

# WHAT'S NEW

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flying in from Tennessee, Arizona, and Oregon to compete in the event on May 3 at Pacific Union College. Runners ranged in age from 5 to the 60s to compete in the 10k, 26k, and the kids' 1-mile race.

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### A FOUNDATION OF FAITH, SERVICE, AND LEADERSHIP: MONICA ALLEN'S STORY

Dr. Monica Allen has worn many hats as a working professional: a preschool teacher, public health practitioner, and professor at a state university. While her career path has wound around with several detours and pit stops, Monica has always been clear that wherever she was, whatever she was doing, she was called to a life of service.

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### SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: ABBY SUTTAN

From Loma Linda, Abby Sutton originally planned to attend La Sierra University because it was close to home. Instead, she chose PUC because she wanted a college experience far from home and loved the quiet environment and natural surroundings, which made her decision much easier. Although she was nervous and didn't know anyone on campus, the Fusion leaders, staff, and President Trecartin were so welcoming, helping her move into the dorms, praying with her, and making sure she felt supported during her first week of college. To this day, their outstanding kindness is the one thing she remembers most about her arrival at PUC.

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