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**Resident Artist in Music Asher Raboy conducts the choral and orchestra their performance of "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" as the SA team is anointed.**

**By Abigail Mayan**

The bimonthly Community series reconvened Thursday, Sept. 29, with Opening Convocation. The service began with the procession of faculty and staff in academic regalia taking their places in the sanctuary, accompanied by Gregory Bietz on the organ. Academic Dean Milbert Mariano then introduced this year's incoming freshmen—

the class of 2026—to PUC President Ralph Trecartin who delivered the opening address.

The majority of the ceremony focused on the commissioning of the various departments and groups on campus, including the arts and humanities, nursing and health sciences, professional studies, math and sciences, students still deciding on their course of

study, PUC staff and alumni. The speakers for these categories described the unique forms of service required in each of these career fields and communities and charged members with serving their career field and communities to the best of their abilities.

The commissioning was followed by the dedication of the Student Association officers

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## FROM THE EDITOR

The last three weeks have been some of the busiest of my entire college experience. From leadership training and the Albion retreat, to orientation, to the first two week of classes and to preparing the first issue of the Campus Chronicle for the 2022-2023 academic year, there has been little time for reflection.

At this time last year, we had just arrived back on campus after a COVID-induced, 18-month hiatus and were still in a period of uncertainty and fear. The fear of what the future might hold—whether it be another massive fire or another wave of the pandemic—was palpable. That is why I find this year’s theme for campus leaders—Brave Enough—so poignant. While unforeseen disasters will always be with us, society has collectively found ways to adapt and press forward—something which we as a student body must carry over to campus life.

And so far, I believe we have been doing a great job of pressing forward. We have

managed to focus on the positives that already exist and the positives yet to come. However, as we enthuse over the good, we don’t want to risk ignoring the negatives.

Well over a hundred years ago, Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis wrote, “Sunlight is said to be the best of disinfectants.” As your editor this year, I hope to shed sunlight on some of the less positive issues facing our campus. My hope is that the CC team and I can purposefully address areas of conflict and friction with the goal of making our small corner of the world a better place to live and learn. In doing so, my team and I hope to help empower you—a member of the PUC student body—to be informed, involved, and, most of all, brave enough to bring about changes to make your corner of our campus a better place.

*Sincerely,  
Madison Brogan  
Editor-in-Chief*



## FEATURE

# New Athletics Director Shares Department Updates

By Audry Guzman

As student athletes return to campus and get busy making new friends and adjusting to packed schedules, the athletics department staff is working hard to support the athletes as they manage their team commitments along with their academic responsibilities.

The men’s and women’s soccer team players returned to campus on July 31 and were soon joined by cross country, volleyball and basketball team members to begin training for the 2022-23 season.

PUC’s newly appointed Athletic Director J.R. Rogers has been heavily involved with the athletes’ arrival and training.

Rogers, who also serves as associate vice president for student life and most recently served as the interim vice president of student life, has witnessed student athletes juggle

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Rogers (R) and the Pioneer student athletes pose for a group photo on Sept. 13.

Photo Credit: Bob Wilson



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who were invited on stage by Pastor Ernest Furness and Dr. James Wibberding. Furness addressed the officers, stating, “You have been called to a ministry here in this school. It maybe came through an election, but, nevertheless, God has placed you here to serve this community.”

To signify the level of commitment necessary to their positions of service, Furness announced that each SA officer would be anointed with oil. “Oil was used for healing, which we think of as for somebody who is sick... but it is more than that,” Furness said.

“The Samaritan on the road to Jericho found a wounded man and used oil to help heal the wounds,” Furness explained. “When you are anointed, the anointing oil represents the healing you can bring to the student community and to the church community

here on campus. We also see anointing for service, of course. Priests were anointed, kings were anointed and even prophets were anointed at times. You are anointed to serve.” Furness concluded by describing each SA officer’s role as not being a position of authority or power, but a position by which to minister to his or her particular community.

Furness and Wibberding then anointed each SA officer on the forehead while PUC’s Resident Artist in Music Asher Raboy conducted the orchestra and chorale as they performed “Great Is Thy Faithfulness.” The ceremony concluded with a prayer of blessing from board chair Dr. Sandy Roberts and with the ringing of the Healdsburg Bell to signify the beginning of the 2022-23 academic year. ■



**McGuire (L) and Wibberding (R)  
in academic regalia**



**(Left to right) Emily Smith, Ashley Castro-Rodriguez, Eden Salazar, Marguerite McHenry,  
and Fabiola Ixcot prepare to be anointed by Pastor Ernest Furness**

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demanding class schedules with equally rigorous team practices and games. Rogers quickly realized that the college needed to provide more resources to help these “student leaders who have to also be good at their craft” succeed. He believes that “they have to have the resources and time to be able to accomplish all of these roles at high levels.”

