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President's Message

The new school year has started, and our students are settling back onto campus. I know the past two years have been hard on us, but after a refreshing summer break, we are beginning to recover and come out on top. I am beyond grateful and feel very blessed by our faculty and staff dedicating every minute they had available to revive our campus with new projects and goals.

Two of these projects have focused on remodeling and refurbishing sections of Davidian Hall and Paulin Hall. Classrooms and an auditorium in both buildings will receive makeovers, including updated classroom equipment. Serving our students is our highest priority, and giving them the best possible learning atmosphere and experience is so important. I can't wait to see our students flourish under these new conditions.

The results from all our hard work have certainly changed the atmosphere and brought encouragement to all involved. But, we must give God the credit for the things He is doing in the lives of our students. I have been shocked at the electrifyingly positive outcomes we have seen already. We had three times as many students participating in our collegiate Sabbath School class as compared to last year. Maybe this is simply the result of great planning and organization by our new Vice President for Student Life Dr. Ryan Smith. But I believe that he and the rest of us are working in harmony with the Holy Spirit, and students are responding.

The first church service before classes started had a record number of students in attendance, and one of our dorm worship services had standing room only during

the first week of classes. J.R. Rogers, our associate vice president of student life, sent me a photo and declared that "never in 20 years have I seen this room this full." Was it pancakes? Could it be that the students came to listen to Dean Hernan? Or was it God at work? I believe it is a combination of all three. We are blessed!

At the end of last school year, I was overjoyed to see four Sabbaths in a row in which we had PUC student baptisms. For example, on one Sabbath, four of our students committed their hearts to God by getting baptized! Each initiated this journey through Bible studies with missionaries from Korea who were stationed at the Napa Korean SDA Church. They became knowledgeable of the doctrines of the Adventist church and the biblical rationale behind these doctrines. This is true life renewal. Praise the Lord!

It seems appropriate that our theme this year is "revival!" My hope is to have a campus full of exuberance, life-altering positive experiences, and amazing possibilities. "Behold, I am making all things new." Revelation 21:5

I look forward to connecting with you all and sharing more news and celebrations to come.

God Bless,

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PUC GETS SOCIAL



» SEPTEMBER 23, 2022 – **#PUCFamily spotted out and about this week!** PUC alumni and current faculty and staff members: Cliff Rusch, Brian Kyle, and Nic Hubbard enjoying a bike ride in PUC's Back 40!

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#PUCNow #Thursday #ThursdayMotivation #ProudToBeAPioneer #Community #Love #ServiceDay #Ohana #WeLoveOurPUCFamily



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– Matthew Russell, assistant professor of nursing and emergency services

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#PUCNow #PUCFamily #Tuesday #BackToSchool #LearnWithPurpose #RiseInFaith #ServeWithLove #WeLoveOurStudents #ServeWithLove



» SEPTEMBER 16, 2022 – Our @Alumniatpuc team visited #PUCAlumni in Southern California!

“It's always a pleasure to see our PUC fam, including my mentor, Dr. Hemmerlin, who is probably one of the biggest reasons I made it to med school.” – Brad Cacho



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» OCTOBER 7, 2022 – **Week of Welcome 2022!** We're so excited to have our students back on campus and to see what this school year will bring.

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PUC Students Serve in Kenya for Spring Break

Team Baptizes 13 Youth, Supports Community with Building Project and Healthcare Needs

by Ashley Eisele

If you ask Pacific Union College students about their spring break, 22 of them will have an outstanding answer for you! The students dedicated their break to serving with love by joining Professor Floyd Hayes, Ph.D., on a service mission trip to the country of Kenya.

“Our mission trip to Kenya was unforgettable and eye-opening,” said student Drielly Martins.

One objective for the PUC students was to resume an ongoing building project at the Kensington Hall Oloosinon Girls Secondary School. Students from a previous PUC service mission trip began the project at the school, which serves Maasai girls in a rural area of Kenya, in 2019 with the construction of a foundation for the school’s administration building.

Safety concerns related to the Covid-19 pandemic interrupted plans to return to the country for three years, except for one limited trip, so Hayes and the students were excited to resume the project. This year, they assisted with the construction of a new building by digging trenches and pouring concrete.

In addition, Hayes and the students were able to address some of the school’s technology needs. Before the trip, the group acquired 18 laptop computers that they delivered to the school during their visit, and PUC students helped set up a computer lab and assisted in the training of school faculty.

One of the highlights of the trip came when some of the group, including Dr. John Hiss and RN Rita Hiss, volunteered at a local healthcare clinic. They helped deliver



five babies, and two of those babies were named in honor of members of the volunteer team: Nicolette for PUC nursing professor Nicolette Piaubert and Christie for one of the PUC nursing students!

There was a strong spiritual side to the trip as well as students led Vacation Bible School classes for local children. As a special blessing at the end of the ten-day visit, Pastor Vuong Tran baptized 13 of the 75 children who attended the VBS.

“Teaching the children the various parables of Jesus made me reflect on my own understanding of what it means to live like Christ,” said Martins.

This was the 4th international service mission trip organized by Hayes, a professor of biology at PUC, and his specialty was not forgotten amid all the life-changing activities of the trip. Twelve of Hayes’ Tropical Biology course students were able to explore the Kenyan biology, and everyone enjoyed two days of safari where they observed local animals and birds.

“Our students realized more than ever how fortunate they were to be obtaining a Christian education at Pacific Union College,” said Hayes. “This opportunity gave them a chance to experience firsthand the joy of serving others by assisting with development in a rural community in Kenya, Africa. In addition to the personal joy and blessings received, these trips make students more sensitive to the needs of others and more willing to commit time and energy to service. We are very proud of our students and inspired by their willingness to serve others instead of pursuing more self-centered interests during spring break.” 🙌



Q&A with FLOYD HAYES

WHAT DO THESE MISSION TRIPS MEAN FOR THE COLLEGE AND STUDENTS?

Mission trips provide a unique opportunity for students to travel outside of their comfort zone in a country where most people lack the kinds of opportunities available to us here in America, opportunities that we too often take for granted. Students get to interact with these people, forming bonds of friendship and companionship, and become more sensitive to the needs of others. Many students consider mission trips a life-altering experience, fostering a desire to help make the world a better place for others besides themselves.

WHAT SEEMS TO ALWAYS STAND OUT TO YOU THAT MAKES THE TRIP UNFORGETTABLE?

The smiles of the students and the local people who we work with. It inspires me that so many students, instead of partying, spend their time and money during spring break working hard to help improve the lives of people in impoverished communities so far from home. And the friendliness of the local people who we work with reassures me that the world still has many good people who express love to strangers within their gates. Mission trips give me a glimpse of what I hope life will be like in heaven.

WATCH A VIDEO ABOUT THIS MISSION TRIP ON OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL!

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Recovering Our Past

PUC Students Help Reclaim the Critical Role of Women in Adventist History

by Laura Gang

Maud Sisley. Alma McKibbon. Ruth Temple. Adventist women of firsts. Pioneers in mission, education and healthcare, they were once household names. But their stories stopped being told—buried by time and societal change from the church’s collective memory.

As Dr. Jim Wibberding, professor of applied theology and Biblical studies at Pacific Union College, studied the church archives, he discovered the names of women he’d never heard of before. Wibberding was surprised to learn that there were so many women “prominent in shaping Adventism as we know it today.”

He began making a list.

Starting with 50 names, Wibberding organized a course on the History of Adventist Women, dedicated to telling the stories of female leaders who shaped the church’s faith and mission. He invited 14 additional Adventist historians to be guest speakers.

Choosing which women’s biographies to share proved difficult. A dilemma arose, Wibberding said, when almost every presenter had other forgotten female figures to add to the list from their own primary document research.

The problem of underrepresentation of women in history is not singular to the Adventist church. Women have been overlooked throughout the United States and world history. Across the globe, there are concerted efforts to fill these gaps. The first step toward that goal, historians concur, is research and storytelling.

To a class of 25 students, Wibberding and the other historians told stories and shared photographs of over 30

remarkable Adventist women and recounted their often uncredited contributions to the church and its mission.

Maud Sisley left her hometown of Battle Creek, struck out on her own and started mission work in Ohio, then onto Switzerland, England, South Africa, Australia, and beyond. She helped introduce Adventism around the world.

Alma McKibbon wrote the first Adventist elementary school curriculum and became a professor at PUC.

Flora Plummer was “an architect of Sabbath School as we know it today” and served for decades as the sole woman on the General Conference Executive Committee.

