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President's Message

Connecting Spiritually

Many people desire the fulfillment that comes from having strong and personal relationships. I believe God places the underlying desire within us for friendship with Him and, of course, friendships with those around us.

Who doesn't want to have at least a few close and trusted friends? The beauty of our campus environment is that most of the faculty and staff members have been through various stages in their journey of life. They desire to connect with students as mentors and also build strong and professional friendships with our students that will last a lifetime and beyond.

Many of our students have built a strong camaraderie with PUC Chaplain Arturo Lopez, Lead Pastor Nate Furness, and the rest of the pastoral team. With regular meetings together, students assist with much of the religious programming on campus and in church. They are certainly willing to cheer for Chaplain Arturo and Pastor Nate in public and joke around with them in the appropriate setting.

Every week, I see students, faculty, and staff engage in not some boring or gloomy way—but in fun, laughter, good-natured teasing, and applause for one another.

During Week of Worship, a group of students sat in the front row of the church and interacted with Arturo because of their friendship with him. It was wonderful to see the impact he had on the students. They were engaged during his program segments and expressed gratitude toward Arturo—acknowledging his help and guidance as they crafted their messages.

I loved the feedback we received on how he impacted the students' spiritual lives. The same dynamic takes place on Sabbath mornings when Pastor Nate preaches.

Kindness and respect are shown over and over again on campus. Everywhere I turn, I hear and see spiritual life in action. Outside of spiritual life events, students gather together for small group prayer and worship groups and encourage each other throughout their personal and spiritual lives.

God Bless!

Ralph Trecartin, Ph.D., MBA
President



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PUC GETS SOCIAL





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Twitter: JANUARY 16, 2024
 The PUC Church resonated with powerful words as David Anthony Johnson addressed students during a special Martin Luther King Jr. Community Service. The event, held in the sanctuary on Thursday morning, January 11, as part of the Community Speakers Series, was dedicated to honoring King's legacy.



Instagram: MARCH 14, 2024
 Happy #ThrowbackThursday PUC
 This week, we're throwing it back to March 1-2, when we hosted the annual Religious Liberty Summit of the Northern California Conference (NCC). The weekend event culminated in a panel discussion, fostering thought-provoking conversations on pressing religious liberty issues.

Read the full article: puc.edu/news/RLS



Instagram: JANUARY 17, 2024
 Happy #WayToGoWednesday Pioneers
 Our nursing students are diligently practicing IV insertion techniques while gaining valuable hands-on experience.



Facebook: APRIL 11, 2024
 This week's #ThrowbackThursday revisits last weekend when our Film Department was honored at the 2024 Sonscreen Film Festival!

From April 4-6, the festival saw the participation of two faculty members, 16 film students, and around 10 alumni involved in past film projects as students or attending to support current students. PUC showcased nine films at the festival, three of which clinched awards:

- Audience Choice: "Inner Space" by Josue Hilario (currently at ACA Italy)
- Jury Award for Achievement in Visual Style: "Evelyn" by Megan Lira
- Jury Award for Achievement in Writing: "Minority Report" by Dylan Sails

We're also excited to announce that Rajeev Sigamoney, PUC's visual arts department chair, has been awarded the prestigious Sonscreen Vision Award!



Facebook: APRIL 16, 2024
 Join us for an exciting summer fun experience at PUC, designed for students in grades 6-12! Not only will you have a blast, but you'll also earn one unit of college credit.

Our week-long summer intensives cater to curious and driven students seeking academic challenges and desire an early college experience. Engage in STEM, aviation, music, and film programs while enjoying daily worship, recreational activities, team-building exercises, and evening events!

June 23-28:
 PQSeek, PQTune, PQSoar, PQFlix

June 30-July 5:
 PQRise

For more information and a video about PacificQuest visit: puc.edu/pacificquest



YouTube: APRIL 22, 2024
 Join us at PUC, where faith meets action! Dive into enriching ministry experiences that ignite your passion and deepen your spiritual journey. From vibrant worship services like Vespers, Afterlight, and church to engaging events like Week of Prayer, dorm and hall worship, and more, there's something for everyone to participate in. Discover your community today, and keep walking your spiritual path!

Watch the video: puc.edu/video-1



Facebook: APRIL 26, 2024
 Happy #FlashBackFriday Pioneers

It's hard to believe that a whole week has passed since Homecoming, but we're excited to share this recap with you!

See more from Homecoming Weekend: puc.edu/homecoming


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FACES OF PUC

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT BEING A PART OF THE PIONEERS FAMILY?



Mika Palitang
Junior, Biology, Pre-Dentistry & Music; Modesto, CA

“The music department is phenomenal, and Student Life does an incredible job hosting events that many students enjoy. The people on campus make you feel that you truly belong. The spiritual aspects that this campus has are amazing. I love being able to worship with incredible people and am thankful to be a part of such a good community.”



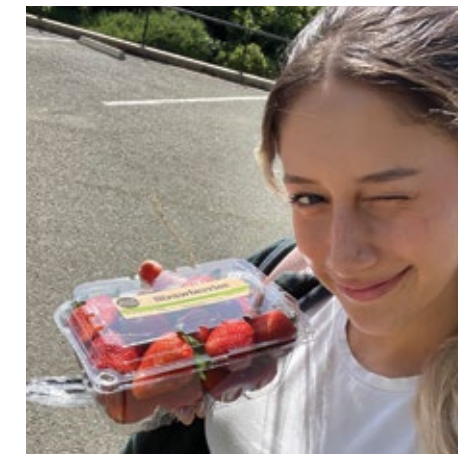
Cindy Roy
Sophomore, Pre-Nursing; Stockton, CA

“My favorite part of the Pioneers family is the people. Everyone is always smiling, and there is always a welcoming vibe. On top of that, everyone is helpful and pleasant. Nature is the second part. You look around the campus, and it’s beautiful and peaceful. Lastly is spiritual life. I love to go to vespers and church so much. I always attend the singing service whenever I am on campus. My spiritual life is getting better.”



Bailey Stockton
Senior, Pre-Law & Psychology; Memphis, TN

“I definitely appreciate the dynamics of the small school. Peer, faculty, and subject ties at PUC are substantial entanglements that enhance the educational experience, not merely contacts. The psychology department distinguishes out in this tight-knit community by consistently providing support with life decisions, job choices, and spiritual counsel. My intellectual and personal journeys have been greatly influenced by this intricately linked world.”



Anna Maria Ramos Marin
Junior, Communication with a Public Relations & Journalism Minor; Beaverton, OR

“I like how supportive the Pioneer family is and how we show support for each other. It can be seen when we support our teams in their games, art gallery demonstrations, music recitals, and more. The Pioneer family is always there to show love and support.”



Rajan Joseph C. Villacruel
Junior, Nursing; Atimonan, Quezon Province, Philippines

“My favorite thing about being a part of the Pioneer family is the community fosters each other. Coming to PUC, I have met wonderful people who encouraged me to improve in many aspects. I feel more connected to myself, God, and those around me. There’s something special about being a part of the college on the ‘holy hill.’”

PIONEER INVITATIONAL ACADEMY BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT 2024

In partnership with PUC Preparatory School, Pacific Union College welcomed athletes across the country to the Pioneers Invitational Academy Basketball Tournament, held over January 24-27. This year marked an unprecedented surge in attendance, a milestone for the annual event.