As a result, Rogers and other faculty and staff members, including Faculty Athletic Representative and communication professor Tammy McGuire, dedicated part of their

summer to fine-tuning the student athletic program.

Some of the resources incorporated into the program include increased academic support, study halls, tutoring sessions, grade monitoring, a review of current PUC policies regarding student athletes and an updated student athlete handbook.

According to Rogers, McGuire has been instrumental in developing missed class forms that student athletes can share with their professors in advance of away games,

and suggesting channels by which the athletes can communicate with their professors about upcoming assignments and quizzes to mitigate confusion and encourage accountability from all parties.

As the year progresses and our student athletes juggle life on the court, on the field, and in the classroom, Rogers hopes the PUC community will continue to come out and support the Pioneers. ■



## CONVERSATION

# How to Protect Yourself from Getting Hooked by a Phishing Scam

By Lauren VandenHoven

If you have found yourself receiving a higher quantity of scam emails containing phishing links in your PUC Outlook inbox as of late, you are not alone. However, despite the uptick, there are currently systems in place and precautions students, faculty and staff should be aware of to ensure that their accounts are not compromised.

David Rai, Director of Technology and Innovation, described phishing as “a deliberate and malicious attempt to collect personal information, anything that is personally identifiable.” Personal details so-called phishers attempt to collect may include passwords, credit card numbers, social security numbers, addresses, dates of birth, and any other information which is privileged and generally private.

Rai explained that phishers are “bad actors working for either a nation-state, a malicious ring of perpetrators, or just an individual trying to make a quick buck.” He said the scammers’ intent is to collect information they can use to open bank accounts or credit cards, to commit identity theft, or for a number of other possible purposes.

The notable increase in phishing attempts over the past couple of years, according to Rai, is largely due to factors relating to the pandemic. “Ever since COVID when phishers realized that more people were staying at home and a little bit more available and accessible for phone calls or emails, phishing soared by around 200 percent,” he explained. “So it’s not just PUC, it’s across the world.”

Rai also noted that technological advancement is a key player in the success of phishing since the higher capabilities allow malicious actors to more closely imitate benign messages. “Because they’re getting more and more crafty, we have to be more and more vigilant,” he advised.

Despite the increase in phishing attempts, ITSS has largely been able to keep the threats to PUC student and faculty/staff accounts at bay. Rai explained that the first step in identifying threats is the artificial intelligence provided by their Microsoft protection system. The

software detects correlations of certain events which would indicate phishing and alerts ITSS staff of the issue. If a compromised account sends out enough emails to reach a certain threshold, it is automatically disabled and ITSS checks to determine whether the threat is legitimate and how to proceed. They are also alerted by Microsoft if there is a disparity in geolocation, meaning two emails being sent by the same account in a similar time frame from two separate and distant locations.

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In the event that an account is compromised and not detected and disabled in time, ITSS must trace the messages to find out what privileged information was obtained by the phisher. If needed, ITSS offers third party cyber insurance, which provides identity protection service that will alert the individual if there is an attempt by an outside party to use their information.

This rarely occurs, however, as the threat detection system ITSS employs is nearly always successful. For example, data showed that on Sept. 2, Microsoft detected and blocked 2,771 spam emails; 4,674 phishing emails; and 18 emails containing malware. Rai added that enabling multi-factor authentication on PUC accounts “has reduced our students from getting hacked by over 99%.”

In addition to protections provided by ITSS, there are measures PUC students, staff and faculty can take to ensure that their information remains secure. Rai listed five criteria to be aware of which may be signs of a phishing attempt:

Be aware of all look-alike email addresses. “Sometimes they’ll spoof an email address such as itss@puc.edu.gmail.com,” he said,

“and at a quick glance, it looks like it’s legitimate, but it doesn’t match up exactly with our puc.edu domain.”

Look for the external banner which appears on messages that come from outside of PUC. “If you get an email from the academic dean but it has an external banner, then you know that is not truly coming from the academic dean,” Rai explained.

If an email asks for personal information such as social security or credit card numbers or dates of birth, it is not from a PUC organization. “Student finance, if they require that information, will reach out directly to the student via phone call,” Rai said.

