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# Cross Country Teams' Work Leads to Wins at La Sierra Invitational



Josué Hilario (L) and Matthew Ocegueda (R) after finishing first and second, respectively, in their 8K race.

**By Audry Guzman**

For many students, one of the downsides of PUC is all the walking. But for some students walking up and down the hills is not enough, so they join the cross-country team. Abraham Garrido, coach of the men's and women's cross country teams, has recruited many students, some who have never before run competitively.

When it comes to sports and competition, Garrido's philosophy is that it is not just about winning. While winning is rewarding, it's instead about "putting in the work and seeing what happens on the course."

PUC's cross country team showed off their skills at the La Sierra University

Invitational on Friday, Oct. 15, competing against both La Sierra University and Norco College. The men competed in an 8k race and the women in a 5k.

The mostly paved terrain was a stark contrast to the trails PUC's cross country trains on in the Back 40, but the more stable footing worked to their advantage.

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## FROM THE EDITOR

As we approach the mid-quarter mark, midterms season is upon us. Maybe you had exams last week, maybe you are in the midst of them now, or perhaps they are still to come. Whenever they may be, it seems that once the rapid-fire testing begins, it doesn't stop until finals week.

Being a senior in mostly upper division humanities courses, I am lucky enough to avoid the barrage of exams that require so much content committed to memory. To be honest, I think I am too preoccupied to successfully memorize much these days. There are so, so many papers to write and all the preparation and research that goes into my senior research project to focus on instead. Without planners, to-do lists, notebooks and textbooks surrounding me at all times, nothing would ever get done. Even without the need to cram for traditional testing, I have so much I need to do.

I'm sure all these stressors are more than familiar to you. This time in the quarter can be especially difficult for students for

a variety of reasons. Many of us are away from home, our schedules are becoming increasingly packed, and deadlines are always looming in the near future. Meanwhile, Thanksgiving Break is in about a month, and the end of the quarter is a distant eight weeks away.

But autumn is approaching as well. The weather forecast is predicting cooler weeks ahead, a welcome change to the intensity of the heat through the first month of the quarter. We will finally feel the cool air and change into our favorite sweaters. Our tree-filled campus will soon be covered in a rainbow of red, orange, yellow, and purple leaves. The rain will leave us with even greener surroundings.

So while we may still be in the thick of all the work we are urgently trying to complete, I hope you will all take the time to embrace the repose of the season ahead.

*Sincerely,  
Madison Brogan  
Editor-in-Chief*



## SPORTS



(Left to right) Nyllah Safotu, Mani Chavez-Duron, Anna Ramos, Penelope Diaz and Hope Furukawa after their 5K race.

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The men's team powered through the race when second-year PUC runner Josué Hilario was first to cross the finish line. One minute later, PUC student Matthew Ocegueda followed taking second place.

PUC students continued across the finish line in rapid succession taking 4th, 5th and 7th places, with the men's team placing first overall.

PUC senior and independent competitor Mani Chavez-Duron placed 5th in the women's category. Other members of the women's team had achieved their personal best during the race.

The cross country team's next event is the Cal Pac Championship scheduled at Woodward Park in Fresno on Nov. 4 and hosted by UC Merced. ■



The men and women's cross country runners pose for a group photo.



FEATURE

# Student Association Appoints New Executive Vice President

By Abigail Mayan

The Student Association Executive Cabinet has selected Emily Smith as their new executive vice president following previously elected EVP Andrew Penners' resignation over the summer.

Student leadership undertook a thorough review to ensure they found the best replacement for the position. "There is a procedure for vacancies in the Executive Cabinet," said SA President Alexander Chuquimia.

Chuquimia reached out to Smith when the position was vacated, and she accepted soon after. After she interviewed with Student Life, the existing SA officers officially voted Smith into the position.

Smith's previous work experience makes her qualified for the job of EVP. She previously served as secretary to the SA and Student Senate teams. She has also held leadership positions outside of SA, including concertmaster for the PUC orchestra and her other current position as president of the pre-med/pre-dent club.

