has been in the cardiac arena, working with coronary care units, outpatient cardiac rehab, and the American Heart Association. Lately she has been working as a high-tech home infusion nurse specialist, and is preparing to become nationally certified as an infusion nurse specialist. "I love the one-on-one client contact in their home setting," she says about her new job. "It's been an interesting ride with my different opportunities."

**Pat Arrabito, '74**, who heads the nonprofit religious organization LLT Productions, is seeing growing interest in her recent feature film *Hell and Mr. Fudge*. The film won a Platinum Award during its premiere at WorldFest, the Houston International Independent Film Festival. According to the Charlotte (N.C.) *Observer*, the film's producers are shopping to find national distribution. The film compresses the events of the years when a Houston-based lawyer and internationally-known Bible teacher and author began an intensive study of the Bible and the doctrine of hell. What he found made him question

one of the bedrock doctrines of Christianity.

**Diana Dokos, '75**, has worked for seven years in private hospitals; for 21 years in radiology, interventional radiology, and a catheter lab at a county facility; and for the past 10 years as a cardiology and catheter lab nurse at a veteran facility. "I fondly recall days at PUC," she says.

**Teryl Loeffler, '75 and '86**, was recently named superintendent of schools for the Hawaii Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, headquartered in Honolulu. In his new role, Teryl will oversee the educational programs at eight schools located on four Hawaiian Islands. Prior to his new position, Teryl was a teacher in elementary, junior academy, and secondary school levels in Hawaii.

**Janet Sharp, '79**, recently published a book titled *The Songs*. The book chronicles the journey of her grandfather, the hymns he cherished, the lessons he learned, and the Bible truths he discovered along the way from his homeland of Finland, to ports around the world, to America, the country he eventually called home. *The Songs* is available online, at local bookstores, or through the publisher, teachservices.com.

1980

**Deanna Stauffer, '81**, is working as a relief charge nurse in Millbrae, Calif., and has volunteered her medical skills with high school groups on trips to Africa and South America. Her daughter, Lesley, graduated last year from Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, Calif., with a B.S. in biology, and hopes to attend Loma Linda University for medical school. Deanna still keeps in regular contact with

weddings



► **Liana Amador, '04**, and Frode Norheim in Calimesa, Calif. 1-1-12



► **Brenda L. Pfeiffer, '82**, and Jim Boyd, in Loma Linda, Calif. 11-20-11

many of her classmates, both in person and via Facebook. In addition to her nursing duties, Deanna is an avid beekeeper and owns a small organic honey business.

**Aubyn S. Fulton, '81**, professor of psychology at PUC, joined a four-person team representing the Senior Commission of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) headed by **Richard A. Winn, '64**, vice president of WASC's Senior Commission, on an accreditation visit to American Samoa Community College on Tutuila Island in Western American Samoa in April 2012. The visiting team reviewed the four-year components of the college's teaching education department.

**Rosemary (Huse) Dibben, '81**, and her husband, Paul, who recently retired from PUC's human resources office, have moved to the village of Soberton in the Meon Valley, near Southampton, England. They're taking their time figuring out if they want to make the United Kingdom their home long-term, says Rosemary. But even if they stay for years in England, they'll be back in the U.S. often to

visit with daughter Stephanie, and son **Nicholas, '10**, who is finishing his second year at law school in Syracuse.

**Brenda L. Pfeiffer, '82**, is an assistant professor at Loma Linda University and is the program director for LLU's medical radiography program. Brenda will be completing a master's in health professions education this summer from Loma Linda University, and a Ph.D. in leadership from Andrews University in 2013. This year, Brenda will travel to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, to work on the LLU medical radiography program, and to Haiti for the first School of Allied Health Professions multi-disciplinary clinical mission trip.

**Clyde Holland, '83**, founder, CEO, and chairman of Holland Partner Group of Vancouver, Wash., "is poised to develop more than \$1 billion worth of apartment complexes to meet demand in the booming rental markets of Denver, Los Angeles, Portland and Seattle," according to *The Columbian* of Vancouver, Wash. in an article dated January 15, 2012. According to the newspaper, the group has more than \$1.1 billion worth of apartment projects either under construction or planned to start this year. The article notes that Clyde "graduated in 1983 with a business degree in accounting from Pacific Union College in Angwin, Calif., a private Seventh-day Adventist-affiliated school."

