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### THE APPEAL OF ANGWIN: THE SMALL COLLEGE COMMUNITY WITH A BIG HEART

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summit, the forest clears, revealing the campus of Pacific Union College—the vibrant heart of the idyllic community of Angwin.

### RECORD TURNOUT SET FOR PUC'S ANNUAL ACADEMY BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Pacific Union College, in collaboration with PUC Preparatory School, hosted the Pioneers Invitational Academy Basketball Tournament, January 24-27. This year marks a record turnout for the annual event, featuring participation from 17 academies and 32 boys and girls teams representing schools in California and as far away as Hawaii and Maine.

### MEET SAM HEIER: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

PUC's Executive Director of Financial Administration, Sam Heier, started working at PUC in March but graduated from the college in 1999. Growing up in a small town near Stuttgart, Germany, Sam moved straight to PUC in 1996 and was an ESL student struggling to catch on to language. Working at the college market for three years helped him

learn to speak English while getting to know good people, including his wife, and get used to life in America.

### PUC VICE PRESIDENT FOR ALUMNI AND ADVANCEMENT KELLIE LIND TO DEPART FOR PRIVATE BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

Pacific Union College President Ralph Trecartin announced that after nearly 25 years of service, Vice President for Alumni and Advancement Kellie Lind will transition to a new business opportunity in the Napa Valley. Lind's distinguished career at PUC began in 1991 when she joined the college as the public relations director. Within just two years, then-President Malcolm Maxwell, recognizing her exceptional talent, appointed her as the director of alumni and development.

### FACULTY FEATURE: EMILY LOGAN

January marked Emily Logan's one-year anniversary of working at PUC as an assistant professor of English. Her area of specialization is creative writing, so in addition to teaching general education classes like College Writing I and II and Themes in Literature, she also teaches upper-division writing classes like Short Story, Poetry, Nonfiction, and Online Publication.

### MAXWELL SCHOLAR SPOTLIGHT: MATTHEW WINOKAN

Coming from Thornton, CO is Maxwell Scholar Matthew Winokan. Last school year he attended Champion Academy in Loveland and now at PUC is majoring in pre-nursing. Receiving the Maxwell Scholarship means a lot to him because it shows the fruition of the work that he did in high school, and it also helps his family in numerous ways financially. Overall, Matthew calls this scholarship a major blessing.

### FACES OF PUC: NATALIE NAKANISHI

Natalie Nakanishi is a sophomore psychology and business student from Susanville, CA. She decided to attend PUC for multiple reasons: it was close to home, her sister was here, and her horses could board on campus. Those were the big reasons Natalie decided to come to PUC. However, meeting the teachers and staff made PUC feel like a place she wanted to be, with Dr. Rachel Davis being a big part of her wanting to come to this school. Dr. Davis was welcoming and made Natalie feel right at home. The spiritual life at PUC also drew her into committing to PUC.

### Q&A WITH SA FINANCIAL VP ESTEBAN A. RAMIREZ

Esteban A. Ramirez is this year's student association financial vice president. As financial VP, his primary responsibility is serving as the organization's accountant, overseeing a range of duties essential to its financial management, and a key aspect of his role involves meticulous bookkeeping. Budgeting and consulting constitute integral components of SA's financial VP. At the commencement of each academic year, Esteban strategically allocates resources to ensure SA operates within its budgetary constraints. Additionally, he frequently finds himself advising individuals on optimal resource utilization, leading to numerous consultations and advisory meetings.

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**February 25:** "Think Spring" Recital  
**March 1-3:** Religious Liberty Summit  
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