"All of my previous leadership positions are similar to my current EVP position in the sense that all of them kept me very busy," Smith said. "I think my EVP position is the most demanding leadership position that I have held so far. It pushes me out of my comfort zone. I am an introvert, and I like to

hide out in my room a lot, but this position allows me to meet new people. This is also a very new environment for me since I have never been a part of school government until now. It is unlike any position I have held, and I am enjoying it!"

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Smith's main responsibility as EVP is overseeing Student Senate and making sure the voice of the student body is heard. "My main goal this year is to help students be more proactive in making changes on campus," she said. "I want students to feel like they can voice their concerns and actually see changes happen." Regardless of whether they are a senator, Smith hopes students will

approach her to share their opinions.

"If you have any concerns, please reach out to me or a senator," she continued. "We would love to hear from you, especially me! I am here to help you create a campus where you can thrive as a student, faculty member or staff member. Please let me know how I can help you reach that goal!" ■



Student Association Executive Vice President Emily Smith

COMMUNITY

# PUC Offers Community Outreach on Service Day

By Madison Brogan

On the morning of Thursday, Oct. 13, students, faculty and staff participated in the annual Service Day. All classes before noon were canceled to allow students and faculty to get involved. Volunteers had the opportunity to utilize their unique strengths

and talents with the plethora of service options offered in different communities across the Napa Valley.

In introducing the event, Professor Tuwan Ussery, assistant professor of social work and the director of service learning,

stated that, "Students will be able to use their skills and their talents by applying the knowledge they learned in the classroom to the community. And we also follow the words found in Acts 20:35 that, "It is more blessed than it is to receive."

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## COMMUNITY

# Renowned Organist Performs at PUC

By Madison Brogan

Celebrated organist Hans U. Hielscher performed on the college's Rieger organ in the PUC church on Saturday, Oct. 8, as part of the Music on the Mountain series.

Hielscher, who has performed 3,800 recitals around the world and has completed 72 concerts tours in the United States, served as organist to the Marktkirche—a Protestant church in Wiesbaden, Germany—from 1979 to 2006. The Marktkirche is renowned for both its neo-Gothic architecture and concerts performed on its famous Walcker organ.

President Ralph Trecartin introduced Hielscher with a short Q&A session, which included the question of which of the countless organs Hielscher has played over the decades was his favorite. Hielscher replied that asking him to name his favorite organ was akin to asking a mother to name her favorite child. He went on to explain that every organ is a unique instrument and is customized for the room where it's played.

Reminiscing about concerts he has given, Hielscher recalled once performing his own arrangement of "Amazing Grace," only to be met by silence at the end. Surprised, he remained seated at the organ unsure of what to do when suddenly countless resounding cries of "Amen" rang out from the audience.

Saturday's audience consisted of community members, faculty and

PUC students. The program was also live-streamed, allowing those at home not only to hear the music but also to see Hielscher's hands simultaneously work the keys, pull the stops and turn the pages of the sheet music while his feet worked the pedals.

The program consisted of five pieces, beginning with Denis Bedard's "Suite pour orgue" which was followed by the gospel hymn "How Great Thou Art"—one of the few songs that, depending on the organ, Hielscher said could bring him to tears. Lester Groom's "Gothic Fanfare," which was more reminiscent of a dramatic march than traditional organ fanfare, was the third piece in the program. Hielscher then performed Enrico Pasini's "Suite for Organ." Pasini, who hailed from the Italian island of Sardinia, passed away two months prior to Saturday's performance and had been "a dear, close friend" of Hielscher who performed the piece in his memory.

Hielscher closed with a composition of his own titled "Scottish Rhapsody." Describing Scotland as one of his favorite countries in Europe, his piece contains six famous Scottish folk tunes including "Scotland the Brave," "Annie Laurie," "The Flowers of Edinburgh," "Loch Lomond," "Auld Lang Syne" and "The Hundred Pipers." Perhaps the most remarkable part of the



Hans Hielscher at the Marktkirche's Walcker organ in Wiesbaden, Hesse, Germany.