**Robert Zdor, '83**, recently received a "20 Years of Service" award from Andrews University, where he teaches biology. Robert earned a Ph.D. from the University of Montana, and lives in the university village of Berrien Springs, Mich.

**Scott Alvord, '86**, is on the ballot for a spot on the city

council of Roseville, Calif. A small business advocate, Scott is the owner of a successful Roseville tea parlor, and has served for the last six years as the president of the Roseville Downtown Merchants association. He is already an active community leader, and has been tapped for many civic appointments, public speaking events, and charity causes. The city will vote for new council members during the General Election on November 6.

**Shonna (Witzel) Dalusong, '89**, found herself in an empty nest this past year as her daughter headed off to college. To fill her time, she began training in clinical pastoral education and chaplaincy at the Sutter Roseville Medical Center in Roseville, Calif. This fall, she will continue to her second unit and begin working part-time on a master's in theology at Fuller Theological Seminary's Sacramento campus.

1990

**Monte Bischoff, '93**, owner of Payroll Specialties in Medford, Ore., recently acquired Payroll Solutions of Sacramento, Calif. The move makes Payroll Specialties a \$1 million business, according to an article in Southern Oregon's *Mail Tribune*. Payroll Specialties provides comprehensive payroll, payroll tax, and human resource services to businesses.

2000

**Michelle Miracle, '00**, communication and Sabbath School director at the Iowa-Missouri Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, has received word that her request for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to etch the Seventh-day Adventist Church logo on military cemetery headstones of



deceased Adventist military personnel has been approved after a five year process. Michelle's work brought about the initial placing of the logo on the headstone of U.S. Army Lieutenant Burton Dye. To learn how to request such an emblem for a deceased veteran, visit the Veteran Services page at the VA website at va.gov.

**Valerie (Villar) Ruban, '00,** has joined the Napa accounting firm of Ganze & Company as an audit supervisor. Valerie previously worked for Harrington Group, a San Francisco accounting firm. Earlier still, she was director of accounting for Florida Hospital Memorial Medical Center, and senior internal auditor for Adventist Health System, both in Florida.

2010

**Brittany (Collins) Cheney, '07,** graduated top of her class at the University of California, Davis School of Law and was presented with the Law School Medal for academic achievement. The honor came with a plaque, an award of \$2,500, and the valedictory speech at this year's commencement ceremony on May 17.

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In Memory

**Emily Jane Brown, M.D., '38,** a pioneering physician and avid world traveler, died April 14, 2012, in Loma Linda, Calif., at the age of 100. She was born June 27, 1911, in Nebraska. As a female doctor in the 1950s, she forged an almost unprecedented path into a male-dominated career field, even owning and operating her own anesthesia practice. A healthy lifestyle kept her active through her final years. Jane's husband Jim Corbett, whom she met and married after retirement, preceded her in death. She leaves behind nieces, nephews, and friends around the world.

**Lawrence Winn, att. '30-'33,** a physician for more than 50 years, died December 14, 2011, in Roseville, Calif., where he was born nearly 100 years earlier on December 28, 1911. In addition to working as a civilian, Lawrence served as a major in the U.S. Army in New Guinea during World War II. Kay, his wife of 66 years, and his oldest son, Larry, Jr., preceded him in death. He is survived by his sons, Richard and Steven; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

**Helen (Warren) Lee, '36,** a former nurse and lifelong missionary to China, died April 25, 2012, in Yountville, Calif. She was born July 22, 1914 to Seventh-day Adventist missionary parents in Shanghai, China. Upon graduating from PUC, she married Milton Lee, who was also born into an Adventist missionary family serving in Shanghai. The two followed in their parents' footsteps, returning to serve in the land of their birth as missionaries for many years.



Helen also worked as a nurse at St. Helena Hospital. Milton preceded her in death. She is survived by her son, **Fred Lee, '62;** daughter, **Sylvia Fillman, '65;** brothers, Merritt and Don; and two grandchildren.