Ruth Temple was the first Black woman to graduate from Loma Linda University. From there she devoted herself to helping low-income, underserved communities in Los Angeles receive free and affordable healthcare. Temple opened the first medical clinic in Southeast Los Angeles. Her leadership there, according to historian Dr. Benjamin Baker, eradicated more than one epidemic – including an outbreak of the plague.

Why were these women marginalized? Dr. Michael Campbell, historian and religion professor at Southwestern Adventist University, told the stories of 12 women to Wibberding’s class. Following that experience, he wrote a reflection on the major themes that emerged from his research. Campbell said there are several reasons for women being overlooked or omitted from Adventist history. “Part of it,” he said, “has to do with the [culture] of domesticity and the rise of fundamentalism that eclipsed women in ministry within the church.”

Some missionary women married, and their husband’s stories were glorified without any mention of their contributions. Ana Stahl was initially denied entrance to Battle Creek College because she was already married with a child. Evangelist and pastor Minnie Sype was served with retirement papers from the conference because she remarried at 61 and “had a man to care for her.”

However, like other significant women in our nation’s history, these Adventist leaders found ways to work around gender discrimination. Many female missionaries were especially effective at converting women in other cultures.

Campbell also notes that the Great Awakening created an avenue for women to become Adventist leaders. “Ellen White was actually part of a larger group of women who provided support, evangelism as well as leadership,” he said. She herself advocated for women and their leadership roles in the church.

Wibberding agreed. It was in the decades following White’s death “when Adventism moved away from gender equality and women’s stories stopped being told,” he said.

Students were not just passive listeners in Wibberding’s class. They became storytellers themselves. Each one chose and researched a female Adventist leader and then wrote and submitted a short biography for the Encyclopedia of Seventh-day Adventists.

Ashley Garner, a sophomore studying psychology and English, enjoyed the exploratory part of the class. “We had the chance to not only uncover, but share their history for one of the first times,” Garner said.

Garner researched and wrote about Dr. Theresa Kennedy. A missionary, nurse practitioner and professor, she chaired the nursing departments of three Adventist colleges. In addition to her work, she was a classical pianist.

Like other important Adventist women in history, Kennedy in her lifetime did the work of many people.

“The Adventist Church has always been made up of a majority of women, many of whom have worked within their ability and influence for the mission of the church,” Campbell said. “We need to be intentional in telling their stories.”

Twenty of the PUC students in Wibberding’s class submitted articles to the online encyclopedia, making a significant contribution to scholarship. In researching primary documents from around the world and publishing the stories of extraordinary women, they became active participants in restoring these names to the pages of Adventist history. 🌱



YOU’LL NEVER REGRET GOING ABROAD

ACA Students Share Experiences from Italy

by Ally Romanes

Sarah West graduated from PUC this past school year. She recently returned from spending the majority of her summer studying abroad at Villa Aurora in Italy. Although there were a few setbacks, Sarah believes studying overseas is an incredible experience. “You will never regret going abroad!” she said. Natalia Gomez recently flew back to her hometown of Santa Barbara after spending most of her summer studying abroad at Villa Aurora in Italy. When she applied through ACA (Adventist Colleges Abroad) she didn’t know anyone in the program but decided to take a leap of faith and go on this once-in-a-lifetime adventure before her senior year. She faced her fear and met amazing people on campus, learned Italian, explored new places, and indulged in delicious food every day. Natalia said she couldn’t have asked for a better studying abroad experience.



Q&A with SARAH WEST

BSW & BA in Spanish Studies, PUC '22

HOW WAS YOUR TIME IN ITALY? My time in Italy was amazing, even with the few bumps in the road. I got COVID my first week there, so I had to isolate myself for a week. But once that was over, I was able to return to class. All students take classes in conversation, grammar, art history, and Italian culture. Some are also required to take phonetics. With the ACA program, we visited Cinque Terre, Florence,

Pisa, Rome, Venice, and Siena. All of them are day trips, except Rome, which is an overnight stay.

WHAT MADE YOU WANT TO STUDY IN ITALY?

I loved the ACA Argentina program so much that I knew I wanted to do a summer program before graduating. For me, it was between Italy and Spain. I had heard great things about the Italian cafeteria and that helped me make my choice. I had also been to Italy once before and loved it, so I wanted to spend more time there.

WHAT HAVE BEEN YOUR FAVORITE THINGS ABOUT STUDYING ABROAD IN ITALY?

I have loved learning about different cultures and the history of the countries. I also like meeting people. While I was at the school in Italy, I ran into someone who I had met at the school in Argentina. That was one of the craziest things I will probably ever experience.

DID PUC PLAY A PART IN YOUR PREPARATION FOR ITALY?

Yes, because one of my [PUC] friends had done the ACA Italy year-long program. She gave me the “heads up” on what to expect. I was also able to conquer the hills of Italy due to all the cardio I’ve done running around the PUC campus.



Q&A with NATALIA GÓMEZ

PUC Senior, Graphic Design

WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO STUDY IN ITALY?

My time in Italy has been great! I’ve been able to visit and explore a new Italian city every week as well as really familiarize myself with Florence. It’s pretty exciting to be living in Florence and find my favorite spots to study or get gelato. School in Italy is not structured the same as back home, and learning a new language comes with its challenges, but it has been a lot of fun.

HOW HAS YOUR TIME IN ITALY BEEN?

I would say that I’ve gotten the most practice speaking Italian through talking with salespeople or waiters at restaurants. I didn’t always understand what they were saying at first, but it made for some funny moments. After a few weeks, I got the hang of it. I’m definitely not fluent, but I’ve really enjoyed being able to speak with locals in Italian as best as I can.

WHAT HAVE BEEN YOUR FAVORITE THINGS ABOUT STUDYING ABROAD?

Surprisingly meeting new people has been my favorite thing! I’m actually a pretty shy person and studying in Italy without knowing anyone seemed scary at first. However, I’ve met amazing people while being here—from students to teachers and the volunteers who work on campus! I’ve had so much fun with everyone here that I’ve already made plans to travel and go out with some new friends after returning home!

WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO STUDY IN ITALY?

I have to be honest, the foodie in me is what really determined me to study in Italy. I love pasta and ice cream, and the idea of having the best of the best in Italy? On a regular basis? Sold! I also thought it would be really exciting to make new friends from all over the world. I really enjoyed going on an ADRA missions trip a few years back, and I made incredible friendships from that experience. I was hoping the same with studying abroad! I took a really big leap of faith and decided to go abroad without knowing anyone else in the program. After my time here, I honestly would recommend going—even if you don’t know anyone.

(Responses are lightly edited for length and clarity.)



