

ViewPoint

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President's Message

PASSION: Drives Intentional Action Towards God, Everyone, & Everything

Passion is important in every part of our lives, but expressing our passions can be intense without necessarily being over the top. In contrast, without intentional action and desire to meet a goal, we will float through life, receiving whatever comes our way.

As a child, I loved being around those who noticed and cared for me. Since becoming a grandfather, I have loved being around my grandchildren—playing hide and seek, hopscotch, or reading books to them. As I spend time watching them grow, they show their excitement and appreciation for my attention through the biggest smiles and hugs. Should it be any different with God? We need to find ways to channel and share our exuberant appreciation for him in response to the multitude of blessings he intentionally pours out on us.

Jesus said in Matthew 19:14, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” We need to capture the best part of passion as seen in the lives of children. At the same time, we should listen to Paul in 1 Corinthians 13:11, saying there is a time to grow and mature. Our job is to navigate how best to focus our passions without losing the best attributes of childhood curiosity and joy that should be part of our lifetime endeavors.

At PUC, we want energy and enthusiasm to fill every aspect of our well-balanced approach to life. We want to belong to an organizational mission that

speaks purpose and meaning into our lives. For our students especially, we want to excel in our academic endeavors and create career pathways that provide life-long value. We want physical vitality and long for social action and conversation with people who care about us. Only this can happen if our mission and purpose bring joy to ourselves and others—and, ultimately, glorify God through our passion and intentionality.

With the 2024-2025 school year in session, faculty and staff are passionate about giving students the best education and campus life possible while continuing to encourage students to do everything in Christ and show His love to others.

As president, I invite you to join us in prayer and support. Your time and help are appreciated as we move intentionally to strengthen PUC and create substantial futures in our beautiful campus community.

God Bless!

Ralph Trecartin, Ph.D., MBA
President



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PUC GETS SOCIAL





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Facebook: JULY 18, 2024
 Exciting news! This week, our PUC Biology Department and students are in India, gaining real-life experience while providing comprehensive dental care: exams, extractions, cleaning, restoration, and palliative care. PUC Professor of Biology Dr. Floyd Hayes will also lead wildlife observation trips during their medical mission. Visit puc.edu/missions for upcoming trips!



LinkedIn: MAY 16, 2024
 The Daisy Award proudly honors nurses wherever they practice, in whatever role they serve, and throughout their careers—from nursing students through lifetime achievement.

“Professor Tony has helped me and my classmates significantly during clinicals, practicing for skills testing, during NURS121 simulations, and overall, providing a safe environment to learn and make mistakes. Early on during clinicals, we all felt nervous and anxious about our lack of knowledge regarding nursing and patient care, which Professor Tony was able to see. Throughout the quarter, Professor Tony has reassured us and always believed in us despite me and my classmates not giving ourselves enough credit for our capabilities and knowledge. Because of his reassuring and kind nature, it made us truly see our potential and step into the role of student nurses with much more confidence than before. When we didn’t think we could do something or when we thought we didn’t know something, he always had faith in us, and it helped us much more than he realizes. Because he expressed how much he believed in me when it came to clinicals, skills testing, and simulations, it made me believe in myself much more.”

Instagram: JUNE 5, 2024
 PUC’s Social Work Students Spring Into Action at The NASW Lobby Days
 Read the full News Article: puc.edu/nasw



Instagram: AUGUST 22, 2024
 The Birding Bonanza & Alumni Retreat is Underway!
 This afternoon, we set sail on the Kraken to observe pelagic birds in their natural habitat. What an unforgettable experience!



Instagram: AUGUST 14, 2024
 PUC’s Connect Ministries is an outreach ministry consisting of several student teams passionate about Jesus and sharing His love by providing a worship experience. Their team’s vision is about Connecting One another, Nurturing New friendships with Everyone, and Collaborating Together in Ministry.

Read the full Blog: puc.edu/blog/connect

If your church or academy is interested in us visiting and worshipping together, please fill out the form at: puc.edu/connect



Facebook: June 16, 2024
 Congratulations to the Class of 2024! Your hard work has paid off, and your journey is just beginning. Here’s to a bright future ahead!

Couldn’t make it in person? No worries! Watch recording now at puc.edu/grad



Twitter: JULY 16, 2024
 From Campus to Summit: Abraham Garrido, PUC enrollment counselor, and alumnus conquers Mt. Whitney!



Instagram: AUGUST 14, 2024
 We asked premed alumni: What was your hardest class in undergrad? The answers may surprise you!
puc.edu/ig/premed



Facebook: AUGUST 29, 2024
 (Reshare from Adventist Health Sonora)
 We’ve had much to celebrate this month as we kicked off two programs aimed at increasing access to care and building pathways for healthcare careers in the Mother Lode. The new Pacific Union College Associate of Science in Nursing program at Adventist Health Sonora welcomed its first class of 20 students last week. Operating in a hybrid format with online coursework and clinical rotations here in Sonora, this program allows students to stay in and serve our community while advancing their nursing careers.

Learn more about how we are building a pipeline of hometown staff and providers: ahlink.org/3ADcfoC



2024-2025 SA OFFICERS

WITH THE SCHOOL YEAR IN SESSION, WE ARE HAPPY TO INTRODUCE YOU TO OUR NEW STUDENT ASSOCIATION OFFICERS.



President:
CHRISTIAN DE JESÚS
(Senior, Business Administration-Emphasis in Finance; Manchester, NH)

Q: What are your plans for SA and the campus this school year?

A: My vision for SA and the campus is twofold: unity and infrastructure. I plan to build more relationships between many departments on campus to establish a stronger community. We cannot, however, establish a stronger community without a foundation to build upon—who is Jesus Christ—and He will be an emphasis on the unity aspect of my vision.

The second part of the vision is infrastructure. There are infrastructure improvements that can be made with vast budgets. However, my team and I will focus on smaller infrastructure improvements in individual departments to make our college have a physical beauty that matches its natural beauty.



Executive Vice President:
JUSTIN TAINA
(Junior, Biology; Covington, WA)

Q: How do you plan to advocate for the students of PUC?

A: First, by being a member of the SA cabinet and acting as a clear intermediary between students and admin. Secondly, by being EVP and encouraging student-led improvements for the campus.



Financial Vice President:
OLIVIA NEWMAN
(Senior, Business Administration-Emphasis in Accounting; Belleville, MI)

Q: What is your favorite thing about being a part of the Pioneers community?

A: I love being a part of the Pioneers community because it feels like a family. The people here are extremely kind and are always willing to help. Going to college so far away from home can be tough, but the people have made it easy.