**Leroy A. Buller, att. '39-'44,** a retired dentist, died April 6, 2012, in Lodi, Calif. He was born on June 9, 1921, in Shafter, Calif. Leroy is survived by his daughters, J. Ranell Machado and Joan Spiry; his son, **Craig, '73;** seven grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

**Fernon Retzer, '44,** a Seventh-day Adventist Church administrator, died April 5, 2012, in Chattanooga, Tenn. He was born in Bowdle, S.D., on November 12, 1921. Fernon led the church's early missionary work in Colombia, and later served as president of the Columbia-Venezuela Union Conference. From 1968 to 1984 he directed the Sabbath School department and later the religious liberty department of the Seventh-day Adventist World Church. Fernon's wife, **Dorothy, '44,** preceded him in death. He is survived by four children, Gordon, Gerry, Doreen and Richard; six grandchildren; and siblings Delores Buller and Harvey Retzer.

**Leo Ray Van Dolson, '45,** a former religion professor at PUC, died March 11, 2012, in Chattanooga, Tenn. Leo was born in San Francisco, Calif. A World War II veteran, Leo was a pastor in Washington and Oregon before working as a missionary in Japan. In addition to PUC, he taught at La Sierra University and Southern Adventist University. He served as editor of the Adventist magazines *Ministry* and *Life and Health*, as well as in the Sabbath School department and ministerial association of the Seventh-day Adventist

World Church. Leo is survived by his wife, Bobbie Jane; his sons, Leo, Jr., and Randall; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

**Clyde D. Bailey, Jr., '50,** a former hospital administrator, died March 10, 2012, in Sonoma, Calif. He was born May 21, 1923, in San Antonio, Tex. He owned and operated Sonoma Acres Convalescent Hospital for nearly 30 years before selling the business and retiring to Maui. Clyde is survived by his wife, Betty; daughters, DeAva "Dee" Nance and Renee Evans; his son, C. David Bailey III; and five grandchildren.

**Walter S. Eberlein, '50,** an retired insurance agent and broker, died April 9, 2012, in Redding, Calif. He was born July 2, 1919, in Dinuba, Calif. After a stint as a U.S. Army dentist, Walter began a 53-year career in insurance. He was active in the St. Helena, Calif., Seventh-day Adventist Church until his retirement. Walter is survived by his wife, LaVanne; his son, Lonnie; his daughters, Shirley, Marlene, Ronda, and Kandi; 10 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren.

**Frank E. Strickland, M.D., '50,** a former doctor and missionary, died March 2, 2012, in Spartanburg, S.C. He was born May 30, 1925, in San Bernardino, Calif. After serving in the U.S. Navy for three years, Frank completed his pre-med studies at PUC and went on to medical school at Kansas City College of Osteopathy and Surgery. He worked as a general practitioner, and then moved his family to Rwanda, where he was a doctor and instructor at Mugonero Mission Hospital. Returning to the U.S., he worked as an anesthesiologist in Ohio before retiring in 1984. Moving to South Carolina, Frank became very involved in church lay ministries. He is survived by his wife, Faye;

daughter, Peggy Sue; and two grandchildren, as well as two brothers and two sisters.

**Lynn C. Johnson, '51,** an industrial arts teacher at Monterey Bay and Rio Lindo Academies, died February 18, 2012. He was born August 15, 1923 in St. Paul, Neb. Lynn was a veteran of World War II and began attending PUC after leaving the army. He began teaching in Lakeport, Calif., and spent a total of 35 years teaching in Adventist schools. He retired in Dobbins, Calif. and was a member of the Adventist church there for over 25 years. His wife of 60 years, **Vivian (Lind) Johnson, '47,** preceded him in death. He remarried in 2009 and is survived by his wife, Maxine Sears-Johnson; son, **Daniel Lee, '73;** daughter, **Lynnette Johnson-Clement, '75;** step daughters, **Shirley Sears-Babienco, '75** and **Linda Sears-Martella, '77;** and two grandchildren and four step-grandchildren.

**Janice (Smith) von Pohle, '51,** an attorney and former member of the Pacific Union College board of trustees, died April 11, 2012 in Bonita, Calif. She was born on February 27, 1931, in Los Angeles, Calif. Settling in Calistoga, Calif., Janice served on the Calistoga City Council and the Calistoga Joint Unified School Board. She also served on the board of trustees of St. Helena Hospital, as well as with a many local volunteer community projects. Janice is survived by her four children, **Larry, '75, Carlos Jr., att., '74, Drew, att. '79,** and **Ted, '81;** eight grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

**Wendell L. Wilcox, '51,** a retired Seventh-day Adventist pastor and missionary throughout Asia, died March 31, 2012, in Greenville, Tenn. He was born on July 14, 1927, in Hong Kong, China. Wendell's

two sisters, Lois Weir and Bonny Neufield, preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife, Audrey; his daughters, **Wendy Barlow, '73,** and **Debbie Urquhart, '86;** his sons, **Paul, '76,** and Dan; five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

**Warren L. Meyer, '54,** a printer and contractor, died April 22, 2012, in Napa, Calif. He was born May 23, 1919, in Cherry Valley, Calif. After serving in the U.S. Army during World War II, Warren studied industrial arts. He worked as a book binder and carpenter at PUC, and was involved in the construction of a number of buildings at PUC. His wife, Lucille, preceded him in death. He is survived by his son, George, and four grandchildren.