13,500+
Views for 18 different
live-streamed games
on Youtube

17
Participating SDA
and Christian
academies/schools

1,977
Hours of live stream
games watched

13
Schools from California

90
New YouTube
subscribers gained
during the event

4
Out-of-state SDA
academies from as
far away as Hawaii
and Maine

32
Total number
of participating boys'
and girls' teams

3
Courts used during
the tournament



The one who gets wisdom loves life; the one who cherishes understanding will soon prosper.

- Proverbs 19:8



Loma Linda Students Share How PUC Prepared Them for Medical School

by Laura Gang

Pacific Union College alumni Andrew Fay, Drielly Martins, and Eva Yankee, all biology graduates, are currently pursuing medical education at Loma Linda University School of Medicine. They attribute their early success in medical school to the solid foundation established during their time at PUC.

The three students graciously answered questions and shared valuable advice for current PUC students regarding study habits and personal growth.

WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO PURSUE A CAREER IN MEDICINE?



DRIELLY MARTINS, originally from São Paulo, Brazil, and attended Centro Universitário Adventista de São Paulo. Her interest in medicine was kindled in high school. “I was also drawn to a career in health care for the opportunity to serve others,” she said.



ANDREW FAY grew up in Redlands, California, and attended Redlands East Valley High School. He said his grandfather, a neurologist, influenced him growing up. But, he said shadowing doctors he admired while in high school finally convinced him to pursue medicine.



EVA YANKEE, who was raised in Portland, Oregon, was introduced to the sciences as a child and at Oregon City High School. Despite the challenges of medical school, Eva remains fascinated by the intricacies of human anatomy. “The ways God created the body to function are mind-blowing,” she said.

IN WHAT WAYS DO YOU FEEL PUC PREPARED YOU FOR THE CHALLENGES OF MEDICAL SCHOOL AT LLU?

ANDREW said PUC’s biology department prepared him especially well. For instance, after Robin Vance’s histology, Andrew said he was able to finish the cell lab at LLU consistently early. He also credited the guidance of PUC biology professors Aimee Wyrick, John Duncan, Bryan Ness, and Floyd Hayes.

EVA highlighted the rigorous biology courses and, while at PUC, learned how to manage time effectively. Eva said these strategies increased her “studying endurance”—an essential medical school asset.

DRIELLY learned teamwork at PUC, drawing on her experiences as the head biology teaching assistant and the Biology Club president. She also credits Wyrick and Ness. “Seeing the professors’ trust in me pushed me to work even harder,” she said. “I took this work ethic with me into medical school.”

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE PUC STUDENTS ON THE PRE-MED TRACK?

EVA said “the PUC biology department offers many elective courses that will be covered again in medical school, so my advice would be to take as many as possible.” She points out “even just being familiar with the concepts will save you time, and medical school will hammer in the rest of the little details—trust me.”

DRIELLY shared that extracurricular activities are important, too, and she encouraged students to embrace difficulties. “Pushing through a hard class or extra responsibility builds resilience,” she said.

ANDREW believes one major challenge of medical school is the significant time investment required to cover all of the content each week. “Getting through medical school is like eating a pancake every day,” he said, citing an analogy passed onto him. “If you don’t eat the pancake today, you’ll have two tomorrow. There’s a lot to learn, but breaking things up day by day is the best thing you can do to succeed.” 🍌



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»» PUC GAINS APPROVAL TO EXPAND NURSING PROGRAM TO SONORA

by Laura Gang

Pacific Union College recently received state approval for a new nursing training partnership with Adventist Health Sonora. The PUC education center will further the college's goals of growing its nursing program and help meet the rising need for highly qualified health care professionals in the Tuolumne County area.

The Associate Degree of Nursing program is open to Adventist Health employees and prospective students in the area looking to enter the nursing field. Pre-nursing classes began in April, and the nursing program will commence in September.

The California Board of Registered Nurses and the Education Licensing Committee approved the addition of 18 students to PUC's nursing program at the Sonora site. This hard-won achievement results from a two-year collaborative effort by PUC and Adventist Health to establish a new nursing education center in an underserved area. 🙌

»» MEET PUC'S 2023-2024 STUDENT ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT: KAITLYN NAKANISHI

by Ally Romanes

Kaitlyn Nakanishi has previously been a member of the Student Association at Pacific Union College. With a deep love for the college, she wanted to help make a difference in students' social lives following the COVID-19 pandemic, during which so many students were online and campus culture vanished. Nakanishi ran for Student Association

president last school year and has been serving in that role since the start of the 2023-2024 academic year.

Nakanishi believes the most important part of her role is facilitating discussions between the administration and students. "I want to ensure that PUC continues to be



student-centered because that is what initially made me fall in love with this school," she shared.

Being SA president involves many meetings and conversing with different students, which Nakanishi enjoys. She ensures that SA

operations run smoothly and provides students with safe spaces to grow socially and spiritually. She loves her SA team and feels blessed to be surrounded by such talented and hardworking individuals. 🙌

»» RELIGIOUS LIBERTY SUMMIT FEATURING DWIGHT NELSON HOSTED AT PUC

by Laura Gang

Dwight Nelson, the longtime Seventh-day Adventist pastor of the Pioneer Memorial Church, recently retired after 40 years there. Yet, retirement hasn't dimmed his passion. Instead, he is focused on living on the brink of eternity, the soon return of Jesus, and the undeniable challenges facing America—specifically, religious liberty and the rise of Christian nationalism.

On March 1-2, Pacific Union College hosted the Northern California Conference's annual Religious Liberty

Summit. The event centered on three powerful messages from Nelson, a series of workshops, and a panel discussion.

Those breakout workshops featured several prominent presenters, including two Superior Court judges, a community organizer, the chief of staff for a California state senator, and a historian. The panel discussion fostered thought-provoking conversations on pressing religious liberty issues. 🙌



»» LEARN ABOUT PUC'S SERVE TEAM

by Ally Romanes

The new Survivor Empowerment, Response to Violence, and Education team, known as SERVE, is funded through a grant from the US Department of Justice. While only visible on campus since the beginning of 2022, the program has accomplished a lot in the past year, including sponsoring student-focused activities centered on relevant awareness months and providing education on safety and prevention. April marked the fourth awareness month they sponsored, and the team continues learning about the types of activities that interest PUC's student body.

In 2020, PUC applied for a \$300,000 grant through the DOJ that would allow the campus to shift more funding and focus on the type of prevention work SERVE provides. Nearly half of all grant applicants received this award that year—PUC being one of them.

SERVE Project Director Alexis Haylock has received positive feedback and appreciation from students and employees for the program's work on campus. Haylock and Project Supervisor Michael Jefferson lead SERVE with their team of 16 members: 13 individuals who work at PUC, a student member, and two representatives from community agencies. 🙌



»» STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER SUPPORTS AND EMPOWERS ALL STUDENTS

by Laura Gang

Pacific Union College's Student Success Center, led by Director Kharolynn Pascual Smith, is committed to providing personalized support and growth opportunities for every student. Its primary mission is to aid students in discovering, exploring, and building upon their God-given, unique strengths and gifts—not only in academics but holistically, across all facets of their lives.