Be concerned if a message asks for an account password. “If we need to fix or reset a password, IT will never ask you for your password [via email], and we will never ask you for a social security or a date of birth,” he said. “So if you see any of those things occur, that is a red flag immediately.”

Finally, be wary of job offers sent through email as most PUC job offers are processed through Handshake. Job opportunities are a common lure used by phishers to obtain privileged information.

In summary, Rai expressed that “the first line of defense is to always be suspicious of any email, and make sure that it comes from a legitimate and trusted source.”

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If a student suspects that they may have received a phishing message, they should contact ITSS to verify whether the email was malicious and to determine the protective measures they will need. ■



## COMMUNITY

# Annual Club Rush Introduces Students to Revamped Campus Organizations

By Lauren Jones

Students had the opportunity to learn about clubs PUC has to offer during Club Rush in the gym on Thursday, Sept. 29. The event featured booths run by club officers, sponsors and members whose passions ranged from film to martial arts.

This year, the campus club system and rules have been restructured with the biggest change relating to club fees. “Each student is now entitled to join a maximum of two clubs or organizations completely free of charge, as club dues have all been standardized and drawn directly from tuition,” says Director of Student Involvement Niq Ruud. The goal of this financial restructuring is to provide a more equitable source of income for clubs and other student-run organizations at PUC.

One featured club was the Shinwa-Kai JiuJitsu Club. Club sponsor and professor of biology John Duncan explained that the club focuses on Danzan-ryū jujitsu, which was developed by Master Seishiro Okazaki. Duncan said the club’s uniqueness comes from its focus on Japanese jujitsu rather than Brazilian jujitsu. Its emphasis on the original form of this martial art is a draw for students with an interest in learning jujitsu.



(Left to right) Nayelli Garcia, Catherine Garcia, Joanna Ruiz, Alondra Zepeda, Esteban Ramirez pose at the SOL Club table.

The Biology Club drew in new members from a variety of departments. Club President Drielly Martins explained that the science-focused club is not only for biology majors, but also for anyone interested in being part of an eclectic group. “We are a really fun, lively club, and we are excited to have a variety of students with us,” she said. The Biology Club runs several events throughout the school year, from night hikes to game nights.

Louise Ha, vice president of the Vietnamese Students Association (VSA), told event-goers that the VSA is known for its “excellent food and bright, cheerful members.” VSA’s goal is to educate students on Vietnamese culture as well as support the Vietnamese students on campus. “It’s educational, it’s fun, [and] it’s a great cultural experience,” Ha said. “It’s a great way for people to learn from their community.”

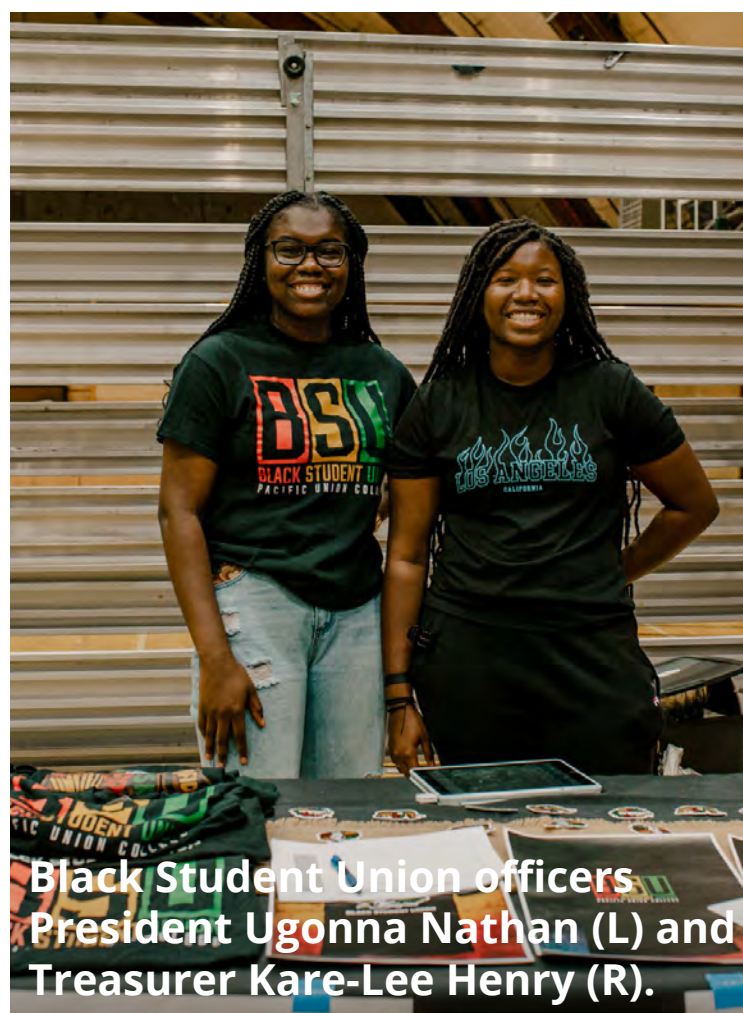
For those passionate about history, the History Club has a variety of activities planned for this academic year, including trips to Angel Island and Fort Ross that will provide a hands-on history education. “We are actually going to spend a whole weekend [in Fort Ross],” said Isai Martinez, president of the History Club. Martinez added that the