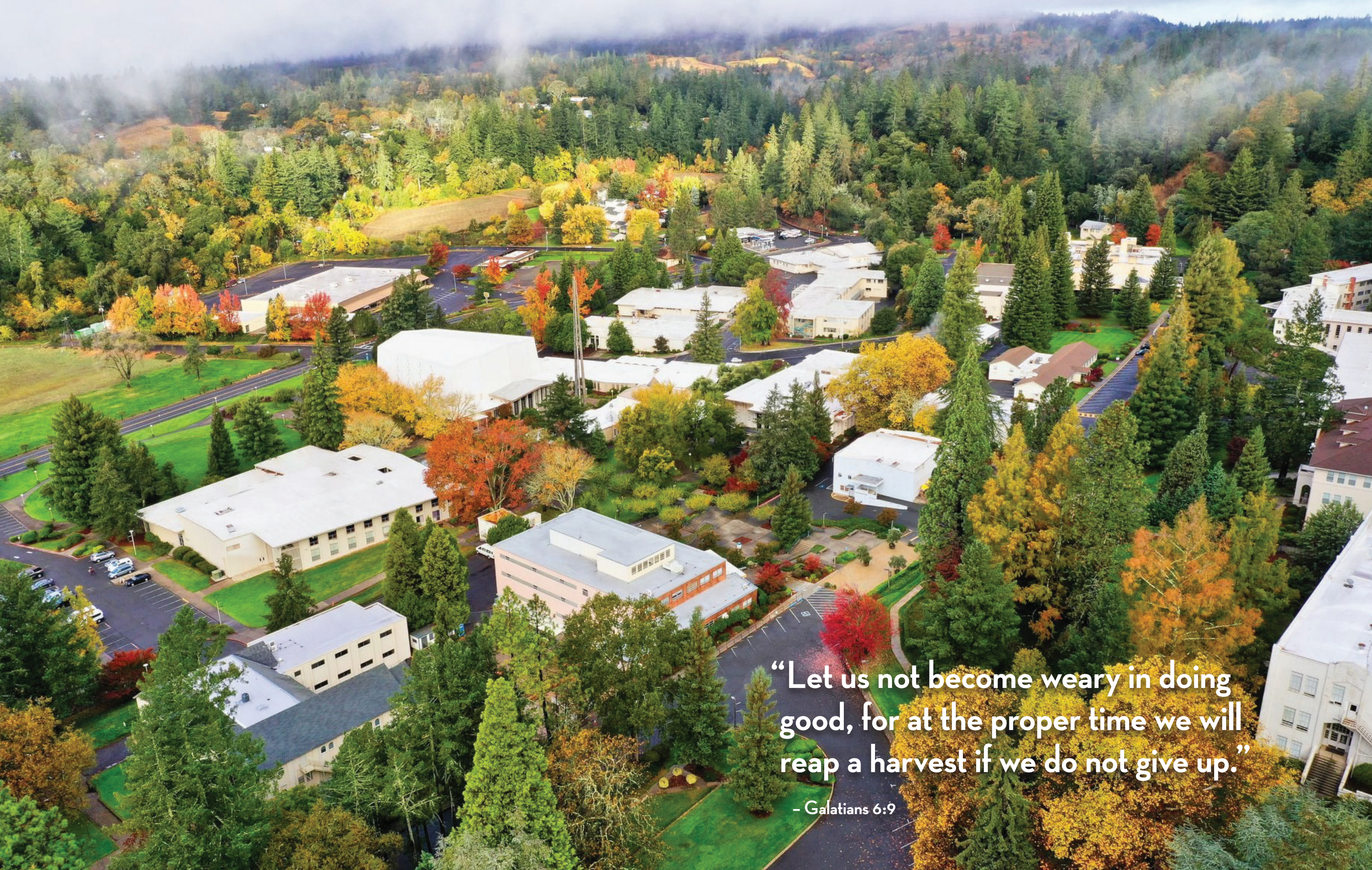
(Left to right) **Sylvia Rasi Gregorutti**, **Sarah West**, and **Natalia Gómez** in Venice, Italy.

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“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”

– Galatians 6:9



A New Sense of Identity

A drive-by shooting altered the life trajectory of two young PUC alumni. Now, Carla and Daniel Monnier are finding purpose amid a new set of challenges.

by Laura Gang

Boy Scout Road is a rural stretch in Apopka, Florida.

Groves of orange trees stand in contrast to their neighbors—unruly throngs of trees that push past property lines and creep over the road’s shoulder.

Live oaks, tinsed with tufts of Spanish moss, spread their wide limbs behind slim-trunked pines. A grizzled palm stands tall even while a coil of kudzu threatens to climb its way to the top.

Every once in a while there’s a clearing, where driveways lead to tired single-story ranch houses.

Carla Monnier took this road home from work every day. She didn’t live there. It was a shortcut between Orlando’s busy highways and southwest Apopka’s modern and serene neighborhoods where she and her husband Daniel lived.

On a Thursday night in mid-October 2018, Carla had finally finished work at the rehab center. Dinner plans with her friend Mollie hadn’t worked out. So she got into her car and began the nearly 20-minute commute home.

Shortly before Carla exited the highway to take her shortcut, Mollie called and they began discussing training plans for an upcoming Ironman race.

Boy Scout Road was dark. There were no streetlights. Carla was just 2 minutes from home when without warning, a car bolted out from a mass of trees and onto the road facing her. Carla braked. She saw flashes. She heard bullets piercing metal and glass. She pulled the steering wheel and swerved right. It took a minute for her to realize what was happening.

“Mollie,” she said frantically, “someone is shooting at me!”

Only one round mattered. A single high-caliber bullet breached the driver’s side door and entered the left side of Carla’s chest, right below her heart. The next few moments syruped into slow motion.

She could see her phone, now flung on the dashboard, lit up in the darkness with Mollie’s name on the screen.

She heard her friend’s distant voice. “Carla, what is happening? Are you okay?” She couldn’t reach for her phone. She couldn’t answer.

The very last thing she did was turn her head to watch the unknown assailant’s car speed off and disappear into the night.

Cars passed by periodically. Each pair of headlights briefly illuminated the motionless car near the side of the road. No one stopped. No one realized inside there was a young woman fighting for her life.

A Journey Starting at PUC

This is not just a story about a drive-by shooting. It’s a story about reckoning. About facing circumstances with honesty and vulnerability.

It’s a story about teamwork. About perseverance that leads to resilience.

For Carla and Daniel Monnier, it’s also a story about how Oct. 18, 2018, is the dividing line between identities.

It’s a story that begins at Pacific Union College.

Carla Bartlett, unlike some freshmen, came to PUC in 2008 confident in who she was. Carla was an athlete.

At Mesa Grande Academy in Calimesa, California, Carla was an All-Victory League player in volleyball, softball and basketball. But her favorite was basketball.

She joined the PUC Pioneers women’s basketball team and logged the most minutes on the court of any player in just her first year. Although she gave it her all, it was a tough season. The Pioneers finished with just 1 win and 23 losses.

But Carla didn’t give up. She worked harder. During the offseason, she improved her game and her physical fitness. The 5-foot-4-inch point guard began her sophomore year as team captain.

“She’s one of the best players I’ve ever had,” then-Coach George Barcenás told *The Weekly Calistogan* in 2010. “She has a head for the game.”

Carla said she became a smarter player. Success depended on teamwork. Yes, she scored the most points in nearly every game. But that wasn’t her goal. For her, it was the assists.

“That’s what means more to me,” she told the *Napa Valley Register* in 2011. “The assists are definitely more valuable to me because they help your teammates get better.”

In her four years on the Pioneers, she set school records for points, assists and steals. Those records still stand at PUC to this day.

Carla, an exercise science and pre-physical therapy major, helped manage PUC’s fitness center. One evening as she was closing up, there was one guy still in the gym practicing free throws. It was Daniel Monnier, one of her twin brother’s friends. She asked him if he was considering trying out for the basketball team. That sparked a conversation that continued as they walked out and then later on Facebook Messenger.

Daniel came to PUC from Bakersfield Adventist Academy. A business major, he also loved playing sports. Daniel stood at 6 foot, 3 inches and ended up trying out for the Pioneers and making the team.

Daniel and Carla were energetic and fun. He knew how to make her laugh. But they had three other major things in common—they valued their independence, they loved sports, and they were fiercely competitive.

Once they started dating, they often found themselves on opposite intramural teams. Carla’s team would always win. Daniel said it almost caused them to break up multiple times. In a championship Ultimate Frisbee game, they faced off and Carla scored six touchdowns. “I’m not going to lie,” Daniel said. “I was mad.”

After graduating in 2012, Carla attended physical therapy school at Loma Linda University.

A year later, Daniel finished his bachelor’s degree and took a job working for AdventHealth in the Orlando area. Carla and Daniel maintained their relationship over long distances for nearly three years.

Then in 2014, Daniel proposed and the couple married in a ceremony presided over by their fathers at Azure Hills Seventh-day Adventist Church in Grand Terrace, California.

The couple moved to Florida and Carla committed herself to her work as a physical therapist as Daniel continued moving up the ranks in the administration of AdventHealth.

They loved their careers. They had a lot of friends. They were active in service, volunteering with youth in their church. Though neither of them posted regularly on social media, when they did, they sometimes liked to poke playful fun at each other and themselves. A regular star in their photos is their little dog, Brody.

One could easily imagine the trajectory of their life story. More traveling and activities together. Shooting hoops on the driveway as a family. Advancing in their careers.

Then came the night of Oct. 18, 2018.

A Fateful Day and Recovery Ahead

That morning, Carla and Daniel didn't have to leave early for work. Carla's first patient wasn't until later. Both independent, they did their separate morning routines.

As they walked out to their cars, Daniel reminded Carla that he had a city league basketball game at the Winter Park Community Center that evening.

"Why don't you come?" he asked. Carla said she had to meet a friend for dinner. They were meeting to discuss training plans for an upcoming triathlon.

After the game that evening, Daniel went to collect his things and noticed two missed calls from his buddy Carl.

"That was weird," he remembers thinking. "This generation, we don't call people. We text."

Daniel returned his friend's call and when Carl answered, he noted the tremor in his voice. "Hey man, Mollie was on the phone with Carla. Something weird is happening. Mollie heard a few pops in the background and Carla moaning."

Daniel told Carl the route his wife usually took home and hung up. He immediately called Carla.