Religious Vice President:
LEILA BELTRAN
(Junior, Liberal Studies & Music; San Diego, CA)

Q: How will you support students with their spiritual journey?

A: The biggest way will be to make myself available. I don't plan on being invisible. I want to be vocal about being there for students whenever they need me. That can look like conversations, meetings, and even outings reinforcing what they are learning and experiencing on campus.



Social Vice President:
BETHANEE TABURA
(Junior, Health Sciences & Fine Arts; Visalia, CA)

Q: What do you hope to accomplish with the SA team and students?

A: I hope to be a part of the upward trend toward increased student involvement. It's so incredible what a group of people can accomplish when they are invested in something. With this last year's SA team, I witnessed numerous incredible things. I hope to be a part of that continued investment in each other and a school we've learned to love so dearly. However, this is an effort that takes many hands, so I also hope to be better at inviting others to help so that everyone who would like to can enjoy the privilege of serving a fellow student!



Marketing & Publication Vice President:
JAYDA HAMILTON
(Senior, Data Science; Denair, CA)

Q: What message do you want to emphasize across campus to help shape the culture of PUC?

A: I want to focus my passions on providing genuine spiritual experiences for the campus.



Preparing to Soar

PUC Restructures Aviation Program

by Flight Center Staff

Pacific Union College’s Aviation Program has a proud history. In the half-century since our airstrip was carved from the mountainside, generations of pilots have honed their flying skills here, mission planes have been launched to distant fields, and our graduates have departed to serve as aviation professionals throughout the United States and around the world.

Last school year, the aviation program embarked on an exciting new journey. Changes within the aviation industry meant it was time for a new direction. The program that had served so well in the past was due for a major overhaul. In consultation with the administration of Pacific Union College, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and industry experts, the aviation program embarked on an innovative three-phase plan to place PUC as an industry leader in aviation training.

“It is an exciting time to be involved with the PUC aviation program,” expressed Flight Center Director Nathan Tasker, who serves along with Chief Flight Instructor Marilyn Chaffee and Flight Instructors Luke Butler, Daniel Navarro, Gabriel Navarro, and Anthony Sharobeem. “We believe our innovation may very well revolutionize the aviation training industry. Look for full-motion simulators, gliders, and high-tech training innovation to come in 10 years as a standard across many mainstream flight schools.”

Phase one was completed in February. It involved restructuring the academic program to realign with industry standards. In the future, it will also mean that PUC takes advantage of recent legislation allowing graduates from accredited institutions to earn the Airline Transport Pilot certificate with 1,000 hours of flight time

rather than the usual 1,500 hours. Ultimately, PUC’s aviation students can expect a more balanced program with significant cost savings.

Phase two, which is underway, will involve transitioning to gliders for primary flight training. Used by the military and mission aviation programs for decades, glider training enhances students’ stick and rudder skills and weather awareness by allowing them to focus solely on these elements in the beginning stages of their training. Compared to airplanes, they are inexpensive to operate, safer, and require fewer hours to master the basics. A bonus is that students can solo in gliders two years earlier than in an airplane. All these benefits mean our students will develop greater technical expertise in a shorter timeframe while saving significant money.

Phase three involves purchasing a full-motion Advanced Aviation Training Device (AATD). Similar devices are used commonly in airline and military-style programs, and PUC plans to use them for training at all levels. Using simulation enhances training quality, reduces aircraft rental costs for students, and provides a platform for pilots to perfect basic and advanced maneuvers safely and efficiently. Ironically, simulation is more realistic than real life when rehearsing emergency and extreme maneuvers and procedures.

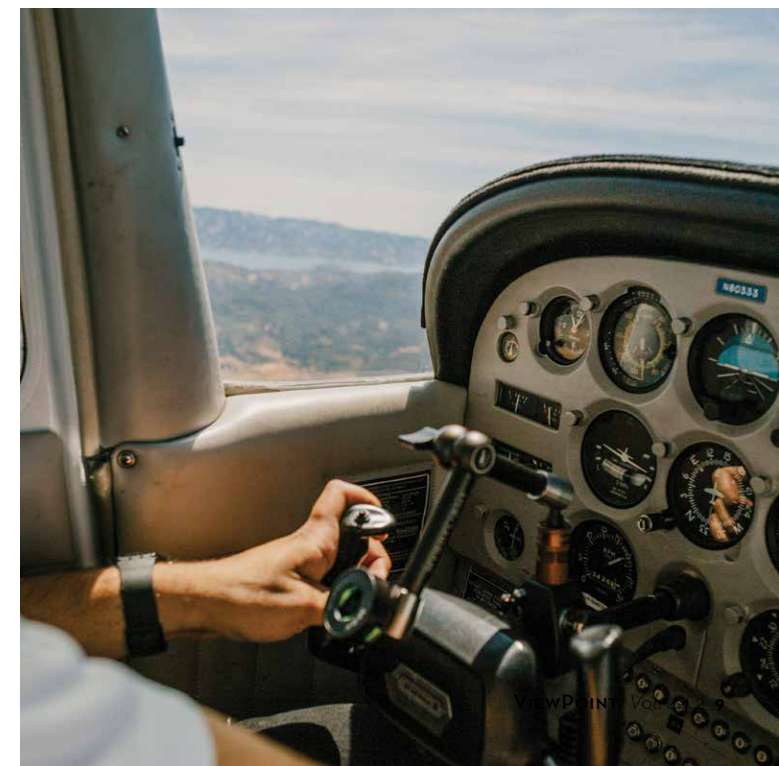
Once all three phases are in place, PUC’s next generation of pilots can expect a program that is more focused and robust at a fraction of traditional flight training costs. PUC also wins with reduced liability exposure, less dependency on the weather, and greater efficiency.

“Even more critical to the success of the aviation program than cost savings and technical excellence is its mission to prepare Christ-centered pilots for lives of service,” said Tasker. The current leaders of PUC’s aviation program take this mandate seriously.

“We want our graduates to leave PUC with excellent technical skills,” Tasker continued. “But also with a spiritual focus that will help to guide their lives in whatever direction God leads them.”

Plans are afoot to intentionally involve aviation students in service to God and the community. This past summer, a weekly vespers program was held at the Flight Center to connect the aviation students, community members, and instructors—and to ask for God’s wisdom and direction for the program.

PUC’s aviation program has a proud history—but with God as the focus, the future looks even brighter. ✨





New Year, New Look

PUC Completes Hanson Pool & Paulin Recital Hall Makeover

by Ally Romanes

JUST IN TIME FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR TO BEGIN, PAULIN RECITAL HALL AND HANSON POOL AT PACIFIC UNION COLLEGE RECEIVE THE FINISHING TOUCHES OF THEIR RENOVATIONS.