club has boasted many successful events in the past, such as their foreign film nights.

This year, the previously separate social work and psychology clubs made the decision to combine their two clubs into one, allowing for the group to discuss matters within their adjacent departments. Arianna Amato, a member of the new Psychology and Social Work Club, explained that it is a good place for students to exchange information about their departments and discuss how to reach out to students in need.

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One thing that all clubs have in common is their eagerness to welcome in new students. Students who are interested in joining one of PUC’s many clubs may join by contacting an officer or sponsor. ■



**Black Student Union officers President Ugonna Nathan (L) and Treasurer Kare-Lee Henry (R).**



## CAMPUS

# SA Block Party Kicks Off This Year's Social Activities

By Audry Guzman

The Student Association threw a block party between Paulin Hall and the gymnasium with bounce houses, tricycle racing, tie-dye and pizza on Sunday, Oct. 2.

The goals of this childhood dream-like party, according to Social Vice President Eden Salazar, was to get people feeling “young and excited” and to provide party-goers the opportunity to “come and do fun things you haven’t done in a while.” The activities were meant to bring about the spirit of restoration which the SA team hopes to cultivate with their “Revival” theme this year.

In preparation, Salazar and her team spent time researching vendors for the inflatables, organizing food orders, and going through the SA storage space to gather and repurpose resources such as the tie-dye and fabric supplies.

Party activities included four-person jousting, a bounce house and tricycle racing with students challenging their friend groups to some fun competition. When not competing, students relaxed over food and drinks.

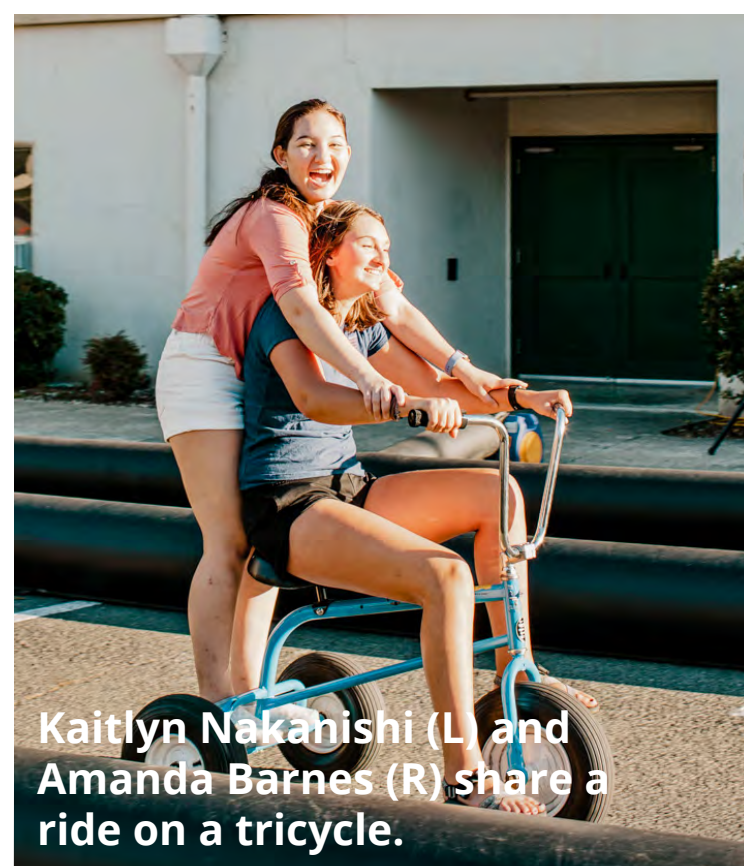
Nursing and health sciences major Jasmine Wood said that the party was “a fun way to get out of my room and books and enjoy a moment with friends.” When asked who won the grueling tricycle race she attempted with



(Left to right) SA President Alex Chuquimia, MVP Natalia Gomez, TJ Ussery, Chelsea Ussery, and Jaclyn Clark partake in the Block Party pizza.