No answer.

He grabbed a friend who was also at the game and asked him to follow him.

Carl and Mollie called 911. Operators pinged Carla's phone and sent first responders to Boy Scout Road.

When Daniel arrived, the police had the whole area blocked. They wouldn't let Daniel through and would only confirm a woman had been shot.

Daniel waited for over an hour. Finally, an officer told him Carla was awake, that she was conscious and talking. They told him not to leave until they'd had a chance to speak with him.

Carla was taken by ambulance to Orlando Regional Medical Center. On the way there, she fell unconscious.

Daniel didn't wait to speak to the police and raced to the hospital instead. On the way, he called Carla's parents and other family members. He texted close friends and asked them to pray. He still didn't have much information.

When he arrived, police ushered him into a room and asked him to write down everything he had done that day. He wrote about the budget spreadsheets. The Jimmy John's sandwich at lunch. The basketball game.

Meanwhile, police combed through his texts and photos on his phone. With no suspect, they had to check everyone close to Carla because shootings like this were often domestic.

In hindsight, Daniel said he's thankful for the interrogation because it meant he didn't have to sit alone with the unknown. But eventually, they were done and he waited, feeling helpless—his mind full of questions.

He put his face in his hands and prayed, "Jesus, please. I don't know what to say, but you know my request. Please."

After what seemed like an eternity, a detective told Daniel that Carla had made it through emergency surgery and was resting in the ICU. Relief flooded through him. Carla was alive.

But he wasn't prepared for what he saw when he entered the room.

There was Carla. Eyes closed. Her face barely visible. A tube in her mouth, held tight by winged bandages across her upper lip and cheeks. Her forearms, encased in braces, lay on pillows supporting her sides. A large cervical collar held her neck in place. Tubes, lines, leads and drains branched out from her body. Nearby, machines hissed and monitors beeped. Her athletic legs, the ones that ran races and sprung from the court in jump shots, lay still.

Nearly four years later, Daniel recalls the moment with vivid clarity. "It's the worst thing you could ever imagine," he said. "The person you care for most just clinging to life."

What didn't seem real, suddenly hit home.

"I couldn't stay there. I could not be in the room with her," he told me recently. "I couldn't. I just ..."

He looked down and swallowed hard.

"I'm sorry," he said after a minute. "It's just that image always gets me."

When he had a minute to collect himself and return, doctors peppered Daniel with information and questions about critical decisions. The bullet that struck Carla had done serious damage. The surgeon removed her left kidney, her left adrenal gland and her spleen. He also did partial pancreas, colon and stomach resections.

But worst of all, she had T10-T12 vertebrae fractures and a possible T6 spinal cord injury.

A day later, Carla, still heavily sedated, wasn't yet aware of Daniel's presence there at the hospital. Before they wheeled her off to the operating room for a second risky surgery, Daniel took her hand and whispered in her ear, "Carla, I love you so much. Keep fighting. I'll always love you."

As he went to step away, Carla squeezed his hand. She heard him. She loved him too.

Hours later, Daniel, family and friends cheered. The surgery had been successful. Another major surgery a few days later also proved successful. But there was difficult news ahead.

A neurologist ran tests on Carla. The bullet had struck her spinal cord and caused major swelling. Carla was still intubated and sedated, but the neurologist could record her reactions. He began to ask if she could feel various touchpoints. She couldn't. Even though she was sedated and her eyes were closed, tears began to roll down her cheeks.

Carla is classified as a T6 paraplegic. It's a complete injury, meaning she has no feeling or control from the high part of her waist down.

Eventually, her other injuries became manageable, so the focus turned to Carla's spinal cord injury and the hard work necessary for her to become as strong and independent as possible. She took a medical plane to the Shepherd Center, a renowned spinal cord rehabilitation center in Atlanta.

By Thanksgiving, just over a month after the shooting, Carla was able to be with family and friends outside of a medical facility to celebrate together. In December, even left the rehab center for several days. She and her family had Christmas together. Carla and Daniel had a date night on their four-year anniversary.

She continued her rehab in Atlanta, and as Carla became stronger, she and Daniel began to visualize a new normal and felt hopeful about the future.

But in early January, Daniel got a call from Carla's sister Chelsea saying that she'd been admitted to the hospital in Atlanta for sepsis.

Daniel said this is when he started to get angry. "How could God allow this to happen after everything Carla had already been through? If I'm being completely honest, I'm still a bit angry," he said. "Carla is such a beautiful person. She leads a selfless life in complete service of others."

He played out scenario after scenario in his mind. How could this random and senseless act of violence happen?

Couldn't God have intervened sooner?

He felt that sense of helplessness again. "I can't do anything to help her to walk and I don't have answers for why any of this happened."

"Carla brings me back," Daniel said. "I'm supposed to be the rock for her, but she steadies me."

On July 13, 2019, nearly eight months later, Carla and Daniel shared their testimony together at Florida Hospital Seventh-day Adventist Church. In a message called "God Is our Help," they talked about how the shooting changed their lives and how it impacted their spiritual lives.

"Jesus didn't come to heal us physically. Although He did a lot of healing while He was here, His mission was to heal us spiritually," Carla said. "Every person here has experienced pain and suffering. As much as I want Jesus to heal me physically and as much as I want to walk again, that isn't Jesus' priority. He came down to this Earth to make sure that we spend eternity with Him in heaven. The reality is, He cares so much more about my soul than my legs."

A month later, Carla underwent two more surgeries. One was to remove the bullet in her back. The second was for an obstruction. She posted on Facebook about the operations and how these painful setbacks have made her weary.

"To be honest," Carla wrote. "I'm tired of having to be tough. It seems as though the setbacks I have had caused a lot of physical pain and it has been truly draining emotionally as well. Please pray that it only goes up from here."

On Daniel's birthday, she posted about his selflessness and his life's purpose to make her feel happy and loved. He wasn't the man of her dreams, she wrote; he was so much more.

One year after the night that changed their lives forever, Daniel wrote an update thanking everyone for their love and support.

"Carla and I are happy," he wrote. "We push forward together as a vehicle for Jesus as He sees fit. This will be the last update regarding Carla's progress. Barring anything unforeseen, everything moving forward will be life as usual."

Finding Purpose Amid Unanswered Questions

I first heard about Carla and Daniel's story last spring. I wondered what life was like for them now. Had they found their new normal? Had there been anything unexpected?

Carla was now the youth pastor for WholeLife Church in Orlando. Daniel continued his work as a director of

operations at AdventHealth. Carla and Daniel graciously agreed to an interview in August.

But shortly before we were set to speak, I received a message from Carla saying she had been admitted to the hospital. Doctors hadn't yet been able to figure out why. We postponed the interview.

A few days later, on Aug. 16, Daniel posted on Facebook that he didn't have good news.

"This weekend, Carla was diagnosed with Acute Promyelocytic Leukemia," he wrote. "Physicians have told us this is unrelated to any prior medical issues."

He expressed their shock—and dismay—after all Carla had overcome and asked for support and prayers.

In September, I was able to meet with Carla and Daniel via Microsoft Teams. How had the recent diagnosis affected them both and how does the latest challenge fit into the context of the drive-by shooting, a clear dividing line for the couple? (Carla refers to life before Oct. 18 as "before my injury." Daniel says, "before Carla's incident.")

During the early part of her rehabilitation, a therapist had predicted she'd be fully independent within six months. Carla, intrinsically goal-oriented, fixed that point in her mind. With determination, she learned to do everyday tasks again like getting dressed by herself and tackled more difficult ones like transferring from her wheelchair unaided. She also learned to drive again.

It actually took nearly a year to achieve these goals. But Carla is pragmatic, and much of her success is rooted in that. She overcame these obstacles with the same persistence she used on the court at Pacific Union College in leading the Pioneers to new heights.

Despite all she and Daniel have faced, they still smile and laugh easily, although they are admittedly a bit less competitive than they were at PUC.

Yet, they speak honestly even about the difficult moments and the unanswered questions. They don't hide from things. They are humble.

I began by asking them about the leukemia diagnosis. They said statistically APL is one of the most curable cancers. In fact, Carla is already considered in remission. But she is still undergoing treatments and must limit her contact with people.

Though she is connected virtually, the people Carla misses most are the high school students in her youth group at the church.

After Carla's spinal cord injury, she still worked for AdventHealth rehabilitation, but instead of seeing patients, she did administrative and reporting duties.

"I wasn't getting fulfillment from the admin stuff," Carla said. "It was just a job."