The center offers students valuable resources such as the CliftonStrengths for Students Assessment, which helps students identify their strengths, along with student-led workshops called "15 at 5," covering a wide range of topics. Pascual Smith described plans to work with other parts of the college to offer workshops on themes like spiritual gifts and mental health. Additionally, the center provides small group tutoring and a writing lab, which is available to all students, not just those facing academic challenges. 🙌

TO LEARN MORE OR TO CONTACT THE STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER VISIT puc.edu/student-success



PUC on Broadway: A Student-Led Community Musical Event

by Ally Romanes

From February 3-4, PUC on Broadway was showcased at St. Helena High School Performing Arts Center. People braved the winter weather to watch, but the cast believed it was well worth it.

PUC on Broadway is the product of people coming together to try something new. Performers sang songs from different Broadway musicals, and where one musical had a cohesive plot—they took songs and put them out of context.

This musical show is the brainchild of PUC's Student Association President, Kaitlyn Nakanishi. She invited PUC student Leila Beltran as co-director to help choose songs, coach the performers, and be the musical director. From there, they hit the ground running and created the program.

Nakanishi was the co-director, producer, and choreographer for PUC on Broadway. Ronnie Zanella, a PUC music professor, and Mika Palitang, a junior biology and music major, were the accompanists, and Jeremy Hadley and his team were the sound and lighting crew.

The key selling point of this production was anyone could join and the directors would create the rehearsal schedule around the participant's schedule. They would rehearse in chunks by musical number instead of a two-hour rehearsal where they practiced all the songs.

The well-casted performers sang many great musical numbers. One of Beltran's favorite songs was "Holding Out

For A Hero" from "Footloose." That was their big dance number, which was fun to dance, pose, and sing all at the same time. It was also the most fun to rehearse.

People loved PUC on Broadway and were left impressed with the production value since it was at a nice theater. The best reaction Beltran received was the number of people who wanted to audition next year. They looked at the show and thought, "I could do that. That could be me!" For Beltran, that makes it worth it to be a part of these productions.

PUC used to showcase musicals, but the tradition of a yearly musical ended. "Jericho Road," led by Dr. Lindsay Hayasaka, kickstarted the musical fever again. This is how Beltran became involved in the music department and wanted others to experience the theater bug.

As someone who did not have a theater program growing up, Beltran wants to create opportunities for people who want to be in theater. She didn't know how fun performing onstage would be, which other students have similarly expressed. Others thought about being a part of a production but never brought themselves to auditions. Beltran wanted to create a space with low-stress and fun for all.

"We want to create a culture of musical theater here," said Beltran. This theater culture she envisions is purely based on student vision. A musical theater culture currently does not exist at PUC. There is not a theater team that helps lead decisions, but they do have club sponsors since the show was a production of the Music Club.

The next musical is up in the air, and details are still being worked out on how to make one possible. They want to create more productions and opportunities for others to get involved and see what musical theater is all about.

"We want it to be expected that there will be a musical done every year," said Beltran. "The community members love music and arts. The students love music and arts. Musicals are a great way to engage both of those populations. We're more than just a school with a good nursing program and a good number of medical school commitments. Our School of Arts, Professions, and Humanities is strong! By creating more productions and taking people to see shows, we can show what we're capable of!" 🙌





Honoring Kellie Lind

A Legacy of Connection At PUC

by Laura Gang

Kellie Lind has long had the ability to connect with those at Pacific Union College and beyond.

Over the course of nearly 25 years at PUC, Lind left an indelible mark on the college. She contributed to its growth and success—most recently as vice president for alumni and advancement.

This spring, Lind transitioned to a new business opportunity in the Napa Valley. While PUC President Ralph Trecartin expressed excitement for Lind and her new horizons, he knows PUC will feel the loss of Lind’s warmth and impact acutely.

“Kellie possesses an exceptional ability to connect with everyone, making each person feel special and important,” Trecartin said. “Her vibrant personality and warmth

exemplify the kinds of friendships and connections that PUC is famous for. Going forward, I will continue to welcome her advice and guidance.”

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.

“I owe Malcolm Maxwell a huge debt of gratitude,” said Lind, who also served as the associate director of student enrollment during her time at PUC. “Without him, I would not have embarked on a wonderful career helping serve our amazing PUC alumni and friends.”

Lind briefly stepped away from PUC in 2008 to open and manage La Boheme, an antique resale boutique in St. Helena dedicated to benefiting Collabria Hospice California. She also managed an antique shop called Maxine’s in downtown Calistoga. Kellie also loved managing The Acorn Gift Shop at what is now Adventist Health St. Helena.

However, when then-President Eric Anderson came to PUC, he approached Lind about returning. In 2017, she was appointed as vice president for alumni and advancement. She quickly worked to bolster the college’s connections with the community and alumni, setting a new high standard for how PUC worked with donors. Her expertise helped increase annual giving by a staggering 160%.

Numerous other projects were made a reality under her watch, including the Utt Center completion, the soon-to-be-completed Paulin Recital Hall project, and the funding for Phase I of the nursing department remodel. Students will continue to benefit from Lind’s dedication for many years to come, including her establishing numerous scholarship endowments and settling an estate bringing in more than \$6M.

“Throughout her time at PUC, Kellie has been an invaluable member of our leadership team, contributing immensely to the growth and success of our college,” Trecartin said.

DeAnna Cordis, ’04, worked with Lind for many years—at both the PUC Department of Alumni and Advancement and in her area business ventures. Cordis said Lind will be greatly missed.

“When we’re out and about, even at the College Market, there are always people who know her and want to catch up,” Cordis said. “She knows no stranger. She makes things fun, even when the circumstances may not be.”

Originally from Lodi, California, Lind graduated from Lodi Academy before earning public relations and journalism degrees from PUC in 1982. She raised her two sons, Christian and Carignane, in Angwin, and both attended PUC Elementary and PUC Preparatory schools before graduating from PUC.

Lind has been an active member of the Angwin and Napa Valley communities, serving as a board member at both PUC Elementary and PUC Prep and president of the Angwin Community Council. She is a member of the St. Helena Rotary.

Lind plans to stay close to PUC, continuing to live in the beautiful historic home she’s called hers for the last three decades. Family will also remain a priority for her, as she enjoys being a grandmother to Eleanor and Bennett.

“I will continue to love and support PUC, and I encourage everyone to do the same,” she said. 🍷🍷



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Pacific Union College has created a lifetime of memories for students, faculty, and staff. We've forged lifelong relationships here and learned to live in faith and serve God with purpose.

Here's a look back at some of the events and people making the headlines at the College on the Mountain over the decades.

1999: As the internet era dawned, PUC began implementing new technology across campus—including electronic timecards for student workers and the latest software to block certain websites from campus networks. The goal of the new internet software was to not only block access to inappropriate material but also free up important bandwidth for academic uses.

Meanwhile, revamping the worship credit system continued as a topic of discussion across campus. Multiple student forums were held, and the student senate formed a special committee to discuss the issue.

At the time, some students were disappointed in the quality of campus worship services. The year before, a group of student senators unsuccessfully pushed for a recommendation, calling on the college's board to shift worship credits from a requirement to a recommendation.