Bianca Franco (L) and Ximena Ruiz (R) design their own shirts.



Kaitlyn Nakahishi (L) and Amanda Barnes (R) share a ride on a tricycle.

her friends, Wood joked, “Ha, not me!”

Social work major Chelsea Ussery said between laughs that the bounce house slide “challenged her acrobatic abilities,” but that it also helped her to better trust herself and her peers.

Attendance at the event was lower than

expected because of the soccer team’s away game and other students opting to participate in beach day. Some students expressed a wish to see longer hours for these kinds of events.

The overall consensus, however, of those able to attend was that the party was a fun-filled afternoon. ■



## CAMPUS

# College Assembly Introduces “Brave Enough” Leadership Theme to Faculty and Staff

By Madison Brogan

This academic year’s first College Assembly convened on Tuesday, Oct. 4, to discuss plans and share information for the 2022-2023 academic year.

After a recap of the faculty’s Amazing Race activity which occurred prior to freshman orientation, Winning Hall Dean Rebecca Seibert gave the welcome address and a devotional. She reviewed the joint leadership training at Albion for the Student Association and the resident hall assistants, and shared this year’s theme for faculty, staff and student leaders: Brave Enough.

Seibert stated that PUC focuses on several missions, from creating a Christ-centered learning environment to empowering students to go out into the world and make a difference. She believes the work of an educator can be captured in one simple, three-word phrase that encapsulates the pursuits of the college: educating for eternity.

According to Seibert, this is mostly achieved through the unique relationships forged at PUC. What makes a difference for students is the genuine one-on-one connections made in classrooms, residence halls and professors’ offices. She encouraged staff and faculty members to be brave enough to be vulnerable and transparent with students because, while they interact with students as individuals and groups differently, they all minister to students in areas where they can personally

connect with them.

Following Seibert’s words, President Ralph Trecartin shared beginning-of-year announcements. Most notable was the preliminary enrollment information, with this year’s enrollment up by an estimated seven percent—a figure which will be confirmed on campus census day which takes place Monday, Oct. 10. In contrast, other colleges and universities nationwide have seen declining enrollment rates over the past few years, making this uptick particularly encouraging for PUC.

The college also plans to expand through an ongoing collaborative effort with the North American Division of the Adventist Association of Colleges and Universities to offer career-advancing, non-credit certificate programs. The two main areas of focus will be healthcare and technology. The healthcare program will include dental assistant, medical assistant, patient care technician, healthcare IT, physical therapy aid, pharmacy tech, sterile process technician, healthcare administrator and health unit coordinator courses. The technology program will offer classes in data science, cybersecurity, software development and project management. Trecartin stated that these offerings will be particularly beneficial to PUC with its current connections to healthcare and its close proximity to Silicon Valley. ■

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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!

**On what date did the men and women’s soccer team players arrive back on campus?**



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SOME MAY DO THIS, OTHERS MAY NOT... NO. 8 BY M.W.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

WIDE AWAKE

GOT TO CLASS 20 MINUTES EARLY

PROBABLY HAD A FULL BREAKFAST BEFORE THIS

ALREADY TAKING NOTES

GOT TO CLASS A MINUTE BEFORE IT BEGAN

ALREADY TIRED

ONLY BROUGHT A PENCIL

RUNNING ON A SLICE OF CHEESE

GOING TO CLASS

OH NO! I'M A MINUTE LATE!!

WAIT, DON'T YOU HAVE CLASS RIGHT NOW?

OHHHHH YEAH...

omg!

BRUH

THE SIREN

WEEWOOOO WEEWOOOO

ARE WE GOING TO DIE

WEEWOOOO WEEWOOOO

zzzz

TALKING TO PROFESSORS

hello...

YOU CAN COME IN...

CAN I PLEASE GET A REFERENCE LETTER FROM YOU..?

PLEASE STOP



Students tumble on the bubble soccer field.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Chillin' Under the Stars

Saturday, Oct. 8  
7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Grove

Week of Prayer

Monday, Oct. 10  
—Friday, Oct. 14

Service Day

Thursday, Oct. 13

NATS Concert

Sunday, Oct. 16  
3:00 p.m. in Paulin Hall



(Left to right) Audry Guzman, Arianna Amato, and Abraham Garrido represent the Psychology-Social Work Club.