HANSON POOL

Hanson Pool is filled with students and visitors throughout the school year and summer. After much use, the pool plaster—not having been replaced since 2004—was peeling off the walls and floors.

Dale Withers, director of facilities management at PUC, and his team began renovations in February, with the PUC Workers Comp Fund and the St. Helena Hospital Foundation supporting this project.

“The PUC Workers Comp Fund reimbursed us for prior years’ premiums due to good performance of the fund and safety record at PUC,” shared PUC Executive Director of Financial Administration Sam Heier. “Since the majority of the work was driven by required pool safety standards, the project was deemed a worthy recipient of those funds.”

In exchange for limited access to the pool for their employees and patients, the St. Helena Hospital Foundation funded the balance of the pool project.

In addition to the plaster, the pool needed to be up to current safety standards with the Virginia Graeme Baker Act, meaning closing off ports on skimmers, installing new main drains, and having an auto-fill for the pool. Facilities were also required to replace all the pool ladders with wall steps, install new railings on the deck, and reshape the steps leading to the pool to fit the current code. Withers and his team also rebuilt the pool pump, rebuilt piping in the filter room, replaced valves in the filtration system, and purchased an updated robotic pool vacuum and chemical controller.

“At this point, we made renovations to every system of the pool,” said Withers. “We have needed this renovation for a few years now. The pool had reached a point where we either shut it down or refurbished it.”

Hanson Pool safely opened in July after renovation and inspections with Napa County were finished. The pool is free of charge to PUC students, faculty, and staff and is accessible to the public for a fee.



PAULIN RECITAL HALL


The last time Paulin Recital Hall received a revamp was in the nineties. With renovations being long overdue, PUC alumni Quentin White and Brad Setterlund allocated donations from the Angwin Community Ambulance to support remodeling the recital hall.

Renovations began in January, with the first phase of installing state-of-the-art audio, lighting, and video equipment finishing in April. On August 5, phase two began by installing the new 422 opera seats, replacing the carpet, and painting the auditorium.

With the updated technology, lighting, and seating, audiences will be more comfortable and have an improved audio-visual experience. Future generations will create magical memories in the building for years to come.

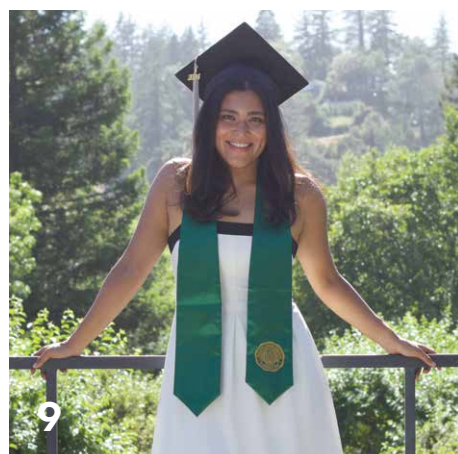
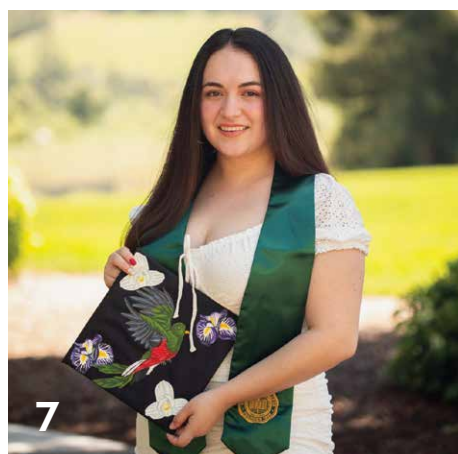
“We are thrilled that the updated Recital Hall will be a beautiful, comfortable, updated space with much better technology where we can continue to provide high-quality musical and educational programming,” said Professor of Music Rachele Berthelsen Davis. “We want it to be a nexus for developing and enriching community connections for our campus, the community of Angwin, and the broader Napa Valley. We look forward to hosting outside groups and programming as scheduling allows.

PUC is delighted these renovations were completed before the school year and is delighted for the students, community, and guests to experience these renovated sites on campus. 🎻



**A Psalm for giving thanks.
Make a joyful noise to the
Lord, all the earth!**

- Psalm 100:1



FACES

OF OUR NEWEST ALUMNI

MEET SOME OF PUC'S 2024 GRADS

1. Chelsea Ussery B.S. in Social Work

Future Plans: "I plan to work with underprivileged communities, serving as a voice for the voiceless, and advocating for rights and equality. I am looking forward to using what I've learned in the classroom in the real world. I plan to attend grad school next year, after a year of working and gaining more skills and experience."

2. Luigi Loconi Cruz B.A. in Theology

Future Plans: "I will be working with the Southeastern California Conference. I'm looking forward to leading others to have a spiritual life by first teaching them about the love of Jesus."

3. Abigail Kawehihwahiwaokawai Mayan B.S. in Liberal Studies; Elementary Teaching Credential

Future Plans: "I plan on becoming a teacher to help shape the future generation. Hoping to change the world one tiny human at a time."

4. Joel Casillas B.S. in Exercise Science

Future Plans: "After college, I plan on returning to PUC to finish my secondary teaching credential to become a PE teacher!"

5. Amanda Barnes B.A. in English; A.S. in History; California State & SDA Secondary Teaching Credential

Future Plans: "In July, I will be moving to Oahu, HI, to teach 6-8th grade at Hawaiian Mission Academy Ka Lama Iki."

6. Kai Ye B.S. in Management for Medical Professional

Future Plans: "Next stop: Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy. Ready to embark on this new journey and make a difference in the world of pharmacy."

7. Yonayda Melissa Rodas Aguilar BSW in Social Work

Future Plans: "I am planning to work as a paraeducator with special needs children for a year and then go to graduate school to pursue my master's."

8. Miquel Joshua Garcia Yturralde A.S. in Nursing

Future Plans: "This summer, I plan on studying for the NCLEX and hopefully be working as a nurse by the end of the year! I also plan on furthering my education and getting my BSN in the near future!"

9. Andrianna Massena B.S. in Communication

Future Plans: "I plan to continue working at PUC as the visit coordinator, while getting my master's in business."

10. Ken Perena B.A. in Nursing

Future Plans: "Planning to finish my Bachelors in December!"

11. Caroline Clavel BBA Emphasis in Finance

Future Plans: "After graduation, I will begin working at Adventist Health as an associate audit analyst."

12. Sitraka Christianne Andrianarijaona B.S. in Biochemistry; B.A. in Language & Culture Studies (French & Biology); A.S. in Health Sciences

Future plans: "I'll be headed down to Loma Linda to attend dental school in August and am super excited to see what the future holds. Cheers!"