1974: A campus visit and testimony from Rick Shorter and his wife, Gwen Simmons, prompted days of discussion and debate on campus about how students dress. Shorter, a music producer and songwriter, had recently returned to the Seventh-day Adventist Church when he came to campus with Simmons, a former model and singer. "Should SDA Women Wear Pants?" the headline in the Campus Chronicle asked.

"Modesty as a principle seemed easily acceptable. Applying the principle was difficult," the Campus Chronicle reported. "Shorter and Simmons felt that women should never wear pants without a dress covering it, that all garments should be completely suspended from the shoulders, and that men should never wear short-sleeved shirts."

Student reactions varied. Some felt they were extreme measures, some did not care, and others were ready to change.

In the end, the Campus Chronicle reported that students used the discussion to further study the Bible and the writings of Ellen G. White.

1949: The Pacific Union Conference approved the construction of a new men's dormitory, Newton Hall, the next major building project on PUC's campus. The new dorm was to cost \$150,000, equivalent to about \$1.9 million today, and located just north of Grainger Hall.

"The college board and the union conference committee have been most cooperative in recognizing the need for housing for the college men and in providing funds for the new building," then-PUC President P.W. Christian said, according to the Campus Chronicle. "The new residence hall will go far toward meeting one of the most pressing needs on our campus at the present time."

That same year, PUC students continued to donate generously to the Seventh-day Adventist Church. A Week of Sacrifice in December 1949 raised \$2,379 from three dorms and a chapel—more than \$31,000 in today's dollars.

1924: During Thanksgiving vacation in 1924, PUC hosted an all-day picnic. "Everyone was stiff and sore from the violent exertions of the day, but the happy expressions on the faces of the 450 persons present belied the aching backs and tired legs," the Mountain Howell student newspaper reported.

The highlight? A baseball game with starting pitchers Clarence Ing and Oakley Krakenberg. The game ended in a 3-3 tie.

Meanwhile, the picnic featured hot chocolate, pumpkin pie, cake, and "everything that goes with it to make a real Thanksgiving picnic dinner" for students, teachers, and visitors.



In Service and Faith:

The Inspiring Journeys of Two Couples in Adventist Education

by Laura Gang

For more than 140 years, Pacific Union College has been a pillar of education, preparing and supporting students for lives of service and leadership.

Many alumni have embarked on remarkable journeys of faith and service, particularly as teachers. Among those educators are two couples who stand out as examples of the enduring impact of Seventh-day Adventist education and mission.

In addition to their shared beginnings at PUC and a deep commitment to their faith, these couples have embraced their roles as educators, shaping hearts and minds with a

passion driven by their faith in God and an unwavering dedication to excellence.

Both couples expressed gratitude to PUC for giving them a strong educational foundation. They attributed their success as teachers to the guidance and mentorship of numerous professors, especially those in the education department, who supported them academically and spiritually.

Matt and Kim Bennie work at Redlands Adventist Academy, where they take their responsibility as educators seriously. Each day, they strive to instill a love of Christ in their students.

“My hope is that students feel God’s love and embrace their true identity of being children of God,” Matt said. “As students create in the classroom, we can connect all lessons back to their Creator.”

Scott and Stacy Knight, educators at Columbia Adventist Academy in Washington state, are deeply attuned to teenagers’ daily challenges. They are committed to providing support by demonstrating their own reliance on God as a source of strength and guidance.

“I pray that I can be a steady role model for them and an example of faith,” Stacy said. “And that I can show them what God’s steadying presence in the tough times can do.”

THE BENNIES

Matt, ’01, grew up in Southern California, and education was deeply ingrained in his family. His grandfather, Rue Hoen, led the Department of Chemistry at PUC from 1937 to 1954. Matt’s mother, Anita Bennie (att. ’63-64), was a longtime educator with a remarkable ability to connect with students. Matt’s two brothers, Mike, ’95, and Scott (att. ’92-94), also have careers in education.

Reflecting on his journey into teaching, Matt credits his experience as a student at Orangewood Adventist Academy and the teachers who inspired him.

Kim (Shaw), ’01, spent three years teaching swimming lessons to children while at Modesto Adventist Academy—an experience she loved. Before starting PUC, she realized how much she missed interacting with the children. She promptly changed her major to education.

Initially, Matt and Kim crossed paths through mutual friends at PUC. But it wasn’t until their first year of teaching—Kim at Napa Adventist Junior Academy and Matt at Redlands Adventist Academy—that they realized their connection was more than platonic. They reminisce about that first year of teaching, navigating the inevitable learning curves while anticipating weekend trips to see each other, thanks to Southwest’s \$29 low-fare deals.

The following year, Kim moved to Redlands to teach 6th grade while Matt continued teaching junior high. They kept dating while working alongside each other. In June 2004, they married.

Matt began teaching 5th grade in 2008-2009. In February 2009, they welcomed their first daughter, Jennalyn, prompting Kim to focus on being a full-time mother. Three years later, in 2012, they had their second daughter, Jordyn. Though she wasn’t teaching, Kim

remained engaged in part-time roles at RAA, serving as the WASC Self-Study Coordinator and the school’s K-12 librarian since 2018.

Their daughters, Jennalyn and Jordyn, now 15 and 12, respectively, had the privilege of having their father as their 5th grade teacher.

“Thankfully, they already were excellent students, were patient with me, and had understanding friends as well,” Matt said.

Looking ahead, Matt and Kim are confident about one thing: “My daughters only have two choices for college: Pacific Union College or PUC.”

Matt and Kim are still passionate about their work with students.

“My motivation is being able to interact with kids and hopefully make a difference in their lives by loving them, supporting them, and leading them to Christ while providing an excellent education,” Kim said.

THE KNIGHTS

Stacy (Herrmann), ’07, found inspiration in her father, Doug Herrmann, who devoted many years to Adventist education. Despite the challenges, Stacy admired her father’s love for his work and decided to pursue a high school English teacher career.

“I enjoyed the interactions and meaningful discussions I had with teachers and wanted to have that with my own students,” Stacy said.

Scott, ’04, grew up on the Oregon coast and graduated from Milo Adventist Academy before earning a B.A. in graphic technology from Pacific Union College. He truly valued the support and guidance of his professors.

“The visual arts community at PUC was amazing, and the instructors played a big role in facilitating and fostering that atmosphere,” Scott said.

After finishing at PUC, he spent a year as a student missionary in Palau. The experience ignited a strong desire to serve others, and after returning to the U.S., he was determined to return.

Shortly after his return from Palau, Scott met and started dating Stacy at PUC. Stacy was working on her English major and teaching credentials. Despite Scott’s desire to return to Palau, he wanted to remain near Stacy. They got married in December 2006.

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The couple moved to Palau after Stacy graduated from PUC in 2007. Stacy taught high school English at Palau Mission Academy, and Scott taught computers, graphic design, and yearbook. Originally planning to stay for two years, they loved it so much that they stayed another year.

Scott and Stacy returned to the U.S. in 2010 amid the economic collapse, making it challenging to find teaching jobs. Fortunately, a chance encounter led them to Holbrook Indian School in Arizona, where they taught for three years. Their first daughter, Alana, was born in 2012.

In 2013, the Knights moved to Washington, and Stacy began teaching English at Columbia Adventist Academy while Scott stayed home with Alana. Their second daughter, Ellie, was born a year and a half later.

