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PUC'S SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM SHINES IN RECENT ACCREDITATION ACHIEVEMENT

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PUC'S STUDENT ASSOCIATION OPENS THE SHED WITH AFFORDABLE OUTDOOR GEAR

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PUC PARTNERS WITH LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY TO LAUNCH ACCELERATED SOCIAL WORK MASTER'S PROGRAM

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to a master's degree for students. This innovative program simplifies the application process for students, requiring only one application and acceptance step. Successful completion of this accelerated social work program results in attaining both a bachelor's degree from PUC and a master's degree from LLU.

THE FELLOWSHIP OF MUSIC: RONNIE ZANELLA JOINS PUC'S MUSIC FACULTY

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ALUMNI PROFILE: PETER HAN

Peter Han graduated in 2012 with a B.A. in biology and a B.S. in film and television production. After PUC, he graduated from medical school in 2016, went on to residency in otolaryngology-head and neck surgery in 2021, head and neck surgical oncology fellowship in 2022, and facial plastic and reconstructive surgery fellowship in June. Peter has since joined the faculty of the Department of Head and Neck Surgery at UCLA as a facial plastic and reconstructive surgeon.



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