*Photo Credit: hielscher-music.de/*

performance was Hielscher's ability to work the organ in such a way that portions of the piece sounded as though bagpipes were being played.

Hielscher is the published composer of some 50 works for the organ and was awarded the Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres by the French government in 1985 for his worldwide promotion of French organ music.

PUC periodically brings in celebrated artists to perform on the Rieger organ. The organ, installed between the spring and summer of 1981, remains one of the largest mechanical track action pipe organs in the western United States. Hielscher gave his first performance on PUC's Rieger organ during the 1980s and his most recent performance prior to Oct. 8 was in March 2020. ■

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The offerings included both PUC-led initiatives and nonprofit organization projects.

One such effort coordinated by PUC, in partnership with the Land Trust of Napa County, had volunteers clear the brush and routes around Linda Falls to keep the paths clear and to reduce the risk of fires spreading.

Freshman volunteer Sam Parker worked on trail brushing and blackberry bush removal. "Overall, it was a good experience," he said. "It was nice to be outside, do

something for the community and clean up a trail we hike regularly."

Similar efforts were made at the Napa Valley Vine Trail, the Bothe-Napa Valley State Park, and at school campuses in the Calistoga Joint Unified School District.

Freshman allied health major Luke Selby served at the Yountville Veterans Home, where there were several tasks to choose from. Selby and Jada Sails, a freshman film major, chose to work in the cemetery cleaning tombstones and pulling weeds—"beautifying the area," said Sails.

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Alex Chuquimia (L) and T.J. Ussery (R) install metal footprints.

*Photo Credit: Sarah Franklin*



CAMPUS

# Fall Week of Prayer Highlights SA Revival Theme

By Audry Guzman

Theology faculty shed light on this year’s Student Association theme of Revival during fall Week of Prayer from Oct. 10-15. In each service, a different professor introduced a new element of Revival, each aspect also beginning with the letter “R.” Over the course of the week, faculty shared what it means to be spiritually revived, both individually and as a Christian college campus.

Dr. James Wibberding led the first meeting on Monday, speaking about being reset. He explained how Moses had to face many of his fears to follow God. Wibberding specifically focused on how God called Moses to “take the snake by the tail, and become the leader God has called you to be.” He emphasized that revival does not come easily, and that the way for each person to be revived and start anew “is through your fear.”

On Tuesday, theology faculty member and assistant professor of history Laura Wibberding spoke about remembrance. She used the story of Jacob to illustrate how revival must include remembrance, and part of that is accomplished by going back to your roots. Jacob was part of the prophetic family of Abraham and

Isaac, but sometimes he chose to ignore that integral part of himself. Whenever Jacob had doubts, God would show up to remind him of his identity. As Wibberding concluded, God helped Jacob to “remember what was promised.”

Dr. Katrina Blue addressed students on Wednesday, sharing how revival means realignment. She shared a personal story about her experience in a large secular university where the underlying narrative was that God was dead or nonexistent. Blue reconnected to her faith in God upon finding a section in a Christian bookstore entitled “apologetics,” or a defense of Christianity. Here she found like-minded intellectuals who also had struggled and questioned religion just as she had. They helped her process many of her questions and facilitated the conversations she had been craving. Blue shared that it “gave her a hook for her faith.”

It was important to her to have the intellectual conviction before giving her heart and spirit fully to the Lord. Blue encouraged students to realign their faith, and to question when they were struggling in order to find revival.

The daily meeting on Thursday was

replaced by Service Day. Regular meetings continued at vespers when Professor Young-Chun Kim talked about the importance of repentance as part of our revival. Kim gave personal stories and Bible verses to illustrate Jesus’s ministry of the kingdom of heaven being grounded in repentance. This new life through repentance was important for Jesus’s disciples to understand. Kim explained that “when Jesus forgives us he asks us to respond in love.”