Once Alana started kindergarten, Scott taught photography and graphic design part-time. As Ellie began school, he transitioned to teaching full-time again.

This year marks Stacy's 11th year at CAA and Scott's sixth.

The Knights continue to love their work, driven by a sense of mission—the same spirit that guided them to Palau and Holbrook. They strongly believe in the importance of a Christian school environment for students.

“Adventist education gives students a safe space to grow, question, and explore,” Stacy said. “It shows them their value and the value of others as children of God. It’s not always perfect, and we don’t always see the immediate effects of the work, but it’s still so worth it. 🙌”



STAY IN TOUCH

We are saying prayers of gratitude for all of the blessings we’ve received at our “college on the mountain” this year, and we hope you will share those prayers with us! If you want to stay updated with the latest PUC news, please subscribe to our e-newsletter at puc.edu/newsletter.

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Alumni News

CLASS NOTES

Written & Compiled by Herbert Ford, '54

1960

Robert R. Torrey Jr., '66, was honored with "The Inner Circle," the micro (highest) level of medical patient-centeredness, as a Pinnacle Platinum Healthcare Professional for his contributions to the field of Urologic Oncology. Along his journey toward his present position as a Loma Linda University School of Medicine faculty member, Robert studied at and gained education from Pacific Union College, Loma Linda University, Georgia Baptist Hospital, Atlanta's Grady Memorial Hospital, Washington Children's Hospital, Redlands Community Hospital, and Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York.

William Oh, '68, '69, retired from orthopedic surgery endeavors in 2023, after 50 years of medical practice in



various parts of the world, both as a civilian and U.S. Navy officer. Early into his retirement, the Guam Micronesia Mission persuaded

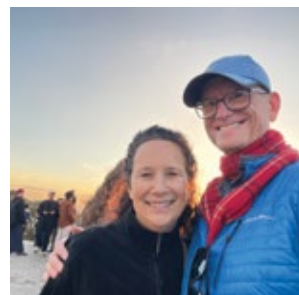
him and his wife of 50 years, Gail, to leave their Yucaipa, California, home and serve in Guam. Their Guam SDA Clinic is always in need of volunteers, long-term or short-term. William hopes that some younger, more energetic orthopedic surgeon will soon come to relieve them.

1980

Richard (Rick) Barnett, Jr., '83, '84, was, in November 2022, named chairman of the Board of Directors of SeaStar Medical Holding Corporation in Denver, Colorado—a publicly traded medical technology company that provides medical devices to prevent respiratory distress syndrome, acute kidney injury, and many other health issues that can result in a dangerous cytokine storm. Before joining SeaStar, Rick was president and chief executive officer of Satellite Healthcare, Inc., in San Jose, California, for seven years. He presently serves on the Board of Cutis Care, Inc., and is chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Kidney Foundation—California, Nevada & Pacific Northwest Region.

Mark Haddad, '87, has been serving in Egypt, along with his wife Linda, '86, as the Treasurer of the Egypt-Sudan Field. They will finish their

five-year call in October 2024 and return to California. Mark and Linda also served in Singapore and Thailand when they were young, and after living in California for



20 years, decided to leave their careers and make themselves available to the church again. They were willing to go anywhere there was a need, and the need was in Egypt. He was an assistant treasurer in Singapore for the Far Eastern and Asia-Pacific Divisions until 1997. At the Asia Pacific International University in Thailand, he taught in the business department from 2000-2001. After that, Mark worked for the City of Redding from 2001-2018, with the last 10 years as the chief financial officer of the Redding Electric Utility. Linda was an English as a Second Language teacher at the Shasta Community College in Redding for many years before we moved to Egypt. We will settle back in Redding to be close to family for several months before deciding what

to do next, as we'd like to serve again overseas if the Lord needs us.

Kathy West, '87, was grateful for her first-time opportunity to compete at the Westminster Kennel Club dog show last year in New York. Her dog Pippin received the Best of Opposite Sex award. They received other awards throughout the remainder of 2023, such as Best of Breed, Best of Opposite, and Select. At the American Kennel Club (AKC) Championships in Orlando, Pippin was awarded



Best of Breed and Best of Opposite Sex at the National Biewer Terrier Specialty with an entry of 61 dogs. The final stats at the end of 2023 showed that her Biewer Terrier, GCHB Lyn's Pippin Hot Cuppa Tea at Rivendell, ranked 4th in her breed. Since she finished the year within the top 5, she received an invitation to compete again at the Westminster Kennel Club dog show in May, 2024.

Sean Facchinello, '88, is a Doctor of Ministry candidate, Chaplaincy cohort with Andrews University, Theological Seminary. He's the supervi-



sor chaplain at the Federal Bureau of Prisons, FCI, in Big Spring, Texas. He graduated from Andrews University in 1991 with a Master of Divinity and is in his third year of the Doctor of Ministry program. His pastoral ministry led him to work in the Arizona, Kansas-Nebraska, and Northern California Conferences of Seventh-day Adventists. Sean retired as a Navy and Army Chaplain after 33 years. He has a wonderful wife, Dushy, who enjoys gardening.

1990

Mark Teh, '98, founded the Estate Plan Design Center in May 2021. Based in Roseville, California, and servicing clients throughout the state, the center is an estate planning company offering tailored trust-based plans for those wanting a high-quality experience with a personal touch. They work with their clients to prepare an estate planning portfolio of documents (typically a revocable trust, pour-over will, a general power of attorney, advance health care directive, and other ancillary documents)

that provide them with a comprehensive estate plan.

Before opening his law firm, Mark worked at a firm defending the private property rights of landowners against the overreach of government agencies. He subsequently served as the director of estate and gift planning for a Christian media ministry, where he received his professional designations as a certified specialist in planned giving and chartered advisor in philanthropy. In addition to his estate planning practice, Mark is also affiliated with MassMutual as a financial planner serving clients with building and protecting their legacy.

2010

Torrah Lovett, '13, recently earned her certification as a trauma recovery coach to help people process grief and betrayal trauma. She became a trauma recovery coach after experiencing trauma in her own life and learning how much these experiences can affect our bodies and lives. Having difficulty finding someone who understood her experience, Torrah set out to become the person she needed then. She works with people who may have lost a loved one or experienced interpersonal or relationship trauma—through a peer-to-peer relationship style therapy—to help survivors move into a healthy, happy place in their lives. Torrah uses her own personal experience to empathize with her clients. Before earning this certification, she worked as an academic advisor for the University of Colorado and is a history instructor.

Angel Rivero, '16, was ordained as a pastor in The United Methodist Church in June 2023, in Sacramento, California. He is responsible for preaching and worship, pastoral care, witness and service, and overseeing the administration of the local church. From 2020 to 2023, Angel served two United Methodist congregations in Monterey County (Marina and Salinas). In July 2023, he was appointed by the bishop to the First United Methodist Church of Roseville, California. After graduating from Pacific Union College, he pursued a Master of Divinity from the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, California, where he received a full-ride merit scholarship. His studies there included Wesleyan studies, new church development, and social change.



Tell us about your adventures, accomplishments, weddings, and family additions! Please send us your update and photo by **August 1, 2024**, to be included in our next issue.



