# WHAT'S NEW

# AT PACIFIC UNION COLLEGE

### PUC JOINS MARANATHA ON A MEMORABLE MISSION TRIP TO

PUCALLPA From March 21 to 31, three professors and 13 students from Pacific Union College served in the sweltering Amazon basin of Pucallpa, Peru. With Maranatha organizing the mission trip, they brought leaders and a construction team to supervise their work on a church. While PUC's mission trips have always provided healthcare services, Vacation Bible School, and construction work, this year, academy students joined them for the first time since 2015.

## **QUALIFIED PUC STUDENTS IN RELAUNCHED ENGINEERING TRACK** NOW GUARANTEED ADMISSION INTO ANDREWS UNIVERSITY'S **ENGINEERING PROGRAM** Pacific

Union College has relaunched its Associate of Science in Engineering degree-and now, qualified students entering the program will be guaranteed admission into Andrews University's Bachelor of Science in Engineering program through a newly signed Guaranteed Admission Agreement.

#### HOMECOMING: REMINISCING THE **PUC EXPERIENCE** Pacific Union

College was excited to welcome back over 250 alumni to Howell Mountain during Homecoming weekend. From April 18 to 19, alumni reconnected with the campus community and friends through numerous events, activities, and gatherings.

### **PUC ESTABLISHES MASTER OF** ARTS IN COMMUNICATION ONLINE

**PROGRAM** Pacific Union College is proud to announce a new online Master of Arts in Communication program, currently the only Seventhday Adventist institution to offer this degree. The program is for working professionals who want practical skills in digital communication, media strategy, leadership, and analytics. It equips graduates to excel in dynamic communication roles across industries, including healthcare and denominational employment.

# **PUC'S FILM DEPARTMENT WINS AWARDS & RECEIVES FUNDING AT SONSCREEN** The film department

from Pacific Union College had a lot to celebrate at this year's Sonscreen Film





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Festival at Loma Linda University. From April 3-6, PUC film students presented their work, networked with fellow filmmakers, and returned to campus with awards. PUC film students Josue Hilario (A Better View), Fabiola Ixcot (What If...), Alex Parriott (This is Real), Nils Anderson (Decisions), Jacob Capiña (Second Self), and Melaney Klinedinst (Ego) showcased their films, alongside alum Melody Park who also presented her film. The Bard of the Mountain Valley.

#### **PUC CELEBRATES A REMARKABLE SEASON FOR STUDENT-ATHLETES**

On Sunday, May 4, the athletics department at Pacific Union College hosted its annual awards banquet at the Fireside Room to celebrate and recognize all 114 student-athletes. 29 students received awards from PUC, and 18 were given awards from the California Pacific Conference for their exceptional performances this year.

#### "I KNOW THIS IS MY CALLING"

Nancy O'Connell joined members of her nursing department on a mission trip to Fiji last March. Growing up in Newport Beach, she had done mission trips with her church, but different than this one. In Fiji, Nancy found this trip all hands on deck, realizing that some work would require her to "MacGyver" specific assignments and be resourceful with limited supply. She volunteered to help run the dental clinic, handled the "autoclave" for the dentist, and was able to complete her community health requirements before graduating with her BSN this year.

# **PUC'S EDUCATION DEPARTMENT** HOSTS WORKSHOP DURING MUSIC

FESTIVAL Pacific Union College hosted a music festival for several academies throughout California

in March. During the event, PUC's Department of Education partnered with the music department to provide a workshop for visiting teachers led by Jennifer Peñaflorida, associate professor of education, and Nicole Nunes-Smith, assistant professor and education director of field experience.

## SENIOR SHARES BENEFITS OF PUC'S BIOLOGY PROGRAM Spencer

Gibb is finishing the last year of his undergraduate program as a biology pre-dentistry major. What he appreciates the most about PUC's biology department is how supportive everyone is and how much they helped him grow more than he could on his own.

#### **PUC IS FOR EVERYONE**

This is our promise to our Adventist community.

We want all students to be able to receive a high-quality Christian education. PUC offers a full-tuition scholarship for four years to all students of excellent character. strong academic achievement, and high financial need.

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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

JUNE 13-15: PUC Graduation Weekend

**SUMMER PROGRAMS - Grades 6-12** June 29 - July 4: PQSeek July 6 - 11: PQRise, PQSoar, PQFlix

#### **AUGUST 21-24**:

Birding Bonanza & Alumni Retreat