Compiled by Ally Romanes. Responses have been lightly edited for length and clarity.



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» PUC MAKES ITS MARK AT THE INTERNATIONAL PATHFINDER CAMPOREE, WITNESSES GOD'S PRESENCE AMIDST STORMS AND SETBACKS

by Sheann Brandon

In August, Pacific Union College created connections by making its mark at the International Pathfinder Camporee in Gillette, Wyoming, providing engaging activities, essential training, and showcasing Adventist higher education to the 60,000 plus young people from across the globe. Despite intense storms and weather-related setbacks, PUC staff and students had the incredible opportunity to witness God's presence and power amidst the storms.

Showcasing Adventist Education

PUC's enrollment team collaborated with representatives from four other Adventist colleges to run the Association of Adventist Colleges and Universities (AACU) booth, highlighting the unique offerings of PUC and other institutions. The booth ensured high visibility and engagement with the steady flow of Pathfinders and their families.

Providing Excitement, Engagement, and Training

On the front lawn of Energy Hall stood PUC's 20-foot-tall climbing wall. While four participants scaled the climbing wall at a time, those in line could interact with PUC staff. Upon successfully scaling the wall,

participants received a custom-made metal collector's pin—continuing the tradition of trading unique pins at Pathfinder camporees. The activity ran 10 hours daily, except during Sabbath hours, with several thousand people taking turns.

Resilience in the Face of Adversity

PUC's team tangibly witnessed God's presence amidst the storm through the Gillette community's extended support, the Pathfinder's resilience, and even one of the physical promises of Christ's care and faithfulness—a rainbow in the sky. 🌈



» PUC SERVES THOUSANDS OF PATIENTS IN INDIA

by Ally Romanes

In only a week, faculty and students from Pacific Union College and health professionals served over 3,000 patients in India. Professor of Biology Dr. Backil Sung planned this mission trip to Falakata, India. From July



10-21, the goals were to treat patients with health issues, introduce Jesus' love, and for students and volunteers to learn how to practice God's command to love others.

Joining Dr. Sung and PUC Professor of Biology Floyd Hayes were seven

biology students from PUC, eight medical doctors specializing in medicine, ophthalmology, physical medicine and rehabilitation, one dental hygienist, five nurses, and one lab technician. The team also included medical and allied health professionals in a clinic that was already on site.

With the abundance of people treated, they reached capacity and carefully controlled the flow of patients. Student volunteers actively provided medical and dental services by guiding patients to specialized doctors. They also checked patients' blood sugar and visual acuity and had the opportunity to practice medical and dental techniques with patients under the supervision of professionals. By attending this mission trip to India, PUC students learned how to overcome challenges caused by a different culture and environment. 🌈

» ALUMNI RETREAT PROVIDES WEEKEND OF BIRDING, FELLOWSHIP, AND WORSHIP AT ALBION FIELD STATION

by Sheann Brandon

The Birding Bonanza and Alumni Retreat welcomed bird enthusiasts and Pacific Union College alumni to the Albion Field Station from August 22-25 for a weekend of worship and activities focused on coastal birds, biology, and the beauty of God's natural world.

Attendees were given a flexible schedule of activities for the weekend, including a pelagic bird tour, multiple worships and meals together, a birding presentation, an excursion along the coast to spot bird species, a natural history hike, area outings, and much more.

DeAnna Cordis, director of alumni relations and stewardship, explained the weekend was a combined effort between the School of Sciences, Alumni Department, Dr. Trecartin, Marketing and Communication, and Albion. She said the weekend was a success and credited Trecartin for the idea of having birding as the retreat's emphasis.

A favorite of several attendees was the pelagic tour out of Fort Bragg, a four-hour boat excursion that took attendees to what marine biologists call the pelagic zone. In addition to many birds like Buller's Shearwaters, Cassin's Auklets, and Black-footed Albatrosses, attendees saw seals, sea lions, Fin Whales, and jellyfish.

"The event is open to all PUC Alumni and others—even if people aren't birders, they can learn a lot," Cordis said. "It's a casual weekend in a beautiful place, with great food, great company, and a nice opportunity to get to know people and share an experience with PUC alums and others who love Albion." 🌈





The Path Already Traveled: Seminar Series Connects Students with Alumni Experiences and Encouragement

by Sheann Brandon

Through valuable advice and personal stories from those who've walked the path before them, the School of Science's Alumni Seminar Series is helping Pacific Union College students navigate their academic journey and inspire their future career paths.

The seminar series was the brainchild of Aimee Wyrick, dean of the School of Sciences and associate professor in the Department of Biology. She explained that the inspiration behind inviting PUC alumni to speak to current students included the desire to create connections and engage with seasoned perspectives.

"We wanted to give our current students an idea of what PUC alumni are doing and the great diversity of paths people take once they leave our college," Wyrick said. "The alumni who participate can identify with what

current students experience and can provide encouragement and perspective. The alumni series has expanded our community beyond the campus."

Initially, the seminar series was a biology department initiative but widened to the basic sciences, including chemistry, math, and physics. Wyrick hopes to include presentations from psychology and social work in the future.

Now, two years after its inception, the seminar series has taken place four times per quarter. Twenty-seven alumni have virtually or in-person shared their experiences, ranging a diverse sampling of career paths, including medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, physics, chemistry, veterinary, environmental science, law, information technology, aerospace medicine, and more.

As for the students, Wyrick said the feedback has been very positive. Overall, students have enjoyed the diversity of presenters and appreciate hearing their stories. "Many have realized that the challenges of college and science classes are universal and that they can do it—all our alumni are incredibly encouraging," she said. "We are blessed to have a long roster of engaged alumni who love PUC and have wonderful memories of their time with us. And we have just scratched the surface."

One of those alums, Dr. Marvin Atchison, '94, now in the field of trauma surgery, shared with students the changes he's witnessed in his field through case studies and provided encouragement and advice.

"I encouraged them all to be lifelong learners, stay curious, and constantly adapt themselves as God brings growth opportunities their way," Atchison explained. "Our careers and life typically do not exactly follow our life plan from college, but by His grace, it all turns out to be far more interesting."

Atchison was impressed by the question-and-answer session with the students and, overall, called his experience "more fulfilling than expected."

Another alum, periodontics dentist Dr. Demetrius Flood, '16, shared valuable insights on the dental school application process, key factors to consider when choosing a dental school, and explored various career pathways available post-dental school.

"The most meaningful part of the seminar for me was sharing the lessons I wish I had known as an undergraduate, emphasizing the importance of mental health, finding a mentor, and establishing accountability partners," shared Flood.