Saturday morning’s service marked the conclusion of Week of Prayer, with Professor Ross Winkle speaking not only for the students but the PUC church congregation. In his sermon, Winkle focused on how once we have revival, we need to be refreshed. He visited the controversial story of Jesus cursing a fig tree and explained how Jesus was illustrating spiritual death.

Winkle shared that Jesus was making a point about our need to be spiritually reinvigorated, and this invigoration leads to the refreshment we need to continue our calling. “Ask for it, and the spirit will come to you, and then you will be refreshed,” he said. ■

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Selby enjoyed the experience, sharing “I like the history of cemeteries and I think it was a special experience to be able to respect the dead.”

Sails agreed, saying it was “more somber—but in a nice way—than I thought it was going to be.”

“It was also really cool because that cemetery was one of the only ones in the whole country who took in Buffalo soldiers, who were an all-Black battalion that fought in the American Indian Wars,” Sails explained. “It was just really cool to view that part of that history.” ■



Students at the Napa Valley Vine Trail volunteer site.



## CAMPUS

# Where and What Next? Grad Fair Informs Students of their Post-College Options



Students stop by the various graduate school fair booths.

By Lauren VandenHoven

Career Services hosted representatives from colleges and universities who presented their graduate studies programs to current PUC students at the Grad School Fair on Oct. 6, 2022.

Twenty-two colleges and universities showcased various options for graduate education. Additionally, recruitment representatives from branches of the U.S. military shared information regarding scholarships to help students pay for their degree.

Each institution set up a table in the Dining Commons side room and spent the afternoon mingling with interested students. Over 200 students attended the event and they rated their satisfaction with the fair's offerings an average of 4 out of 5 points.

Senior social work major Jaclyn Clark visited the Loma Linda University's table

first, where she learned about their master's program in behavioral health. She then spoke with the adviser for Walla Walla University's master of social work program to learn about their offerings and financial aid. "It was definitely helpful for me to start planning and thinking about applying," Clark commented.

Fifth-year world languages and cultures major Jessica Lopez found surprising connections between her undergraduate courses and some of the programs presented. When asked if the fair helped her with her career considerations and plans for further education, Lopez responded with an emphatic "Yes!"

"I'm interested in medicine, but I went to the Andrews University booth and saw that they have speech pathology," she continued. "I'm a world languages and cultures major, so we're learning about phonetics and the

movement of the mouth, so that interested me. Maybe I'll switch paths or maybe I won't, but it was great information."

Some of the other programs Andrews presented included degrees in architecture and interior design, exercise science, nutrition and health professions.

PUC showcased some of our own graduate studies, including courses in business, education, nursing and global health. At the education table, department chair Dr. Jean Buller shared the importance of teaching because "every subject you love must be passed on from generation to generation."

Education professor Kathleen Jefferson added that "If you finish your four-year degree and you want to stay at PUC one more year to earn your credential, you would finish with a master of arts in teaching, and that puts you ahead in the pay scale as a beginner teacher."

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Fellow Adventist institutions La Sierra University and Walla Walla University highlighted their degree offerings as well. La Sierra presented programs in business, English, religion and education, while Walla Walla showcased degrees in engineering, biology, education, cinema, religion and social work.

Loma Linda University sent representatives from the Schools of Public Health, which offers programs in Global Health, Epidemiology, Nutrition, Health Education and Healthcare administration. A School of Pharmacy representative was also available and shared that becoming a pharmacist deserves consideration because it is a healthcare career with “great work-life balance.” She also explained the value of being “the most accessible member of the healthcare team.”

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“While you might have to have an appointment to meet with a physician, nurse, or dentist, you can walk into a pharmacy and speak with the pharmacist right away,” she continued. “So you’re able to get really good advice and medical help, which is something really cool that pharmacists are able to provide.”