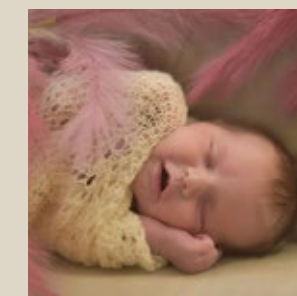
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Announcements

WEDDINGS & BIRTHS



Andriana Bidleman (Perez), '23, and **Tucker Bidleman '23**, were married in Carmel, Calif., on Sept. 17, 2023.



Evangeline Moeller, daughter of **Laurie (Sanford) Moeller '08**, and Mark Moeller was born in Roseville, Calif., on Oct. 15, 2023.

IN MEMORY

Written & Compiled by Herbert Ford, '54

FACULTY AND STAFF

Ivan T. Blazen, Former Faculty, a teacher, and widely-known student of the Bible, died on December 4, 2023, in Loma Linda, California. He was born on September 17, 1934, in Buffalo, New York. Ivan served as a professor of religion at PUC from 1990 to 1993. In 1993, he began teaching as a biblical interpretation and theology professor at Loma Linda University and served until his retirement in 2010. Ivan, the author of two books, wrote numerous book chapters, articles, and church publications. A preeminent New Testament scholar of the Seventh-day Adventist church, he had an unquenchable desire for knowledge and a fierce love of his students. Ivan was preceded in death by his wife Paddy Jean Blazen, his brother, Matthew Blazen, and his step-children, Shawn and Leanna Peterson. He is survived by his wife, Deanna Blazen; by his daughters, Lynell Babienco, Yvonne Doggett, and Jean Blazen; and by his five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Bruce Ivey, Former Faculty, died on September 20, 2023, in Angwin, California. He was born on February 21, 1946. He married Janet in 1968, graduated from Andrews University, and taught math and science in Kansas and Montana. Bruce earned a doctorate

in education from Montana State University and developed a lifelong interest in computer programming there. In 1992, the family moved to Angwin, CA, where Bruce taught at PUC for 21 years. He cherished family, faith, and community, enjoying hobbies like flying, playing the trumpet, and photography. Bruce loved outdoor activities such as hiking, canoeing, fishing, and skiing, often sharing these passions by leading group hikes. He is survived by his wife, Janet; sons Mark (Yana) and Brad; grandchildren Alex and Eric; sisters Margaret and Josephine; and several nieces and nephews.

Serhii Kalynovs'kyi, Staff, served as Director of Institutional Research. Serhii tragically passed away on Feb. 12 following a car accident while traveling from Miranda, California. Serhii has been an invaluable member of the PUC family since November 2010. He will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing and working with him.

Gregg Stutchman, '84, PUC Staff, a state licensed investigator, died on December 1, 2023, in Yountville, California. He was born on April 22, 1952, in Eureka, California. Gregg served as a Public Safety captain at Pacific Union College. Later, he was the owner of the Stutchman Forensic Laboratory, a trainer

Remembering Friends

"In Memory" is our opportunity to honor and remember fellow alumni. We currently receive obituaries from various sources, and information may not always be complete. Family members of alumni who wish to submit obituary information directly can contact the alumni office. alumni@puc.edu | (707) 965-7500

in forensic technology; and testified extensively as an expert witness in courtrooms throughout the United States and Canada. He served as chief of security at the Soquel (Calif.) Seventh-day Adventist Camp Meetings for more than 46 years. Gregg was the head elder of the St. Helena (Calif.) Seventh-day Adventist Church at the time of his death from pancreatic cancer. Friends said he left a mark of kindness on many young people's hearts as he was involved in Bible studies and many youth groups. Gregg is survived by his daughter, Amber; by his two sons, Jonathan and John; by his two grandchildren; and his sister, Andrea.

Donald Marcellus Warren, '47, Former Faculty and Administration, died on October 5, 2023, in Vancouver, Washington. He was born on February 18, 1926, in Chunking, China, to Seventh-day Adventist missionary parents. In 1937, Don and his family moved to the United States from Hong Kong due to the Japanese military invasion of China. After graduating from PUC, Don married Phyllis Markham and began teaching or serving as principal of Adventist academies in Placerville, Lodi, and Oakland in California. In 1960, he joined the PUC faculty and began a doctoral program in social psychology at Stanford

(Calif.) University. Don served two years as academic dean of Walla Walla College in Washington before returning to PUC as professor of behavioral science and associate dean of academic affairs. He made many contributions to the betterment of Pacific Union College and received numerous awards for his outstanding service. His working career ended with his serving for 12 years as vice president for medical affairs for the Glendale (Calif.) Adventist Medical Center. Don was predeceased by his wife, Phyllis Markham Warren, and is survived by his daughter, Donelle Warren Nieman, '47; and his son, Randall Warren.

Dan Wyrick, '77, '84, Former Faculty, passed away on February 8th, 2024, due to complications from pancreatic cancer. He was the father of Aimee Wyrick, Dean of the School of Sciences. Dan had strong ties with the SDA community and education system throughout Northern California and beyond as a student and teacher. Dan worked for most of his career in the Adventist system under many roles, but always towards the purpose of sharing his love of God and the natural world. He served as principal, classroom teacher, editor of science textbooks, and leading outdoor education programs as creator and sole proprietor of Nature by Design. Dan strongly believed

in the value of education beyond the indoor classroom and curated and led programs on the coast at the Albion Field Station, in the deserts and fossil beds of Nevada's Great Basin, and myriad other locations along the West Coast and even further afield. He created programs that sparked imaginations and engendered curiosity and excitement for the natural world for many age ranges- from elementary and secondary students to college and graduate students to seasoned and established educators. Dan is survived by his wife, Chris, and daughters, Aimee and Emilie.

ALUMNI

Lawrence Dwight Bennett, '71, died on October 16, 2023, in Napa, California. He was born on November 12, 1949, in Kauai, Hawaii. Lawrence is survived by his wife, Diane; by his daughters, Lisa Page and Tiffany Mendez; by his sons, Jason and Jonathan; by nine grandchildren; by his sister, Lynette Kinsey; and by his brother, Lyle Bennett.

James W. (Jim) Ashlock, '57, '58, a retired missionary and educator, was born on October 9, 1931, in Poona, India, and died on July 25, 2023, in Collegedale, Tennessee. Growing up in Assam, India, Jim became fluent in the Khasi language. He was a medic while in U.S. military service in Korea, and after he graduated from PUC, he earned a doctoral degree from Oregon State University. Jim and his wife, Betty Lou Pruitt, went to India as missionaries, where he served many years

as a teacher at Spicer College. After returning to the United States, he taught high school classes in Sacramento, California, and afterward, was a staff member at the Pacific Press Publishing Association. For 10 years before his retirement, he was the director of alumni at Southern Missionary College. Jim is survived by his wife, Ruth Howard Brass, whom he married upon the death of his first wife. He is also survived by his three sons, Bill, Richard, and Howard; and four grandchildren.