Flood praised the opportunity for students to build relationships with speakers and establish a network of support through the series. "The world is smaller than we think, and you never know what connections might prove valuable in the future," he said. "I was humbled by the experience and hope to continue building on the connections that were formed so I can help others achieve their dreams." 🙌



Dr. Demetrius Flood, '16



John Eilers, '12



Dr. Marvin Atchison, '94



From Howell Mountain to Mission-Driven Healthcare:

Dr. Richard Chinnock Honored for Career of Service and Leadership

by Sheann Brandon

Over the decades, Pacific Union College has endeavored to offer an education that empowers and prepares students to make an undeniable, Christ-like impact on the world around them, wherever they may go upon leaving Howell Mountain.

Countless students-turned-alumni are shining examples of that spirit of service—one of those alums being Dr. Richard Chinnock.

Chinnock, '78, was recently honored in April with the 2024 Shirley N. Pettis Award by Loma Linda University Children's Hospital (LLUCH). The award recognized his work as a devoted pediatrician with more than 30 years of service at the hospital, impacting thousands of lives in the Inland Empire and far beyond.

This isn't the first time Chinnock has been recognized for his incredible care. He also received the Outstanding Clinician Award from LLUCH in 2019 and is a Healing Hands Honoree.

Chinnock, who grew up in the Loma Linda and Redlands area, says he followed his then-girlfriend, now wife of 47 years—Ruthie (Wagner) Chinnock, '78—to PUC. As the only one out of five siblings to attend his parents' alma mater, Chinnock says his parents were thrilled. He ultimately had a great experience, meeting some of his best friends on the third floor of Grainger Hall, working as a lab assistant and TA in the chemistry department, and playing in the intramural leagues, among other things.

"PUC was magical for me," he describes. "The campus is beautiful, the location is amazing. I just loved being there."

Chinnock explains that the smaller PUC environment created a close-knit community and allowed him to better connect with his professors. "PUC is part of this Adventist

ecosystem that fosters education and community," he says. "You see people committed to Christ and committed to service and leadership in everything you do."

Upon graduating from PUC with a degree in chemistry, Chinnock received a scholarship from the U.S. Navy. The scholarship financially paved the way for him to earn his medical degree at Loma Linda University's School of Medicine in 1982. He later went on to earn a master's degree in healthcare management from Harvard School of Public Health in 2013.

After starting his pediatric career in a small navy hospital in South Carolina as one of two pediatricians, he took a call back to Loma Linda University Medical Center to join the heart transplant team—a role that would propel his career of service in Loma Linda. He would go on to serve as pediatric residency director, chair of pediatrics, and now chief medical officer for LLUCH. Additionally, he served in the Navy for 25 years before retiring with the rank of Navy Captain.

In the middle of Loma Linda's campus is a statue of the Good Samaritan where Chinnock periodically stops, saying it helps him stay connected to a mindset of mission and service. "The concept of caring for your neighbor has really stuck with me. Helping to create a system that provides world-class care for my neighbors in the Inland Empire and beyond has been the most rewarding part of my career. I tell people, I hope you're as lucky as I am. You find something you love to do and somebody you love to do it with."

He encourages current PUC students to have fun, study hard, and find their why.

"I come to work every day wanting to be a tangible representation of God's love for the world," he explains. "If you can find your 'why,' that can make whatever you do fulfilling and worthwhile." 🙌

« Dr. Richard Chinnock (left), receiving the 2024 Shirley N. Pettis Award

REARVIEW MIRROR

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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: 16 PUC students joined hands with other young Seventh-day Adventist adults to show their unity in Christ at the Capitol in Washington D.C. during ConneXions in April 1999. This four-day conference connected young Adventists from the nation who were visionaries, activists, and leaders and networked with others in ministry.

When the students returned to Angwin, they shared their experiences in chapel, helped students start their own campus ministries, and reignited their fire for Jesus on campus.



1974: During spring quarter, a new Art Center opened for artists on campus to display their creations. The building also had an audio-visual room where slide presentations could be given to small groups.

Art teacher Bernard Rasmussen donated the funds for the center. A new textile class focusing on needlepoint stitchery weaving, tie-dye, macrame, and applique was offered in fall quarter.



1949: Traveling 2,000 miles to attend PUC, members of the Hawaiian Club brought an atmosphere of their "home paradise" to campus. Most of the students from Hawaii started their college career after attending Hawaiian Mission Academy. There was only one requirement for students to join the Hawaiian Club: to have an "aloha" spirit of love for all.

During this year, the Hawaiian Club officers were Mildren Kono (president), Wayne Waterhouse (vice president), Miriam Ohta (secretary), Lily Taira (treasurer), Wallace Tamayose (treasurer), and Mable Taylor (chaplain). The club sponsor was former Hawaiian Mission Academy teacher Dr. Meldrum. They had the largest club on campus with 61 members.







1924: In 1924, the *Mountain Echo* needed much campaign support. The boys were pitted against the girls, and the fight was a determined one from the start.

For the fourth time in the history of campaigns at PUC, the girls won. The present drive for Echo subscriptions closed on October 9, with the girls getting 633 subscriptions and the boys following with 618 subscriptions. With the student's hard work, the outlook for that year's college periodical was very good.



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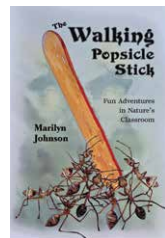
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CLASS NOTES

Written & Compiled by Herbert Ford, '54

1960

Marilyn (Gordon) Johnson, '65, published her first children's book, *The Walking Popsicle Stick*. In this book, Marilyn relates her family's sometimes hard-to-believe experiences with 20 different kinds of animals. The stories are from their 30 years as missionaries in Pakistan and Southeast Asia and from their time back in the U.S. Each story comes with a lesson, either character-building or spiritual. Most also have interesting facts about the particular kind of animal. While living in Singapore, Marilyn wrote two health books—one on heart disease and the other on diabetes—both published in English and various Asian languages.



1970

Darren George, '70, began his fourth year teaching at The University of Alabama (UA). In April, he acquired four notable accomplishments: Teacher of the Year for the psychology department at UA, Undergraduate Research Mentor of the Year university-wide, publishing the 19th edition of his international best-selling statistics

book *IBM SPSS Statistics 29 Step by Step: A Guide and Reference - George and Mallery*, and hitting 10,000 citations of his research—placing him (according to ResearchGate) in the top 2% of researchers across all disciplines. Darren previously spent 29 years teaching and researching at Burman University in Lacombe, Alberta, Canada.