Then she got a call from Pastor Jeff Cinquemani asking her to do a summer program for the high school students at WholeLife Church.

Carla worked part-time for the entire summer with the teen group. When summer ended, the church asked her to be the full-time youth pastor.

It was a difficult decision for Carla to completely change careers, particularly when she'd invested so much time and money to get her degree.

"But ultimately it worked out," she said, "because it's so much fun! The kids we have are just really great kids."

During the school year, they do one vespers and one social event a month. Carla said the summers are busier with activities like roller skating, game nights and visits to water parks. They had recently started a girls' group that planned to have monthly tea parties, but that had to stop since the leukemia diagnosis.

She took twelve weeks off and now is working for the church part-time doing what she can behind the scenes.

Carla still works for the rehab center a few hours a week to maintain her physical therapy license and co-teaches a class at AdventHealth University.

All of this must be done from a distance. Carla is immunocompromised, making it difficult to plan for the future.

"We had created a new identity for ourselves, and we truly felt like life was normal again," Daniel said. "We had a trip planned to go to London next month. ... We were looking into—I'm just being honest here—different options for kids. We were getting back to the point we were before her initial injury, but then the leukemia diagnosis happens, and now it feels like we're back to living day by day. We can't look past May at this point."

That's his perspective, and he said Carla may feel different.

"I think I've stopped expecting much," she said. "So in some ways, you're grateful for the day-to-day at times."

Do they feel angry?

Carla said surprisingly she doesn't feel angry about the leukemia diagnosis, the spinal cord injury or even the shooter.

"I'm actually really happy I don't know who it was and that they didn't catch him because I don't have a face or person to be really mad at."

Carla believes that it has to do with the anointing in the hospital after her spinal cord injury. "It was never about physical recovery," she said. "It was about mental and spiritual recovery. There's no other explanation other than the anointing, the Holy Spirit."

Still, she struggles, especially with the new diagnosis. It's hard to understand what God is doing when she's given so much of her life to service. First, as a physical therapist. Then she had her spinal cord injury. Next, she threw herself into her pastoral work. Then leukemia.

"It's hard to rectify that," she said.

Daniel admitted he's had moments of anger.

"The leukemia diagnosis really felt like déjà vu in so many ways," he said. "I sometimes feel like 'God, you know I love you, but I need some time. Just need some space.'"

I asked Carla what she felt was the most misunderstood aspect of her life now.

"I think people automatically assume that a spinal cord injury means you just can't walk," she told me. "That's just the tip of the iceberg. It's never being able to fully sit down and really relax—enjoy what's around you."

She has to stay vigilant. How much water did she drink? When was the last time she shifted her weight? Does that parking spot leave enough space for her car's ramp? Did she remember to bring a spray bottle during Florida's hot weather? Her legs no longer sweat.

Everyday tasks just take longer. And Carla must deal with how others interact with her. Some want to push her wheelchair. Others simply want to know what happened, rather than get to know her.

"I don't mind sharing about what happened," she said. "But what I don't like is people just asking 'what happened?' or 'why are you in a wheelchair?' before they even attempt to get to know me as a person."

"They're just satiating their own curiosity," Daniel said.

There are a growing number of people with disabilities who cringe about being labeled "an inspiration" for those who are able-bodied. When I posed this question, Daniel immediately answered, "Carla is an inspiration."

"People always ask me about Carla's physical state, but they ask me other stuff, too," he said. "How's her emotional state? How's her mental state?"

"She's doing great," he said. "It's actually the reverse. I have to lean on her."

Carla does her best work on assists.

"I would rather be known as an inspiration for the work that I do or the relationships that I have rather than having survived being shot," she said.

Becoming an activist, a motivational speaker or creating a blog or social media account that chronicles her life is not on Carla's agenda. She recently deactivated her Instagram account and is considering doing the same with Facebook.

"I just want to have genuine relationships with people," she told me.

Carla said in order to talk about what she and Daniel enjoy together now, you have to preface it by going back to the before. Before that October night, Carla and Daniel were driven by their career identities. They had a strong marriage, but they were also very independent.

Now they enjoy simpler things—having a meal together, enjoying a show together, going to a park, or meeting friends once a week for dinner.

Carla got into physical therapy to help improve people's quality of life.

"So when I stopped treating patients it was hard for me to feel a sense of purpose," she said.

She considers what she does now as still helping to improve the quality of life for others. It just looks different.

"The students at our church really are an exceptional group," Carla said. "They really are fun to be around, and it has given me my sense of purpose back." 🌱



“For where two or three are
gathered together in my name,
there am I in the midst of them.”

– Matthew 18:19–20





What's New at PUC?

Exciting additions include new online master's programs, renewed accreditation, building upgrades and a new president.

by Laura Gang

» HIGHLIGHTS FROM AN EXTRAORDINARY YEAR IN NURSING

Hospitals and other health facilities across the United States are facing increased demands for skilled and highly-trained nurses to care for patients. Pacific Union College is preparing its nursing students to go out into the workforce and fulfill a mission to serve their communities.

Thanks to outstanding planning and preparation by the Chair of Nursing, Kimberly Dunker, and the nursing faculty, PUC's nursing program recently received high praise and approval for its accreditation. That recognition

has also allowed the college to welcome more nursing students into its program. A major new donation will help fund upgrades to Davidian Hall to better meet the demand.

"Now is the time to support nursing education," said Dunker. "There is a great need for nurses due to the nursing shortage and how many have left due to burnout, fatigue, and retirement. I am very encouraged that PUC can continue to educate students which results in excellent nurses to fill these vacancies and meet the demand."

■ The California Board of Registered Nurses (BRN) gave the college's AS program five-year approval after a thorough inspection of its facilities, faculty, curriculum, website, and program outcomes. Without reservation, the BRN review gave its full recommendation and touted the program as having "100% compliance" with its high standards.

■ The BRN approval gave the green light for the Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN) program to expand in the next five years. It also grants permission to enlarge the nursing student body – 27 students for Angwin and nine for Napa's campus.

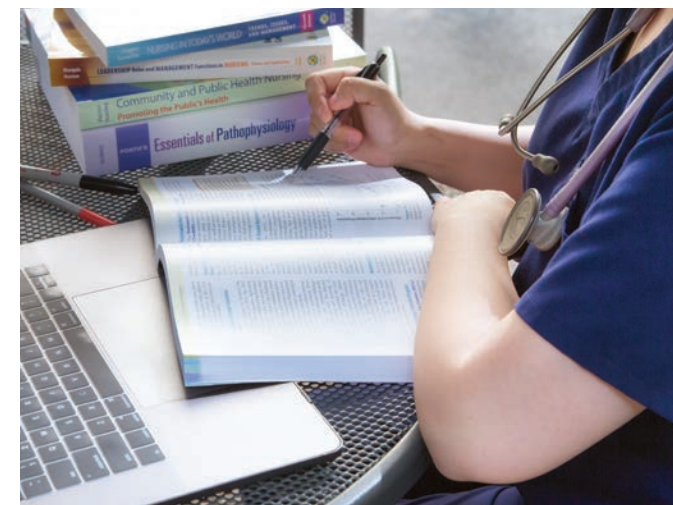
■ In 2021, nursing department leadership worked together to develop a new program that gives paramedics the opportunity to earn an ASN degree. Nine students have been approved to begin this program beginning in Fall 2022.

■ Serah Choi, professor of nursing, was honored as the 2022 Educator of the Year. It's the first time in PUC's history that a member of the nursing faculty received this prestigious award.

■ A former local non-profit organization, Angwin Community Ambulance, made a generous donation last spring to PUC's nursing program. The majority of their gift is being used for the Davidian Hall building project. A portion also helped to purchase new equipment for the Swift Water Rescue program.

■ Davidian Hall is currently undergoing renovations and modern upgrades, which will help to serve the needs of its growing nursing program. Additions to the building include a brand-new OB/maternity SIM lab, as well as an additional skills testing and practice space. The first phase of this project is slated to be finished in the fall.

To find out how you can support the continued growth of PUC's Nursing Dept., visit puc.edu/givenursing



» COLLEGE LAUNCHES ONLINE MBA PROGRAM

With concentrations in management and healthcare administration, the program is designed for working professionals with busy schedules.

Online programs for Master of Business Administration degrees have surged in popularity in recent years and even surpassed campus-based ones. The pandemic—and the remote world it brought about—further underscored the effectiveness of these online MBA programs.

Now, Pacific Union College is working to meet the growing demand. This fall, PUC began offering a new online MBA program with a choice of concentration in management or healthcare administration.

