

WHAT'S NEW

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following Craig Philpott's retirement after 40 faithful years at PUC. Coming to campus from Riverside, CA, Muñoz is a distinguished and experienced educator with a deep passion for the Seventh-day Adventist mission and education— a valuable contribution that PUC is delighted and proud to have.

PUC INITIATES INTRO TO LAW

As part of an initiative to enhance the pre-law program at PUC, Intro to Law will be offered to students starting in the fall 2026 quarter. This 100-level course will be offered not only to PUC students but also to the College Early program for high school students.

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dental patient care, health fairs, and Vacation Bible School to the communities living along the Amazon River.

PUC PSYCHOLOGY PROFESSOR CONNECTS CLASSROOM AND COMMUNITY

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PUC'S CAMPUS SAFETY THROWS FIRST GREEN MOVE-OUT INITIATIVE

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PATHWAYS IN SCIENCE: PUC ALUMNUS SERIES IMPACTS STUDENTS

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seminars each quarter, Wyrick has connected PUC students with alumni to learn about their careers and broaden their understanding of what the future may hold beyond college.

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PUC CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

PUC is hiring! If you or someone you know would be a great fit for a faculty and staff position, please visit puc.edu/campus-services/human-resources/careers.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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Birding Bonanza & Alumni Retreat

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