University of Southern California also showcased their school of pharmacy. “What I’m hoping students learn is that the profession of pharmacy is extremely broad,” their representative explained. “You can work for government, industry, technology ... and that’s on top of the community and clinical settings.” He also mentioned the resources USC provides, such as alumni networking and global opportunities. “There’s a lot that we can do to make sure that students are successful in this profession,” he said.

Samuel Merritt University presented about their various healthcare studies, including second degree programs in nursing and programs in physical therapy,

occupational therapy, physician assistant and podiatric medicine. “We know you have a strong health sciences program here at PUC,” their representative noted, “but we would welcome students who are interested in some of the things that we offer that PUC doesn’t.”

Dominican University of California’s graduate programs included studies in business, psychology, art therapy, education and health sciences. “We have something for everyone,” their representative noted. “We hope we can be able to find the right fit for the students because that’s what’s most important.”

University of the Pacific featured programs in business, computer science and engineering, education, health sciences, psychology, dentistry, law and pharmacy. They also showcased their McGeorge School of Law offering specialization in business law and “related areas such as entertainment, employment, banking or real estate law.”

McGeorge’s representative discussed the school’s practical opportunities and community feel. “If you’re wanting to go into the courtroom and have experiential learning requirements done, that’s always good. We offer a lot of provisional pro bono work in our clinics, and different certificates of concentration,” she said. “But the biggest thing to take away is that we’re very community-driven. If you want to hide in the back of your classroom, we’re not the place to do it. We have such strong connections with our students and the staff.”

Touro University of California’s graduate studies included osteopathic medicine, pharmacy, nursing, public health, physician assistant, teaching credentials, behavior analysis, equity diversity and inclusive education.

California State University Long Beach offered an online program for earning a master of science in emergency services administration.

West Coast University highlighted their programs in advanced nursing, occupational therapy, physical therapy, public health, administration and physician assistant.

Marshall B. Ketchum University featured programs in optometry, physician assistant, and pharmacy.

UC Davis highlighted their courses in medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine



La Sierra rep. Sarah Spencer talks with a student.

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and nursing.

Notre Dame De Namur University showcased their education program.

Western University of Health Science displayed their degrees in exercise science, health and nutrition.

San Jose State University offered over 100 graduate programs, boasting of their location

in the “technology hub of California.”

For follow up information regarding the career fair or other questions regarding jobs and graduate studies, contact the Career and Counseling Center at [career@puc.edu](mailto:career@puc.edu) or stop by their office at West Hall on Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m.–5 p.m. or Friday from 9 a.m.–4 p.m. ■



A student stops by the U.S. Air Force booth.



Ugonna Nathan speaks with a grad school representative.

### NOW HIRING

The office of **Service Learning** has a **Food Pantry Assistant position** open for student workers. Duties include: assisting customers with food items, casework services, scheduling and other minor office tasks.

The office of **Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI)** has a **DEI Assistant position** open for student workers. Duties include: posting announcements, scheduling and other minor front desk duties.

For more job listings and further information, visit:  
<https://puc.joinhandshake.com/stu>

### FIND THE ANSWER, WIN FREE COFFEE

In each issue we'll ask you a question with the answer hidden somewhere in the paper. The first to find the answer and DM us on Instagram @pucchronicle will win a free drink at the Grind!

**This week's question is: What was Emily Smith's position in the orchestra?**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Night Corn Maze at the Petaluma Pumpkin Patch

Saturday, Oct. 22

Transportation leaving  
campus at 7 p.m.

#### Lise Deschamps Ostwald & William Corbett Jones

**Piano Concert**

Sunday, Oct. 23

4 p.m. in Paulin Hall

#### Vitalant Blood Drive

Thursday, Oct. 27

Dining Commons A & B

#### Pumpkin Carving and Costumes

Thursday, Oct. 27

6 p.m. in the Dining Commons

#### Athletic Vespers

Friday, Oct. 28

8 p.m. in the Dauphinee Chapel