**Rose (Spaulding) Buhler, SHSHSN '55,** a retired nurse, died March 24, 2012, in Eureka, Calif. She was born on June 6, 1933, in Fort Collins, Colo. Rose specialized in labor and delivery service, and worked for nearly 30 years in Eureka. She is survived by her husband, Virgil, '59; daughters, Lily Martin and Heather Donesky; her son, Rex; her sisters, Ruth Jones and Jean Milton; her brother, Elwyn Spaulding; 11 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

**Addie (Wood) Noel, SHSHSN '55,** a retired nurse, died March 9, 2011, in Fresno, Calif. She was born on December 8, 1931, in French, N. M. She left her mark on the Hanford community, where she founded the kindergarten program at Armona Union Academy; taught nursing courses at Hanford Adult School; and was an owner of Chaste Tree Park, a local senior assisted living facility. Addie is survived by her husband, **Ernest, '58;** her daughter, Sheryl Miller; her son, Gary; her "honorary

son," Ralph Stathem; and two grandchildren.

**James A. Fallbeck, '67,** former college relations director at PUC, newspaper publisher and printer, died April 9, 2012, in Albany, Ore. He was born in Fresno, Calif., on October 5, 1945. After studying at PUC and the University of Oregon, James started the first FM radio station in Redding, Calif., was editor, publisher and part-owner of the Paradise (Calif.) *Post*, and publisher of the Auburn (Calif.) *Journal*. He went on to start his own printing business in Auburn. He was active in the Rotary Club, and served on the boards of Auburn Boys and Girls Club, Parkside Church of the Nazarene, and the Paradise and Auburn Chambers of Commerce. He is survived by his wife, Erika; his daughter, Brittany Lawrence; his son, Ryan; and one grandchild.

**Sherry L. (Hinkle) Perry, att. '69,** a nurse, died December 24, 2011, in Shakopee, Minn. She was born on February 10, 1950, in Glendale, Calif. She is survived by her sons, Jonathan, Jay and Christopher; her father, J. Lee Hinkle; mother, Myrtle Hinkle; sisters, Judy Cardenas and Marcia Hinkle; brothers, Jay and John, and three grandchildren.

**David A. Williams, J.D., att. '74,** an attorney and real estate investor, died in Lodi, Calif., on August 19, 2011. He was born on October 25, 1949, in Benton Harbor, Mich. David leaves behind his wife, Kathy; his daughter, Amy Reeves; his son, Michael; his father and mother, Robert and Ann Williams; his sister, Marci Henley; and his brothers, Chuck and John.

**Jim Gruenholz, att. '78-'80,** a retired craftsman, died April 11, 2012, in San Francisco, Calif. He was born in 1951 in Whittier, Calif. After selling his cabinet

business in 2005, Jim became heavily involved in ministries at Redwood Covenant Church in Santa Rosa, Calif. He loved sailing and was an avid musician, playing guitar and bass with several bands and in church. He is survived by his wife, Millie; his children, Katie, Jessica, and Collin; his brother, Bill and his parents, William and Martha.

**Joe A. Carlson, '79,** a former Seventh-day Adventist minister and Marine Corps chaplain, died November 16, 2011, in Amarillo, Tex. He was born December 25, 1942. Joseph leaves behind three children, Elizabeth, John and Kelli; and his brothers, Phil and Mike.

**Sharon L. Winn, '82,** who served the Seventh-day Adventist Church at the Pacific Press Publishing Association and as a missionary in southern Africa, died on January 7, 2012, in Carmichael, Calif. She was born on May 19, 1942, in Lebanon, Ore. Sharon is survived by her husband, Kenneth; her daughter, **Brenda Fish, att. '88;** her son, **Steven, '97;** two grandchildren; and her brother, Calvin Smith.