Arthur James Bigelow, '66, died on August 3, 2023, in Prineville, Oregon. He was born on July 16, 1931, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Arthur is survived by his wife, Myrtle (Wallen); his daughters, Carolyn Aalvik and Nita Jordan; his sons, Lester, Robert, and Kenneth; and his 17 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Kevin S. Boggs, '87, died on December 13, 2023, in Fontana, California. He was born on October 31, 1964, in Newport Beach, California. Kevin is survived by his wife, Sharon; by his daughter, Haley; by siblings Heather, Jonathan, and Dana; and by his parent, Lola Ham.

James Arthur Carritte, Att., a physician, died on August 28, 2023, in Redlands, California. He was born in 1956 in Lawrence, Illinois. James, and grew up in San Bernardino County, California. James graduated from the David Geffen School of Medicine at the University of California Los Angeles, followed by a Family Practice residency at

the San Bernardino County Medical Center. He practiced medicine at the Beaver Medical Clinic in Beaumont, California, for 36 years. Jim's death was preceded by the death of his son, Jake, in May 2023. He is survived by his wife, Deborah; and his daughter, Madeline.

Charleen Rut (Kunza) Davidson, '78, a nurse, died on April 1, 2024, in St. Helena, California. She was born on November 1, 1957. Charleen served as an ICU nurse at St. Helena Hospital during more than 40 years of service with the hospital. She is survived by her husband, Bruce; by her daughter, Jessica; and by her son, Mike.

Bonnie Nadyne (McWilliams) Dunston, '65, '72, a retired teacher, died on November 10, 2023, in Lincoln, Nebraska. She was born on January 2, 1928, in Red Bluff, California. Bonnie was an elementary school teacher for 30 years in California, Nevada, Nebraska, and Minnesota. She also served as assistant Dean of Girls at Maplewood Academy. She was a member of the Open Hands Christian Fellowship. Bonnie was predeceased by Teddy Lee Dunston, her husband of 60 years, and by her infant daughter, Donna Alynn. She is survived by her two daughters, LeAnn Merth and Joan Freeman; and by three grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Lela Mary (Ruthmann) Franzman, '46, died on June 27, 2023, in Vancouver, Washington. She was born on October 16, 1927, in Boise,

Idaho. Lela is survived by her husband, Herbert; her daughters, Debbie Simpson, Holly Proel, and Gretchen Watson; her son, Walter; and six grandchildren.

Nathan Lee Garcia, '04, died on February 29, 2024, in Curry County, Oregon. He was born on February 20, 1981, in Brookings, Oregon. After receiving his JD degree from the University of Oregon Law School, Nathan practiced law with a firm in Eugene, Oregon. He then moved to the Oregon coast where for a short time he worked in a law office before opening his own law office in Brookings, Oregon.

Sarah Jean (Geraty) Gard, '42, '45, '66, a nurse, died on December 31, 2023, in Redlands, California. She was born on May 17, 1923, in San Francisco, California. During her life, Jean and her husband, Ken, served as missionaries at Ile-Ife Hospital in Nigeria, from 1959 to 1961. Jean is survived by her daughter, Carolyn Waldron; by her sons, Brian and Kenneth; and by one granddaughter.

Ronald Wellesley Greenlaw, '61, a medical speech therapist, died on June 9, 2023, in Redding, California. He was born on May 13, 1938, in Covina, California. A veteran of U.S. military service, Ronald served as a teacher and principal in Seventh-day Adventist schools in Santa Barbara and Red Bluff, California. He established a Speech and Hearing Clinic at Walla Walla College before leading a similar clinic at Loma Linda University. Additional graduate education took Ronald to

Maryland, where he studied and taught brain functioning at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and the Kennedy Krieger Institute. He worked for years as a full-time speech therapist in Redding until he retired in 2020. Ronald is survived by his wife, Shandra Marie (Sherrill) Greenlaw; by his children, Sharla Cox, Shauni Williams, and Ronald A. Greenlaw; by nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; and by his siblings, Colin T. Greenlaw, Jr., and Penelope (Greenlaw) Elkins. Ronald was preceded in death by his brother, Theodore (Ted) Greenlaw.

Lucy Pratt Cummings Heald, Att. '40s, a retired nurse, died on September 26, 2023, in St. Helena, California. She was born on May 10, 1926, in Los Angeles, California. Lucy was part of a family that had leadership roles in the establishment of the St. Helena Sanitarium; the “Elmshaven” California, home of Seventh-day Adventist co-founder Ellen G. White; and in education at Healdsburg (Calif.) College, the forerunner of Pacific Union College. She received her RN degree at the White Memorial Hospital in Los Angeles in 1947. Lucy was a nurse at a convalescent hospital, then, for many years, an intensive-care-unit nurse at the Auburn (Calif.) Faith Hospital, and, until her retirement in 1992, a medical-surgical nurse at the St. Helena Hospital. Lucy is survived by numerous children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Troy David Hooker, '95, an information technology (IT) specialist, died on October

8, 2023, in Yucaipa, California. He was born on January 15, 1971. His information technology career included health system IT service in the Yucaipa area. Still, it also took him to distant places: New York state, the countries of Qatar and Saudi Arabia, and Toronto, Canada. Troy is survived by his wife, Shayna Bounds; by his step-daughters, Brynn and Bailee; by his parents, Marie and Bill Hooker; and by his brothers, Tal and Todd Hooker.

Dale M. Isaeff, '61, a physician, died on November 7, 2023, in Loma Linda, California. He was born on March 30, 1940, in Turlock, California. Dale is survived by his wife, Isa Wenzel-Isaef; by his sons, Randall Isaef and Shawn Isaef; by his sibling, Wayne Isaef; and by three grandchildren.

Laurel Anne (Pat) Jones, '49, died on December 31, 2023, in Loma Linda, California. She was born on August 12, 1927, in Los Angeles, California. Laurel is survived by her daughters, Laurel Munson, Allison Field, and Julianne Hardy; and by seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Jeanette (Peters) Katenhorn, '72, a nurse and mother, died on April 5, 2023, in Yucaipa, California. She was born on July 20, 1952, in Glendale, California. Jeanette served as a nurse in Loma Linda, California, before moving to Boise, Idaho, with her husband, Jon, a medical doctor. Her life in Boise was filled with good works that she did for the Cloverdale Seventh-day

Adventist Church, the Boise Valley Adventist School, Gem State Adventist Academy, and Camp Idahaven in McCall, Idaho. Jeanette was preceded in death by her mother and father, Marolyn and Donald Peters; and by her brother, Alan Peters. She is survived by her husband, Jon; her daughters, Sara Schilt and Dana Rhynus; by her son, Jordan; and by five grandchildren.

Gary Klemp, '63, a musician and traveler, died on March 20, 2024, in Eureka, California. He was born on June 21, 1940, in Eureka. After he graduated from PUC, Gary spent two years in Vienna, Austria, studying music. He taught music at Seventh-day Adventist schools in California, Missouri, and Wisconsin. He retired from teaching music in San Francisco, California, and became a traveler. He spent two years in Poland where he taught English and then taught English and Bible for eight years in South Korea. His traveling ended abruptly when he suffered a stroke in 2010 while in Bangkok, Thailand. In his forced retirement, Gary continued to make music in Eureka and other nearby parts of Northern California. Gary was predeceased by his parents, a sister, two brothers, and his twin, Larry Klemp. He is survived by his sister-in-law Dixie.