Scott Perryman, chair of PUC's Department of Business and director of the new program, said earning an MBA is "valuable business knowledge" for people in many different career fields. "For professionals who aspire to move up in their organizations or are already in leadership, it's become the table stakes," he said. "It almost replaces an undergraduate degree as a requirement for management roles."

PUC's online WASC-approved MBA program is designed with the busy professional in mind. There are multiple start dates, for instance. Perryman described it as a six-quarter progression, meaning a student can begin at the start of any quarter (fall, winter, spring) and complete the program 18-24 months later. The exact completion time is dependent, however, upon how many units a student takes per quarter.

All classes are asynchronous, which works well for those with either full or fluid schedules.

The online program also features small class sizes of typically less than 20 students. Instructors are professionals in the field who possess considerable knowledge and expertise.

Perryman himself has over 30 years of experience in healthcare. He is the founder of Agon Consulting, a healthcare management consulting firm. Most recently, he served more than five years as senior vice president and administrator of Loma Linda University Children's Hospital and president of its foundation. One of Perryman's

goals since he joined the PUC faculty as chair has been the collaboration between the Department of Business and other discipline areas.

In developing the MBA program, Perryman partnered with Kimberly Dunker, chair of the Department of Nursing and Health Science. Dunker, in her own right, has rich experience in the area of healthcare leadership and management. She is also the creator and director of the Master of Nursing in Science online program beginning in winter 2023.

There are nearly 500 nursing students on campus in various programs—either with a BSN or moving from RN to BSN or associate degree. These students are now able to pursue their MBA or MSN online.

Increasingly, healthcare professionals are seeking MBA degrees. Not only is it helpful for those who want to move into leadership and administration, but it's also useful for those who want to be sole proprietors or independent practitioners who want to run their own practices.

“In my experience,” Perryman said, “I think we have to do a much better job of preparing people for management and leadership rather than just throwing them into it.”

For students pursuing an emphasis in healthcare administration, the MBA program is cohorting them with the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) leadership track. Healthcare administration students are also together in classes with management students. That group will be joining the MSN cohort this winter.

Perryman recruited several experienced and talented professionals to teach classes. One is a practicing pulmonologist with training in critical care. He also holds a Master of Public Health degree and a Doctor of Education in organizational development. Another instructor is a philanthropic professional and nonprofit expert. She will offer more of an entrepreneurial perspective in her teaching. Perryman and Dunker will co-teach the healthcare management leadership course.

A goal for the future includes building a solid faculty for the online program that compliments the PUC business faculty who in turn can continue to strengthen and grow all of PUC's business programs. Perryman said although the graduate program will include other PUC professors from the business department, the online MBA is a separate experience for students from the undergraduate business program, which will continue to offer a rich experience in person and on campus.

Eventually, Perryman said, they hope to implement a fifth-year MBA program on campus, which would give recent undergraduate students an accelerated option to complete their graduate degree in one additional year.

» DR. TRECARTIN

Officially Inaugurated as 24th President

Dr. Ralph Trecartin was inaugurated as Pacific Union College's 24th president in April, taking over leadership of the institution in its celebratory 140th year and vowing to build on the college's mission of faith, love, and service in writing the next chapter of its storied history.

“God has called us to this place for this time,” Trecartin said in his inaugural response themed on how the college's past inspires its vision for the future. “We have an exciting adventure before us. Join me in watching to see the amazing things that God will do and jump in with me to join Him in any way we can to help.”

Pacific Union College's Board of Trustees appointed Dr. Trecartin in July 2021 as the successor to Dr. Robert Cushman, citing his leadership, innovation, and experience in academic, enrollment, and financial administration and his devout commitment to the mission of Seventh-day Adventist higher education.

Trecartin's formal inauguration service coincided with the college's alumni Homecoming Sabbath on April 16, 2022.

The momentous occasion began with a special procession of board trustees, faculty, program participants, administration, and representatives from other Adventist institutions. Former and current students and faculty, as well as members of the community, family, and friends, filled the PUC Church sanctuary. PUC's Orchestra and Chorale performed several beautiful musical selections for the event. Marnie Breckenridge, '93, a renowned American soprano, blessed those in attendance with her soaring vocals on Ferdinand Hummel's “Alleluia.”

The program included words of welcome, prayers, and a responsive reading from distinguished members of the board and faculty as well as from a former student and colleague of Dr. Trecartin.

Presidents of Seventh-day Adventist colleges and universities from across the U.S. attended the ceremony, including La Sierra University's Joy Fehr, Walla Walla



University's John McVay, Southern Adventist University's Ken Shaw, and former Southwestern Adventist University and Pacific Union College president, Eric Anderson.

The current and the immediate past president of Andrew University, Andrea Luxton and Niels-Erik Andreasen, respectively, took part in the inaugural program.

Luxton gave the inaugural address centered on three scenes from Jesus' final hours before his death. In the

midst of difficulty, trial, and betrayal, Jesus “served no matter what” and his example of humility calls us all to do the same.

She said, “in Ralph Trecartin, you have an individual that understands the power of service.” He follows Christ's example by embracing reality with a “hope and faith that always speaks of possibility.” Luxton said Trecartin “truly understands that the life, death, and resurrection of Christ changes everything.”

Justin Oliver, who worked as a study abroad advisor at the State University of New York, spoke warmly of his former boss and mentor, whom he affectionately referred to as Dr. T. He said his “inclusive leadership style made us feel like we all belong and he empowered us to contribute our ideas.”

“Dr. T makes things student-centered,” said Oliver, now the New Student and Pre-College Programs Administrator at UC Berkeley. “He impacted not only just his department, but all of SUNY and has “a knack for making the most of everything.”

Dr. Trecartin came to PUC from Andrews, where he served as the associate provost and dean of the College of Professionals. He also worked for 18 years at State University of New York as Executive Director and then Assistant Provost of International Education at Brockport.

He holds a doctorate in finance from Michigan State University Eli Broad College of Business, an MBA from Andrews University, and a bachelor's degree in theology from Atlantic Union College.

Dr. Trecartin and his wife, Virginia, a registered nurse, have four adult children. Andrew, Alexander, and Ross are all physicians. Zachary is working on his MBA at Andrews University. The Trecartins are also proud grandparents.

Already Dr. Trecartin is making a difference through his example of humble and committed service on PUC's campus and to the larger Angwin community.

“We are particularly thankful that providence has brought Dr. Ralph Trecartin to the leadership of the college,” said Sandra Roberts, board chair and executive secretary of the Pacific Union Conference, “and for the commitment, the passion, the guidance, and the heart that he has brought to this beloved institution.” 🌿

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Honored Alumni

Ed Holm, '69, and Ray Holm, '71, '75, are brothers. Along with their respective wives, Barbara, '69, and Lynette, '69, they have dedicated their lives to service both in mission work overseas and in their local communities.

Ed & Barbara (Truitt) Holm

Ed and Barbara Holm have a passion for service and a love for God that is evident to others wherever they go. Ed was only 11 when he met the then-eight-year-old Barbara Truitt. Their fathers had been in the same medical school class and became doctors serving in the mission field. Ed's family lived in Indonesia, and Barbara's family lived in Thailand. When the two families crossed paths in Bali, Ed and Barbara met for the first time.

Years later, they reconnected at Pacific Union College. Ed double majored in Biology and Chemistry. Barbara enrolled in the pre-nursing program. They married, and their shared roots in mission work guided their steps to Guam, where Ed practiced internal medicine and pediatrics at the Guam Adventist Clinic. Their son was only a year old when they moved there. Their daughter was born in Guam.

After many years of traveling the globe, sharing their love for Jesus, and caring for the sick, Ed and Barbara returned to California. Ed has practiced internal medicine for over 40 years, and Barbara has served as a school nurse and as a licensed nurse practitioner for 25 years. Ed and Barbara now reside in Turlock, California, where they enjoy the warm sunshine, a beautiful yard, and an active community of church friends and family.

Ray & Lynette (Christensen) Holm

Ray and Lynette Holm's love of missionary work, travel opportunities, and each other have guided them on a life of adventure together.

Ray was born in Indonesia, where his family was living as missionaries. He spent the first 11 years of his life there and knew he wanted to continue leading a life of service around the world. Lynette grew up on a farm in Minnesota and imagined one day serving as a missionary.

Both Ray and Lynette attended Pacific Union College and met while working in the school cafeteria. Ray was studying Business Administration, and Lynette was a two-year nursing student. They were married in 1969. They spent their honeymoon as student missionaries in Ethiopia. Five years later, they returned to Ethiopian Adventist College with their two children and spent six years there as full-time missionaries. This was the beginning of a lifetime in the mission field. Ray and Lynette have visited 45 different countries together.