**Dennis T. Yoshioka, '89,** a planned giving consultant for the Central California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, died April 15, 2012, in Fresno, Calif. He was born on July 5, 1946, in Hilo, Hawaii. Dennis is survived by his wife, Sandra; daughter, **Pamela Diaz, '94;** sons, Gregg and Brad; and five grandchildren.

**Geoffrey B. Gaines, '91,** manager of Simi Valley (Calif.) Medical Arts Center, died April 14, 2012, in Newbury Park, Calif. He was born on September 11, 1969. Before moving to Simi Valley, Geof owned and operated Coffee Depot in Riverside, Calif., a business that has been confirmed as the largest



coffeehouse in the U.S. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn; two young sons, Greg and Ethan; and his brother, Darin.

**Stephen R. Dowswell, att. '91-92**, a police officer, died June 11, 2012, in Valley Springs, Calif. He was born on March 7, 1971, in Loma Linda, Calif. Stephen was highly decorated during his 16-year career as an officer with the Modesto (Calif.) and Manteca (Calif.) Police Departments. During his time at PUC, he served as a member of the Angwin Volunteer Fire Department. Steve is survived by his wife, **Linda, '93**; his children, Daniel, Emily, Glorianna and Nathan; his parents, Ken and Dottie Dowswell; his sisters, Heidi Parker and Heather VandenHoven; and his grandfather, John Dowswell.

**Jonathan Nakanishi, '92**, an attorney, died June 21, 2012 in Susanville, Calif. He was born November 14, 1969, in Newport News, Va. Alan served as the Lassen County (Calif.) Superior Court facilitator, a judge for the Lassen Teen Court, and board chair for the Northeastern Rural Health network of clinics . At the time of his death he was also a candidate for Lassen Superior Court Judge. He is survived by his wife, Rochelle; his daughters, Kaitlyn, Natalie, and Jessica; his sisters, **Pamela (Nakanishi) Tsuchia, '86**, and **Jennifer (Nakanishi) Cooper, '90**; and his parents, **Alan and Sue (Nakamura) Nakanishi, '61** and **'62**.

**Jessie Pluhovoy Vanduesen**, PUC's dean of women from 1970 to 1987, died June 9, 2012, in Zephyrhills, Fla. She was born on June 16, 1920. Before serving at PUC, Jessie taught elementary school in Crescent City, Calif., and was dean of girls at Rio Lindo Academy in Healdsburg, Calif. Following her retirement she moved to Kelseyville, Calif., with her husband John, who died in 1988. In 1992 she married

Shirley Vanduesen and moved to Zephyrhills, Fla., where they lived until his death in 2008. Jessie is survived by her daughter, **Judy, '68**.

**Herbert H. Broeckel**, a member of the Pacific Union College board of trustees from 1988 to 1995, died January 5, 2012, in Virginia. He retired as president of the Potomac Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in 2002 after serving as a pastor and church administrator for more than 50 years. Herbert is survived by his wife, Carolyn Jean; daughter, Gail Matt; son, Greg; sister, Rose Cannon; and one granddaughter.

**Charlie E. Brown**, who served for many years as PUC's farm and land manager, died December 3, 2011, in Redding, Calif. He was born on November 2, 1941, in Arroyo Grande, Calif. Charlie held similar agricultural leadership posts at Newbury Park Academy and La Sierra University. He is survived by his wife, Pat; his daughters, Sherrie Coffee and Brittany Brown; his sons, Rob and Ron; his sisters, Betty Herwick, Myrtle Cook, Marilyn Brown, Leora Hillock and Ruth Brown; and his brother, Richard.

## 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; the names we receive are also displayed each year at Homecoming.

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### leave a legacy

## Can You Pass This Quiz on Wills? How much do you know? How much do you think you know?

Circle the correct answer for each of the following questions.

1. Only one will is needed for a married couple.  
True    False
2. Probate fees claim one-third of the estate of anyone dying without a will.  
True    False
3. If signed by an attorney, most states will recognize a handwritten will.  
True    False
4. By law, a codicil is the final execution that makes a will valid.  
True    False
5. Only the attorney and executor are permitted to read your will after you die.  
True    False

### How did you score?

The correct answer to all these questions is **False!** Here's why:

1. Each person in a marriage needs a valid will, though the provisions can "mirror" each other.
2. Statutory probate fees are not automatically assessed in such a proportion, though in the absence of a valid will, the state does literally prescribe how all estate assets are distributed.
3. No state requires a will to be signed by an attorney. Some states may recognize a handwritten will.
4. The term "codicil" refers to a provision that amends one or more provisions of a valid will.
5. You may grant permission for anyone to read your will at any time. After death, a will admitted to probate will become part of the public record of your estate.