Robert Hwang, '73, retired, living in Burleson, Texas. He has been married to Norma Kaufholtz Hwang '74 for 50 years. After PUC, Robert attended Loma Linda University School of Dentistry, graduating in 1976. He and Norma moved to Paradise, California, and established a practice in Magalia. He retired from dentistry in 2001 and moved to Texas in 2011 to help care for their son and daughter-in-law's twin boys when they were babies. Robert and Norma live in an apartment and love every minute.

Jeff Pudewell, '73, retired in (reasonably) good health with



his lovely wife of 44 years, four children, and seven beautiful grandchildren.



Sunie Nelson-Keller, '76, earned fifth place in the world in the Senior Worlds Waterski Championships in France 2022. She competed again in Spain this past September.

1980

Dottie Phelps, '82, retired after 42 years of teaching, with 41 of those years teaching 4th grade at Lodi SDA Elementary—a conference record.

David Steward, '88, was recently ordained at the Fallbrook Seventh-day Adventist Church in Southern California. In pastoral ministry for five years, David's educational background, in addition to his business administration degree from PUC, includes a juris doctor (J.D.) from the University of San Diego, an M.A. degree in pastoral min-

istry from Andrews University in Michigan, and evangelism training from Amazing Facts Center of Evangelism.

Jeffrey A. Shultz, '89, was recently named Chief Financial Officer at Adventist Health Sonoma hospital. He was previously serving as director of internal auditing at the 28-hospital Adventist Health system headquarters in Roseville, California. A Certified Public Account, Jeffrey has over two decades of experience in auditing, finance, and accounting. Before his position at Adventist Health, he held leadership roles at companies Duraflame, Lodi Farming, and Corto Olive. He joined the Sonoma hospital in his new position on August 19, 2024.

1990

Brian K. Harris, '97, '06, was recently elected director of secondary education of the North Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Before his election, Brian was vice president for education of the Upper Columbia Conference of Adventists. During his vice presidential service, he also taught at Walla Walla University in Walla Walla, Washington, and was the principal of Walla Walla Valley Academy from 2012 to 2019.

2010

Sarai Mendoza, '14, is in her third year of school counseling in Fresno County. She previously taught for four years in the Central Conference and took time off from



teaching during COVID-19 to pursue her master's degree in school counseling, graduating in June 2022. Her heart is committed to education because she believes it opens many doors and gives students the power to impact

their communities with their God-given skills and talents. Sarai wrote a children's book during her graduate program, which was an unexpected sweet surprise that God wrote in her heart. She hopes to keep inspiring kids and giving back to education through a first-generation scholarship funded by a portion of the profits made from her children's book. She loved her time at PUC and has celebrated weddings, babies, and life milestones for many of her friends from the college.

2020

Homan Lail, '20, joined the MSN to FNP program at Chamberlain University in January after earning his BSN in 2022.

Attended

Brandon Jones, Att., was recently honored as Employee of the Year by the medical staff of the 90-bed Madison Hospital in Madison, Alabama. An emergency room technician at the hospital, Brandon's nomination describes him as "dedicated, hard-working, and always with a smile." His career in medical service also included employment at the Huntsville Hospital in Alabama, the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Florida, and the Baptist Hospital-Beaches in Jacksonville.



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Announcements

WEDDINGS & BIRTHS



Leah Dopp, '20, and **Julian Ybarra, '19**, were married in Crestline, Calif., on July 16, 2023.



Miriam Yu, '21, and **Kevin Martins, '20**, were married in San Marcos, Calif., on March 31, 2024.



Joy Huynh, '17, and **Luis Miguel Razo, '15**, were married in San Luis Obispo, Calif., on April 6, 2024.



Arlo Finn Pippins, son of **Ariel (Cook) Pippins, '13**, and **Andre Pippins**, was born in South Riverton, Utah, on January 1, 2024.



Macie Brooke Easton West, daughter of **Kayloni (Hagelgantz) West, '11**, and **Darin West, '11**, was born in Yucaipa, Calif., on July 19, 2024.

IN MEMORY

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FACULTY AND STAFF

Leela Rieke, Staff, died on May 7, 2024. She was born in 1932. For 19 of her 35 years of service for the Seventh-day Adventist denomination, Leela was a cashier in the Pacific Union College Financial Services Office. She was a member of the PUC Seventh-day Adventist Church for 50 years. Predeceased by her husband, B. Wilbur Rieke, on December 25, 2018, Leela is survived by her children, Lelene Rieke, Bernie Rieke, Diana Gardner, Carissa Crain, Johnny Rieke, and Wayne Rieke. She is also survived by 23 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

Mary Margaret (Putnam) Eighme, '50, Faculty, died on April 17, 2024, in Burlington, Washington. She was born on September 8, 1928, in Glendale, California. Mary Margaret had a varied and distinguished career in education, teaching home economics in junior and senior high schools; being an assistant food service supervisor; being an instructor in college home economics; and serving as a clinical dietitian for a hospital. For 24 years, she taught college classes at PUC, primarily in food and nutrition. She was the chairperson of the college's Department of Consumer and Family Sci-

ence for 12 years. She retired in 1989 as Professor Emerita of Home Economics. Mary Margaret was predeceased by her husband, PUC Professor Lloyd Eighme.

Warren S. Ashworth, Faculty, died in Redding, California, on July 24, 2024. He was born on March 11, 1938, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Warren served as a pastor, Bible and English teacher, and mission departmental secretary in Ecuador; then as a departmental secretary in the Patagonia Conference and as a theology teacher at River Platte College in Argentina. On his return to the United States, Warren taught at Andrews University for seven years before coming to Pacific Union College. A member of the PUC Department of Religion in 1984, Warren's specialty was Adventist studies and mission. He was a much-loved teacher of the religion department's "Life and Teachings of Jesus" class. Warren led mission trips to Ecuador, Thailand, Honduras, Ghana, Russia, and Ukraine and conducted revival meetings in Russia and Ukraine. Retiring from full-time teaching in 2002, he served as director of the Gospel Outreach for the Philippines. Warren was predeceased in 2018 by Carolyn, his wife for 57 years; and in 2014 by his son, Mark. He is survived by his daughter, Linda Ashworth

Haddad; by his sons, Brent and Tim; by six grandchildren; and by his sister, Barbara Greenwood.

Norma Ruth Koester Bork, Faculty, died on June 29, 2024, in Loma Linda, California. She was born on March 6, 1936, in Sandusky, Ohio.