Ruth Arlene Erskine Maddox, '51, a Seventh-day Adventist school teacher, died on March 9, 2023. She was born in 1926. Among survivors is her daughter, Cheryl Maddox Rediger, '80.

William Edward Maddox, '52, a Seventh-day Adventist school teacher, died on December 17, 2023. He was born on March 21, 1925. Among survivors is his daughter, Cheryl Maddox Rediger, '80.

Laurel Anne “Pat” Mundall, '49, an educator, died on December 31, 2023, in Loma Linda, California. She was born on August 12, 1927, in Los Angeles, California. After her marriage to Ralph Llewellyn Jones, '48, they lived in Cambridge, Massachusetts; Santa Clara, California; and College Place, Washington. Pat taught English at Walla Walla College and Walla Walla's Garrison Junior High School. Following Ralph's death in 1982, Pat moved to Loma Linda, where she sold antique china in her sister's antique store. Pat is survived by her three daughters, Laurel Munson, Allison Field, and Julianne Hardy; by seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Michael David Preyer, '80, was born on March 4, 1958, and passed away on December 5, 2022. Michael graduated from Upper Columbia Academy in 1975 with honors, and in 1977, he married Genelle Clayton, a 1979 PUC Grad. He graduated from PUC in 1980 with a music major and taught in SDA Denominational schools for five years. Michael continued his career as an aeronautical engineer working for Boeing, McDonald Douglass, and continuing his career with Northrop Grumman in San Diego, California, for another 19 years. He was on the ground floor of the aeronautical industry, helping

to develop and build some of the world's most advanced aircraft, such as the innovative B-2 Spirit stealth bomber to the groundbreaking X-47B. He leaves behind his dear wife, Genelle Clayton-Preyer, two children, Steven and Tiffany, along with grandchildren, Jarod, Abby, Faith, and Avery Preyer. Other loved ones are his mother, Virginia Preyer-Coombs '59, step-father Bob Coombs, '68 father-in-law Charles Clayton, and his wife. Michael's father, David Preyer '59, and mother-in-law Pamela Clayton, '58, both pre-deceased Michael.

Kathryn D. Ratzel, '73, a retired school teacher, died on November 28, 2023, in Manly, Iowa. She was born on August 5, 1935, in West Gardener, Maine. The wife of military officer William Ratzel, Kathryn spent several years with him at military posts in Europe and Africa before returning to the U.S., where, in the early 1970s, she attended Pacific Union College. Following her graduation in 1973, Kay began touching many students' lives as a teacher in several states of the U.S. As an extension of her teaching, she gave Bible studies to friends, leading many of them to accept Jesus. Kay is survived by her children, Barbara Figgins and Robert (Jackie) Ratzel; by her four grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; by her brother, Clarence Lawson Jr.; and by her special friend, Theresa Green.

Gwynne Milton Richardson, '58, a retired educator and church pastor, died on November 12, 2023, in Walla Walla, Washington. He was born on February 18, 1934, in Mt. Vernon, Ohio. After earning degrees from Pacific

Union College, Potomac University, Andrews University, and Loma Linda University, Gwynne served as a Seventh-day Adventist educator on the East Coast, in the Heartland, and on the West Coast of the United States. After that service, he transitioned to being a church pastor to 14 congregations in 46 years of ministry. Gwynne is survived by his wife, lone (Markel); by his daughter, Kari Olson; by his son, Paul; by his two grandchildren; by his brother, Jerry; and by his step-sister, Angie Rueb.

Marilyn Lavonne (Miller) Rollins, '51, a school teacher, died on March 24, 2024, in Elwood, Indiana. She was born on November 29, 1929, in Pewee Valley, Kentucky. In addition to her education at Pacific Union College, Marilyn did graduate studies at Walla Walla University in Washington. With her husband, Duane Rollins, she lived for eight years in Guam and the Philippines. Marilyn was predeceased by her first husband, Frederick Deiss. She is survived by her husband, Duane Rollins; by their daughters, Marcellyn Baker, April Walker, Jennifer Payton, and Kimberly Maddux; by their sons, Gregory, Allory, and Zachory Deiss; and by several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Dennis Brian Ruuska, '60s, a carpenter, died on February 5, 2024, in Cosmopolis, Washington. He was born on September 26, 1941, in Aberdeen, Washington. Dennis graduated from Pacific Union College after having studied at Olympic College, in Aberdeen. He is survived by two

siblings, Nancy Van Bergen, and Russell Ruuska.

Onitta M. Smith, '54, died on October 30, 2023, in Lincoln, Nebraska. She was born on June 25, 1930. Onitta and her family were associated for many years with Union College in Lincoln. Onitta was predeceased by her husband, Al; by her daughter, Addie Zastrow; and by her sons, Michael and Walter.

Mark Alan Umek, Att., died on February 20, 2024, in Escondido, California. He was born on August 10, 1949. Mark is survived by his wife, Sandy; by his daughter, Amanda Granados; by his son, Mark; and by two grandchildren.

Theodore (Ted) Paul Utt, '47, a retired physician, died on November 27, 2023, in Simi Valley, California. He was born on November 3, 1925, in Stoneham, Massachusetts. A veteran of U.S. Army medical service, Ted served as a physician for 70 years, retiring from a private medical practice in Portland, Oregon. In retirement, he had a long and consequential life, contributing positively to the lives of many around him. He loved life, golf, and other sports; music, travel, and especially his family. Ted was preceded in death by his first wife, Colleen (Knapp). He is survived by his wife, Shirley (Christian), and her family; by his daughters, Kathleen Morgan and Peni Cockrel; by his sons, Richard, Terrill, and Thomas Utt; and by 11 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Roberta Wall, '69, a former businesswoman, died on March 7, 2024, in Napa,

California. Roberta grew up as one of 13 siblings in Grand Junction, Colorado. A hospital administrator, and then a real estate broker in Napa County, she lived in Europe, Sacramento and Stockton, California, before enjoying the last 38 years of her life in Napa County. Roberta is survived by her husband, Duane Wall; her son, Mark Dodge; and by her brother, Barney Lambert.

Dolly Milholland, '77, an Adventist educator for 46 years, passed away on Monday, September 4, 2023. She was a 1st & 2nd-grade teacher at PUC Elementary School. Dolly was a passionate and dedicated educator who spent over half her career in NCC schools. She taught at V.H.M. Christian School in Santa Cruz, Foothills Elementary in Deer Park, and Clearlake Christian School. Dolly is an alumna of Monterey Bay Academy (1973) and Pacific Union College (1977). She is survived by her husband John Milholland and daughters Megan and Emily.

Editorial Note: The latest issue of “Reflections,” the journal of the retirement office of the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists, lists the following Pacific Union College alumni as having died. Whatever information is immediately available to the PUC Alumni Office follows each name:

Shirley A. Burrow, Att.; Richard P. Crain, '69, '71; Alvin Jen, '68; Ruth E. James, '52; Clair L. Johnson, Att. '40s; Lucy P. Heald, '44, '47; Mae L. Holland, '49; V. LaRea Peifer, '71; Gwynne Richardson, '58; James D. Robertson, '71, '72.



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| July 28-31: | Korean Camp Meeting |
| August 22-25: | Birding Bonanza & Alumni Retreat |
| August 25: | Paulin Center for the Arts Open House |
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