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## back in the day



## In Style Generations of fashion at PUC

Despite its remote mountaintop location, students at PUC have always been fashionable—or at least interested in the latest styles. Regular events like REVO and the Warren Miller ski program have traditionally used fashion shows to raise money for worthy causes and to show students a good time. The *Diogenes Lantern* often features a spread of the current year's trends, and this year's issue devoted several pages to the subject.

Here are some *haute couture* highlights throughout the years at PUC, including a few major milestones in the evolution of style on campus.

**1952** The Women of Alpha Gamma and Men of Grainger demonstrate some of the fashion standards of a more conservative era—less variance in hairstyles, and dresses and coats as staples of even relatively casual occasions.

**1968** Perhaps no other time period saw as drastic a fashion change as the late 60s. This fashionable couple epitomized the era, when classic styles began to give way to bohemian flair.

**1973** Only one thing mattered in this banner year for PUC fashion—the newly decriminalized beard. The most stylish men on campus sported them; the most stylish women, like the one pictured here, did not.

**1986** The notorious extremes of the 80s were most evident in women's fashion—big hair and those leggings—while men often kept things buttoned down.

**1992** The 80s were still wearing off at a time when lone moustaches and fancy, face-covering hairdos were frequently seen.

What stylish looks did you and your friends sport at PUC? Share your photos at [facebook.com/pacificunioncollege](https://facebook.com/pacificunioncollege).

### What's your memory?

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# the interview

## A Reason to Come Home



**Rallying the Team** Rai, center, number 32, with former teammates and volleyball buddies from across the generations.

*“I feel the younger alumni need to have a reason to come back to PUC... but if it’s just to see old friends, that’s not a big enough draw (since they can see them every day on Facebook). So to have a game like ‘old times’ really hit home”*

Homecoming has traditionally been a time for PUC’s more senior alumni to come together and catch up on a lifetime of memories. But this year’s program included a variety of events aimed at a younger alumni crowd. One of those events was Alumni Volleyball, the brainchild of PUC communication professor and former volleyball team captain Michelle (Konn) Rai, ’97.

Players of all generations met on Sunday morning in Pacific Auditorium for two games—alumni women against the current women’s varsity team and alumni men against each other. At Michelle’s invitation, a flurry of activity on Facebook brought in players from as far away as the East Coast. We spoke with Michelle about the game, the old days, and her plans for future volleyball events.

### What did you love about playing on the volleyball team as a student?

I just love the game of volleyball, and I enjoyed being able to represent PUC on the court. It was hard work to wake up every morning for 6 a.m. practices, though!

### What was volleyball at PUC like when you were a student?

We played in the CCC (California Coastal Conference) my sophomore and junior years and the NAIA Cal Pac Conference my senior year. It was nice playing in the CCC my junior year because the more competitive schools had already moved into the Cal Pac Conference. PUC played Simpson College in the finals, and we won the CCC championship! Once we moved into the Cal Pac, we didn’t have that luxury of being in the finals.

### How much contact do you regularly keep with your former teammates?

At least once a year (Christmas cards), but more often now since Facebook has changed the way people keep in touch.

### What made you think of the idea of a volleyball reunion?

We’ve had alumni volleyball games before, but never during Homecoming Weekend. Whenever

I had run into volleyball alumni in person or on Facebook, they would often say, “We should play again!” So I knew that people were up for a reunion.

### What was the response to your invitation to the reunion game?

Everyone seemed to be really excited, especially once people started to see who was coming. Jeff Gleason (’01) coming out from Virginia was a big draw.

### How did the game go? How much was it just like—or so not like—old times?

The women’s game was really fun. We played the current varsity team and didn’t completely embarrass ourselves! I was a beast and got a couple of big blocks (on Jenna Glantz and Casey Miller). They hit really hard so it made a loud sound when I blocked it, and the crowd went wild! It was a little like old times in having an announcer call our names before the game and huddling in time outs. We didn’t have a big crowd but we hope that will change next year!