They live in Happy Valley, Oregon, and have joined organizations like Adventist Health and Maranatha in local and international mission work. They often think of how their time at PUC brought them together and set them on a path they had once only been a dream. 🌿

Covid-19 Reaches Pitcairn Islands *PUC's Study Center Maintains Daily Contact With Remote Region*

by Herbert Ford

Pacific Union College's Pitcairn Islands Study Center, located in the Nelson Memorial Library on campus, has recently reported that the more than 900-day absence of Covid-19 on the famed Pitcairn Island in the South Pacific Ocean has ended.

The first and only case of the virus in nearly three years arrived on the island in mid-July by way of a passenger from off Pitcairn's quarterly supply ship Silver Supporter. While the ship's manifest reported that all its passengers were virus-free, medics on Pitcairn who tested each arriving passenger found that one had the disease.

To be one of only three Covid-free "countries" in the world throughout the pandemic, Pitcairn had barred all visitors from the island, a move that devastated its growing economy, and disrupted island life in other ways. The two other countries that shared Pitcairn's Covid-free status were Turkmenistan and the Pacific-island country of Tuvalu.

The Pitcairn Islands Study Center maintains near-daily contact with Pitcairn Island, the carrying on of a Pacific Union College tradition that began in the late 1800s with its forerunner school Healdsburg College. During the Healdsburg days, a small number of young Pitcairn islanders came to California on the Seventh-day Adventist missionary ship Pitcairn to study at Healdsburg.

Through the years, PUC and the people of Pitcairn have had fruitful relationships. PUC's Andre Hall is named after women's dean Hattie Andre, who was a missionary-teacher on Pitcairn in the early 1900s; in the mid-1900s, PUC's amateur "ham" radio club maintained frequent contact



with and gave much support to the island; since its founding in 1977, the Study Center has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for Pitcairn Island, in addition to other means of support.

For its size—roughly one mile wide by two miles long—Pitcairn may be the best-known island in the world. In the 1930s, two Tahiti-based authors wrote a trilogy of books about the island and the British naval mutiny that brought inhabitants to it, books that were sold throughout the world. Soon afterward, the first of five Hollywood-style movies was produced and viewed worldwide. Hundreds of books, thousands of articles, and numerous television documentaries about the "Mutiny on the Bounty" and Pitcairn's tie to it have since been read, heard or seen throughout the world.

In 1886, a layman visited Pitcairn and shared the beliefs of Seventh-day Adventists with the islanders. Since that time, most of those on Pitcairn have been members of the Adventist faith. Soon after the religious conversion of the islanders to the Adventist faith, Pitcairn became the pioneer missionary base of Seventh-day Adventism throughout the hundreds of islands in the Pacific Ocean. 🌿

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HOMECOMING WEEKEND 2022

Walter C. Utt Center ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The archival center, named after Walter Utt, the late PUC professor and historian, includes priceless historical materials about the college, local history and worldwide missions.

For more photos visit: puc.edu/homecoming-photos



(Left to right) Dr. Eric Anderson, former PUC Professor, former PUC President and retired Utt Center Director; Ken Utt, '73, son of Walter Utt; Ted Utt, '47, brother of Walter Utt; Don Warren, '47; Bruce Anderson, '60; and Dr. Ralph Trecartin, PUC President.

Alumni News

CLASS NOTES

Written & Compiled by Herbert Ford, '54

1940

Ariel A. Roth, '48, has been honored by the Geoscience Research Institute (GRI) of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination for his directorship of the institute from 1980 to 1994, and for his outstanding service in the arena of faith and science. In the celebration of Dr. Roth's life, it was noted that two influential books he authored have been translated into 29 languages. The event also noted that Dr. Roth and his wife, **Lenore (Hardt) Roth, '51**, have recently celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary. "The mission of the GRI is to discover and share an understanding of nature and its relationship with the Biblical revelation of the Creator God," notes the journal of the Institute.

1960

Lawrence Geraty, '62, President Emeritus of La Sierra University (LSU), recently celebrated his 60th wedding anniversary with his wife Gillian in Redlands, California. Though retired, Larry still actively serves LSU in various ways. The Geratys find enjoyment in their visits with their son, daughter, and five grandchildren.

Larry and Shirley (Wheeler) Engel, both '64, set off from Angwin a few days after graduation on a 50-year career of Seventh-day Adventist mission and other service in their '63 Buick with a loaded U-haul trailer in tow. Their service took them to Brazil, Pennsylvania, British Columbia, Texas, Hawaii, and South Africa. Larry and Shirley have two mission-minded adult daughters and five grandchildren.

Stewart Bainum Jr., '68, who is chairman of the board of directors of the 7,000-hotels-in-40-countries Choice Hotels International, has recently launched The Baltimore Banner, a not-for-profit newspaper for Baltimore, Maryland. Bainum, also is chairman of Artis Senior Living, an owner-operator of Memory Care Assisted Living residences in 11 states. Some observers believe that the startup newspaper Bainum is underwriting might become a model for how to revive vanishing local news coverage, the U.S. having lost more than a quarter of its newspapers in the last few years.



1970

⌘ **Todd Bristol, '78, '79**, and his niece, **Heather (Bristol) Bergren, '01**, recently did fire disaster recovery and reconstruction work at the Leoni Meadows camp of the Northern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada mountains. The camp had been partially destroyed by the massive Caldor Fire which during August 2021 had ravaged thousands of acres of beautiful, forested northern California timberland. Todd and Heather joined with volunteers of the Maranatha International organization in tackling a large number of repair and renovation jobs at the camp that had to be done before it could re-open.

1980

Elizabeth Rodgers, '84, a PUC clinical lab science graduate, interned at the White Memorial Medical Center in Los Angeles, and then quickly returned to Napa County to begin working in the clinical lab at St. Helena Hospital in Deer Park, a career of medical service that continued for a bit more than 37 years! In retirement Elizabeth is now a volunteer, patrolling for the California Highway Patrol "and keeping our community safe."

Hilton Raethel, '86, is now serving as president and chief executive officer of the Healthcare Association of Hawaii. He played a pivotal leadership role during the Covid-19 pandemic in Hawaii in assuring that as many Hawaiians as possible were protected against the virus. For his outstanding leadership, Hilton was honored with the St. Francis of Assisi Award by the St. Francis Health System.

Sean Facchinello, '88,

retired in 2021 after 33 years of military service as a U.S. Army Reserve chaplain. Sean held the rank of lieutenant colonel at the time of his retirement. Now he is serving as a supervisory chaplain in a federal prison in west Texas. "My wife Dushy and I just celebrated our 13th wedding anniversary," Sean writes.

Ray A. Navarro, '89, has recently been appointed Executive Secretary of the Arizona Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. In his new church post, Ray will have a major role in leading the Christian ministry of the 77 churches, 10 schools, and spiritual activities of the 20,633 members of the Conference. Before his appointment as Executive Secretary, Ray served as pastor of the Tempe (Ariz.) Seventh-day Adventist Church for 16 years.



2010

⌘ In 2018, **Ash Clements, '13**, set off on a 10-month international backpacking adventure that came to an end in Perth, Western Australia. By virtue of dual citizenship, Ash has been in Perth for the past three years. Now a provisionally registered psychologist, she expects that in the next 18 months she will be a registered, practicing psychologist in Australia. "I am proud to say that my undergraduate degree from PUC has led me to my master's degree in psychology in Australia," says Ash. "The education I received at PUC set an extremely strong foundation for the rest of my scholastic, professional, and personal life."

Ivan Ostrovsky, '15, has recently been ordained as a minister of the Gospel in the Southeastern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Presently serving as the youth pastor of the Fallbrook (Calif.) Seventh-day Adventist Church, Ivan's ministry keeps the young people of his church busy in character-building activities throughout the week, not just on the Sabbath day.



⌘ Buyers at hundreds of Target stores throughout the U.S. recently found apparel and accessories created by **Jackie Rivera, '19**, on sale. Celebrating LatinX pride, the items included shirts and home gifts, and were sold in Target stores and online from September 15 to October 15, 2022. Jackie, who lives in Seattle, Washington, has in the past also created designs for companies like Adobe, Facebook, Snapchat, GoFundMe, and Luna Bar.

» Let us know about your adventures, accomplishments, marriages and family additions! For your news to be included in our next issue, please send us your update by **March 1, 2023**.