In 1950, she met and married Paul F. Bork, who would later be a religion professor at Pacific Union College. In 1967, Norma and her husband began their teaching careers at PUC. Norma served on the faculty for over 10 years, rising to the rank of full professor while founding the speech pathology program at PUC and establishing a Master's program in the same discipline. Norma followed her teaching by moving toward public service as a member of the U.S. Congress. Though unsuccessful in the contests, her equal rights and other views were given attention by the news media and the public during her political campaigning. Norma founded the Norma Bork Associates, a speech pathology contract service company that would grow to service scores of medically-related

firms. She wrote a novel entitled "Ten Minutes from the Nearest Sin." Much of the joy in Norma's life came from her two sons, Paul K. Bork, '78 and Terry A. Bork, '82. Norma was predeceased by her husband, Paul F. Bork, in 2015; and by her son, Kevin K. Bork, in 2022. She is survived by her son, Terry A. Bork; and two grandchildren.

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Charlene E. Anderson, '40s, a former secretary, died on November 27, 2023. She was born on September 19, 1928, in Melrose, Massachusetts. Charlene grew up at a Seventh-day Adventist mission station in South Africa. Most of her years of service were spent at the church's world headquarters in Maryland. She later served at Florida Hospital, the flagship health facility of Adventist Health. Charlene is survived by her husband, Gordon; and by her sister, Doreen Furman; by her stepdaughter, Susan Bohnstedt; and by her stepson, Lonnie Anderson.

Carroll Vern Bauer, '47, a former Seventh-day Adventist pastor and administrative leader, died on December 30, 2023, in Hendersonville, North Carolina. He was born on October 25, 1925, in San Mateo, California. Carroll served in pastoral ministry in Oklahoma and several church administrative positions in

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

Egypt and Lebanon before returning to America, where he was in pastoral ministry and administrative assignments in Colorado, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. Carroll was predeceased by his wife, Alice; by his sister, Barbara; and by his grandson, Joel. He is survived by his four sons, Robert, James, Ronald, and Marvin; and by eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Robert Maurice Champion, '40s, a retired employee of Exxon Corporation, died on April 17, 2024, in Napa, California. He was born on July 11, 1929, in Mussoorie, India. Robert was predeceased by his wife, Mary. He is survived by his six children, James Renfrow, Mariane Heisler, Victor Renfrow, Diana Champion, Paul Champion, and Carmen Galindo; and by 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Steven Brian Gerard, Att. '80s, who worked in construction and as a commercial fisherman, died on February 20, 2024, in Wrangell, Alaska. He was born on May 8, 1969, in Watsonville, California. Steve loved outdoor adventure wherever he found it in Arizona, Mexico, and Alaska, where he lived most of his life. Steve is survived by his mother, Marilyn Gerard; by his sisters, Dana Parfitt, Shelley Maycomber, and Lori LeTellier-Moniak; and his brother, Joe Gerard.

Bernice (Neff) Gunderson, '45, '48, '60, a retired nurse, died on February 13, 2024, in Long Beach, California. She was born on January 8, 1925, in Kelseyville, California. Bernice was a nurse for 50 years and also a genealogy researcher and author. She is survived by her daughters, Brenda Lindsey and Beverly Neff Holly; and by her son, Bruce Neff.

Wendy Kosier Hall, '79, a businesswoman, died on April 20, 2024, in Greensboro, North Carolina. She was born on September 26, 1957, in Alamogordo, New Mexico. After graduating from PUC, Wendy began working in her parents' business firm in North Carolina. She later earned a graduate degree in communications at the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, and began employment in positions in printing businesses. Wendy was predeceased by her parents, Lorlene and Merrill Kosier. She is survived by her husband, Bryan; and by her three sisters, Gail Kosier Neuharth, Merrilyn Kosier Kinoshita, and Michele Kosier.

Laurel Anne (Pat) Jones, '49, an educator, died on December 31, 2023, in Loma Linda, California. She was born on August 12, 1927, in Los Angeles, California. Laurel was a teacher of English at Walla Walla College in Washington. She is survived by her three

daughters, Laurel Munson, Allison Field, and Julian Hardy; and by her seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Irma Marie Koch, Att. '40s, a retired teacher, died on April 2, 2024, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. She was born on May 15, 1929, and lived more than five decades in Southern California. Irma was predeceased by her husband, Don Koch. She is survived by her daughter, Shena Koch; by her son, Greg; by one grandchild; by her sister, Virginia Napier; and by her brothers, Lonnie and Lindy Proctor.

Myron Michael Moran, '67, a bush pilot and an attorney, died on May 18, 2024, in Chico, California. He was born on January 1, 1944, in Palmer, Alaska. The son of the founder of Western Alaska Airlines, Michael was an airplane pilot. A veteran of U.S. military service, he piloted more than 200 different types of airplanes during his lifetime. He chose to educate himself at Pacific Union College because it had an airport. While attending PUC, he supported himself as a flight instructor. Becoming interested in law after his military service, Michael obtained a law degree and practiced law in Chico for many years. Michael is survived by his wife, Sandy Caviness, and other family members.

David C. Hemp, Att. '60s, a dentist, died in July 2024 in Redding, California. He was born on January 27, 1943, in Easton, Pennsylvania. A veteran of military service as a captain in the United States Air Force, David earned his D.D.S. degree from Loma Linda (Calif.) University's School of Dentistry, graduating in 1968. After his military service, he opened his dental practice in Redding in 1970 and continued the practice for many years until his death. David is survived by his wife, Becky Hemp; by his daughter, Kathy Delker; by his sons, Kevin and Wes Hemp; by his six grandchildren; by his sister, Jo Ann Huston; and by other relatives and friends.

Bruce E. Nicola, Jr., '74, a Seventh-day Adventist minister, died on October 25, 2023. He was born on January 19, 1951. For more than 38 years, Bruce served in the Northern California Conference area of the church as a pastor and chaplain. He is survived by his wife, Ginger; by his sons, Ryan Nicola, and Alan and Eric Patton; by one grandson; by his sister, Peggy; and by his brothers, Steven and Bryon.

Gary Y. Okihiro, '67, an author, scholar, and internationally-known educator in Asian American Studies and third-world studies, died on May 20, 2024, in New Haven, Connecticut. He was born on October 10, 1945, in Aiea,

Hawaii. Gary spent three years in Botswana in the U.S. Peace Corps and later became director of Asian Studies at Cornell University. From 1985 to 1987, he was the president of the Association for Asian American Studies. In the 1990s, he created the *Journal of Asian American Studies*. Before joining the Yale University faculty in 2017 as a visiting professor, Gary taught at Humboldt State University, Santa Clara University, Cornell University, and Columbia University in New York City. At Columbia, he served as the founding director of the Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Race; he was named Professor Emeritus of International and Public Affairs by Columbia University. Gary was the author of 13 books, six of which won national awards. He received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Association of Asian American Studies and American Studies Association. In 2010, he received an honorary doctorate from the University of the Ryukyus. Gary is survived by his wife, Marina Henriquez, and children.