### Is there anything different that you want to try for next year’s game? Any new plans?

Because PUC doesn’t have a men’s team, we had the alumni men play each other. I hear there is some male volleyball talent on campus, though, so next year I would like to help organize a PUC team to play the alumni to make it more fun. There is a little more pride on the line when you’re playing current students, so it makes people want to show up more and prove that they’ve still got it!

### What do you think makes an event like this a valuable part of Homecoming?

I feel the younger alumni need to have a reason to come back to PUC. They all want to come back, but if it’s just to see old friends, that’s not a big enough draw (since they can see them every day on Facebook). So to have a game like old times really hit home and brought them back. Everyone was talking about coming back next year for it again.

# my viewpoint

## Adventurism and Service

As the ground shook on my way home from work in Santo Domingo on the afternoon of January 12, 2010, I was reminded of life in southern California. Little did I realize that the sixth deadliest earthquake in world history had just occurred on our island, just 160 miles to the west. Initial reports offered very little information, and knowing the dangers and chaos in Haiti under normal circumstances, I was hesitant to mobilize. I soon realized there was no choice, and preparations were rapidly made to assemble our team and prepare the necessary surgical equipment. Security, accommodation, food, water, and transportation were all unknowns. We prepared a two-day supply of provisions and departed without a return ticket.

As the first surgical team to arrive on the scene in Port-au-Prince, we were overwhelmed by the quantity and magnitude of injuries. There were hundreds of languishing patients, many lying outside due to fear of aftershocks. Many of them were developing gangrene, some dying, and others already dead. It was difficult to know where to start. Operating rooms were in disarray, and hospital staff was scarce. Amongst the casualties we found a 3-year-old boy about to have his arm amputated by a well-intentioned local ophthalmologist. We were able to debride his open fracture and salvage the arm.

Our patients were critically ill—the first day two of them died after attempts at life saving operations. It was sometimes difficult to know whether to operate on the most critical patients or those that were slightly more stable. At 3:30 a.m. the first night I went out to get our next patient and found that he was already dead. We did one more operation that night before I lay down in the corner of the operating room with my head on a duffle bag to catch a couple hours of sleep.

Within days the stench of death strengthened and permeated the hallways and courtyards of the hospital. But with the help of some other arriving volunteers, we developed an efficient system of triaging patients. As more surgeons arrived we were able to coordinate their efforts and create four more operating rooms. Working together, we continued operations 24 hours a day. I did not leave the hospital for six days or nights.

Our intentions of returning several days later were postponed—our stay in Port-au-Prince lasted more than six months. Now with the help of many others, the *Hôpital Adventiste d’Haiti* has been transformed. Disabled Haitian people are now able to get world-class treatment never before available in the country.

As I ascend out of New York’s JFK airport, bound for Port-au-Prince, I take a few minutes to reflect on the importance of this work. A 13-year-old orphan girl is being admitted to the hospital this morning in anticipation of my arrival. Last year a wall fell on her, leaving her paralyzed with a dislocated spine that does not even allow her to sit up in a wheelchair. No other options in the country are available for her and after a failed operation at another facility she has been referred to the *Hôpital Adventiste*. There we can perform the same quality of operation that would be done at some of the best tertiary care centers in the United States. There will be many others with similar stories lining up at the clinic on Monday, hoping for a life changing operation. We will work day and night taking care of as many as we can.

I don’t write these stories for entertainment or accolades but to remind us all that as Jesus said, the second most important commandment is to love your neighbor as yourself. When our Adventist forefathers studied the Gospel they realized that it was not just about proselytizing and baptizing people into a set of doctrines. It was about loving God and caring for others.

This is a critical time in Adventist education and the mission healthcare system. We should not just sit around and be proud of our heritage or stand back and criticize the problems and challenges that exist. We will never realize the potential of God’s calling without sacrifice. Some of us are being called to abandon promising careers of wealth and go to distant lands, others to live out of our comfort zone in other ways—seemingly a path of self-denial and hardship, but in reality a small sacrifice in the cosmic scheme. Each of us has a part to play in this important work. Whether you are a student, a retired person, or anywhere in between, God is calling you to make a difference in this world. What risk is too great if taken to glorify God and take care of our fellow man?



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*“Security, accommodation, food, water and transportation were all unknowns. We prepared a two-day supply of provisions and departed without a return ticket.”*





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