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IN MEMORY

Written & Compiled by Herbert Ford, '54

FACULTY AND STAFF

Margaret N. (Roos) Barnhart, Staff, died on June 4, 2022, in Elk Grove, California. She was born on August 17, 1929, in Lincoln, Nebraska. Margaret, while living in Angwin, had charge of purchasing for Pacific Union College's Food Service. She is survived by her daughters, Mary Skinner, Christine Tua, and Phyllis Hernandez; by her three grandchildren and her four great-grandchildren.

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Robert “Bob” Lloyd Ash, Att. '60s, a church pastor and builder, died on June 12, 2022, in College Place, Washington. He was born on September 2, 1944, in Corvallis, Oregon. Bob was known as a creative thinker and master craftsman, a dreamer and a doer, with wide-ranging and exceptional abilities. He is survived by his wife, Linda Jan Thompson; by his three children, Amy, Christian, and Eric; and by seven grandchildren.

Ludim Amelia Guzman-Camacho, '74, a nurse, died on April 14, 2022, in Palm Springs, California. She was born on June 13, 1953, in Cochabamba, Bolivia. Ludium is survived by her husband, Elver Camacho; by her daughters, Melissa Comacho, Meghan Comacho-Culligan, and Michelle Comacho Liu; and by five grandchildren.

Leona “Fern” Chamberlain, Att. '50s, a retired nurse, died on May 23, 2022. She was born on December 19, 1931, in Chowchilla, California. From 1978 Fern worked at the St. Helena Seventh-day Hospital until her retirement at the age of 78. Fern is survived by her daughter, Pauline Truschan; by her three grandchildren, her eight great-grandchildren, and by her great-great-grandchild, Jocelyn.

Lloyd Reinhold Dietrich, Att. '40s, died April 9, 2022. He was born on April 29, 1923. Lloyd is survived by his wife, LaBreta Dietrich; by his daughter, Pam Dietrich; and by his son, David Dietrich.

Jean Jeannette Douglas, Att. '50s, died on June 20, 2022, in Idaho. She was born on November 18, 1932, in Parma, Idaho. Jean attended Pacific Union College and the College of Idaho, from which school she received a degree in education. Following her graduation, Jean enlisted in the U.S. Navy. She is survived by her daughters, Dottie Blackwell, Jennifer Sowers, and Sue Hill, and numerous grandchildren.

Leslie Goodwin, '52, '54, long-time Seventh-day Adventist educator, died on January 28, 2022, in Sonora, California. He was born on August 22, 1927, with his twin brother, **Norman Goodwin, '54**. A veteran of sea service in the U.S. Merchant Marine, and military service in the U.S. Army, Leslie taught young people at Valley Grande Academy in Weslaco, Texas; and at Armona (Calif.) Academy, before serving for 30 years as a Bible and history teacher at Monterey Bay Academy near Watsonville, California. For years Leslie also served as a chaplain in the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. Leslie is survived by his daughter, Pam Palmer; by his son, Paul; and by his five grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Samuel V. Gramlich, Jr., '53, '64, a minister and educator of the Seventh-day Adventist faith, died on March 23, 2022, in Placerville, California. He was born in October 1927. Samuel spent much of his life in the ministry and in the educational system of the church. He is survived by his wife, Marlene; by his four children, 10 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

John L. Krueger, '62, '68, died on October 21, 2021. He was born on December 16, 1940, in Township 147, Range 88 on an Indian Reservation in North Dakota. John is survived by his wife, Harriette; by his stepchildren, Marla Marin, and Anthony Benick; by four-step grandchildren, and by one step-great-grandchild.

Kathryn Louise (Thompson) Lockwood, '65, died on March 29, 2022. She was born on February 10, 1943. Kathryn worked for the Los Banos (Calif.) High School District.

Dawn Michelle Lowe, '93, a nurse, died on September 25, 2022, in Tucson, Arizona. She was born in Napa, California, on April 8, 1971. Dawn spent her career mostly in home health care, and she was a supervisor in the downtown Tuscon office of Care Well. In 2021 she was a Clinical Manager of the Year recipient. Dawn is survived by her parents, Harper and Mary Ann Dietz; by her sister and brother-in-law Tracy and Patrick Lynch.

Pauline Glee Maxwell, '47, died on September 30, 2022, in St. Joseph, Michigan. She was born on March 4, 1925, in Lodi, California. Pauline was the wife of well-known Adventist educator C. Mervyn Maxwell, and the daughter-in-law of widely-read author Arthur S. Maxwell.

John A. Mooy, '68, a Seventh-day Adventist teacher and school principal, died on February 7, 2022. He was born on August 4, 1945, in Oakland, California. A veteran of military service in the U.S. Army, John taught for more than 30 years in elementary and high school grades and performed other duties at Mother Lode Adventist Junior Academy in Sonora, California. He also served as a teacher, and for six years was the principal of Hawaiian Mission Academy in Honolulu, Hawaii. He retired and moved to Sonora in 2014, where he started a support group for people with Parkinson's disease. John is survived by his wife, Margaret; his children, Alisa Mooy, April Stemler, and Shawn Mooy; by his five grandchildren; and by his sister, Mary Mooy.

Luthea “Lue” Eleanore (Estey) Owens, '48, a nurse, died on May 8, 2022, in Vancouver, Washington. She was born on March 2, 1923, in Thornapple, Wisconsin. Lue earned her RN degree in 1945 at the White Memorial School of Nursing in Los Angeles, California, before earning her BS degree in nursing from Pacific Union College. She married Arthur Owens, who became an Indian Health Service physician. From 1959 to 1970 they served as Seventh-day Adventist missionaries in Nigeria. After their mission service, while

Arthur practiced medicine in Dunlap, Tennessee, Lue worked as a nurse. They moved to Covelo, California, and, after his death, Lue lived in Idaho and then Vancouver, Washington. Lue is survived by her daughter, Cynthia Hudson; by her sons, Geoffrey, Gregory, and Douglas; by her four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Alyce J. Pudewell, '67, a long-time Seventh-day Adventist educational leader, died on March 19, 2022, in Clive, Iowa. She served as an educator for most of her life. She was the Superintendent of Elementary Education for the Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. She was also the president of the Association of Adventist Women. Alyce is survived by three children, 10 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

The following Pacific Union College alumni are recorded as having died by “Reflections,” the Adventist Retirement newsletter of the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists:

Patricia Bietz, Att.'50s
Bill Bishop, '52;
Douglas Brehms, Att.'60s
Robert Burgess, '79
Vivian J. Clark, '57, '60
Perrie L. Cobb, '68
Loretta M. Koenig, '54
Lavonne Larsen, '61
Della Maguire, '40
Evelyn McMurry, '65
Patricia Moore, Att.'50s
Stanley Mulder, '68
Oren Lee Nelson, '60
Harry B. Newer, '64
Edward R. Phillips, '77
J. Donald Russell, '64
Edwin Schwisow, Att. '70s
LeRoy E. Steck Sr., '62, '63
Claude B. Sterling, Staff
Raul Gonzalez Vega, '73
D. Robert Watts, Att. '40
Lewis C. Wilson, '62

Remembering Friends

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

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WEDDINGS & BIRTHS



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1 Andrianna (Sawyer) Massena, '23, and Bryan Massena, '25, in Antioch, Calif., on May 29, 2022



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2 Bianca (Tolan) Hagele, '15, and Matthew Hagele, att. '09, in February 2021

3 Karsen Torres and Trae Torres sons of Krista (Ballew) Torres, '13, and Anthony Torres, were born on March 3, 2020 and August 8, 2022, respectively

4 Camille Ulvevadet, daughter of Navi Ganancial, '07, and Benjamin Ulvevadet, was born in January 2022, in New York, N.Y.

5 Zoe Laru Belnap, daughter of Nicole (Pidoux) Belnap, '10, and Zach Belnap, '10, was born in Durango, Colo., on March 25, 2022

6 Gabriel David Navarro, son of Ashlee Jones-Navarro, '12 and Gabriel Navarro, '12, was born in Angwin, Calif., on August 15, 2022



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THE PIONEER FUND

The Pioneer Fund is the college's unrestricted fund that helps support areas of greatest need on campus. Here's what you should know about the fund and how you can help, according to PUC's Annual Giving and Engagement Officer Carignane von Pohle, '10.



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they arise and remain flexible during times of uncertainty. For example, during the early days of the COVID pandemic, the Pioneer Fund allowed the college to pivot and address the urgent needs of keeping students safe while continuing to study.

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