
WHAT'S NEW

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LEARN ABOUT PUC'S BUSINESS CLUB FROM PRESIDENT MELISA LOPEZ

PUC's Business Club is an organization that seeks to inspire students, have fun events, and work together with the business department. The club facilitates not only social gatherings but also opportunities for members to deepen their interest in business. The goal of the business club is to provide opportunities for members to learn about business, give back to the community, interview for internships/jobs, create fun social events for a balance of business and fun, and allow individuals to make connections.

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student engagement in the community. This campus program implements service learning, where students can get involved in the food pantry, homeless and hospital ministries, and other service-learning activities at the college. Service Day is just one dimension of PUC's commitment to community involvement.

ANNA RAMOS DISCUSSES SAC EXPERIENCE

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STUDYING ABROAD - AN EXPERIENCE LIKE NEVER BEFORE

Arianne Milosavljevic's family is from overseas. They've always placed a huge emphasis on her to get out into the world to open her mind and realize that her way of life isn't the only one and to just enjoy all she can. All this is what inspired her to study abroad through Adventist College Abroad and attend Seminar Schloss Bogenhofen in Austria. As a sophomore pre-nursing student, Arianne chose a great time to study abroad.



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