Gwynne Milton Richardson, '58, a retired Seventh-day Adventist pastor, died on November 14, 2023, in Walla Walla, Washington. He was born on February 18, 1934, in Mount Vernon, Ohio. After graduation from PUC, Gwynne earned three master's degrees from Potomac University, Andrews University, and Loma Linda University. After teaching in Adventist elementary and secondary schools, he entered the pastoral ministry, serving as

pastor of 14 congregations over a period of 46 years. Gwynne was predeceased by his brother Duane. He is survived by his wife, Ione; by his daughter, Kari Olsen; by his son, Paul; by two grandchildren; and by a step-sister, Angie Rueb.

Vernita Sage, Att. '40s, died on April 10, 2023, in Rocklin, California. She was born on February 22, 1930, in Forest Grove, Oregon. Vernita's family had a rich background in early Seventh-day Adventist history. She started the first cafeteria at Pacific Union College's Albion Field Station. She also taught home economics at Okanagan Academy in Canada and was a bookkeeper for Weimar Institute. Vernita is survived by her daughters, Teresa Clifford and Delnita McCormick; and by three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Laura Sutherland, '71, a retired nurse and a massage business person, died on September 26, 2023, in Chico, California. She was born on June 24, 1951, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Laura served as a staff and critical care nurse at Feather River Hospital in Paradise, California, for 30 years, a career followed in July 1976 by her opening and operating "Palms of Paradise," a massage business in Paradise. Predeceased by her parents, Laura is survived by her husband, Loren; and by her sister, Shirley Wilson.

Ruth (Snide) Sandin Walter, Att. '50s, a retired nurse, died on May 16, 2024, in Chelsea, Alabama. She was born on July 26, 1929, in Union Springs, New York. Through many of her adult years, Ruth served as a nurse at the St. Helena Sanitarium, at the Queen of the Valley Hospital in Napa, California; and at the Yountville Veterans Home. Ruth was predeceased by her two husbands, Donald Sandin, and Ken Walter. She is survived by her three children, Derek Sandin, Arni (Scott) Johnson, and Scott Sandin; and by three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Rodney "Fred" Frederick Wood, Att. '50s, died on October 19, 2023, in Inche-lium, Washington. He was born on June 29, 1930, in Riverside, California. Rodney is survived by his wife, Marilyn (Dollinger); by his daughter, Cynthia Clark; by his sons, Steven and Duane; by six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; and by his brother, Robert.

Samuel D. Alexander, '68, a Seventh-day Adventist pastor, died on May 20, 2024. He was born on December 20, 1946. Sam was a long-time pastor of churches in the geographical area of the Northern California Conference of Adventists. He also served at Rio Lindo Academy and was a minister in Virginia, and in retirement, served as interim pastor of the Calistoga Adventist Church. His ministerial service spanned 40 years. Sam is survived by his wife, Sue Alexander; and by his daughter, Dana VanHook.

Alice Mae Archer, '59, a retired nurse, died on June 6, 2024, in College Place, Washington. She was born on January 29, 1938, in Dinuba, California. Alice Mae retired from nursing in 1995 at Walla Walla General Hospital. Her nursing service included Northern California, Hawaii, and Utah. She was a long-time member of the Walla Walla University Seventh-day Adventist Church, serving as a parish nurse and a visitor-greeter to the church. Alice Mae was predeceased by way of tragic accidents to her husband Duane Archer; her son, Jeffery; and her daughters, Tamera, and Marcie. She is survived by her daughters, Trudy and Sara.

Duane Meade Corwin, '52, a retired Seventh-day Adventist minister, died on May 1, 2024, in Roseburg, Oregon. He was born on February 13, 1930, in Loma Linda, California. For 43 years, Duane worked for the Seventh-day Adventist denomination as a teacher, pastor, and evangelist in the Oregon, Northern, and Central California Conferences of the church. He served as the Ministerial Director of the Northern California Conference for eight years. He also did a short-term evangelistic service in the Philippines, Bahamas, Russia, and Ghana. Duane was predeceased by Joanne Wheeler Corwin, '52, '65, his wife of 58 years, and by Violet Cree, his second wife of 13 years. He is survived by his daughters, Duanna Richards, '75, and Lonna Montgomery; by his son, Daryl Corwin, '84, and by six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

William (Bill) Jamerson, '50, a Seventh-day Adventist pastor and missionary, died on March 27, 2024, in Dayton, Nevada. He was born on February 2, 1924, in Niles, Michigan. In addition to his ministry in Adventist churches in the United States, Bill was a missionary in Bolivia and Peru. He pioneered children's ministry in various schools and churches in California. Bill is survived by his wife, June; by his sons, Gary and Dennis Kevin; and by three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Roy Larsen, Att., died on March 10, 2024, in Loma Linda, California. He was born on March 10, 1930, in Shanghai, China. Roy is survived by his daughters, Deirdre Lenart, Jill Seibel, and Desiree Verska; by five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and by his sibling, Herb S. Larsen.

Ruth Erskine Maddox, '51, a retired teacher, died on March 9, 2023, in Los Gatos, California. She was born on March 11, 1926. Ruth loved teaching. She taught in 10 schools across seven counties in four states. She also served as a missionary with Youth with a Mission (YWAM) in Asia. Ruth is survived by her husband, Ed; by her daughter, Cherri; by her son, Arnold; and by six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Donna M. (Otis) Thomas, Att., wife of long-time PUC history professor N. Gordon Thomas, died on June 21, 2024, in Deer Park, California. She was born on February 21, 1932. Donna and her husband were members of the Pacific Union College Seventh-day Adventist Church for 40 years. Her husband predeceased her on December 13, 2021. Donna is survived by her three children, Brent, Kimberly, and Brook; and by her five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Lloyd L. Watson, '58, a physician, died on June 9, 2010, in Colton, California. He was born on March 16, 1931, in Kingston, Jamaica. After graduating from Loma Linda University's School of Medicine, Lloyd worked for the Kaiser healthcare system and later opened medical offices in Riverside, San Bernardino, and Highland, California. Lloyd is survived by his wife, Adrine; by his six children; by his eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and by his sisters and brothers.

Rodney Weis, Att., died on July 7, 2023, in Napa, California. He was born on November 9, 1938, in Madera, California. Rodney is survived by his daughter, Joan Wellington; by his son, Russell Weis; and by four grandchildren.

Betty Westphal, '56, a long-time Angwin volunteer service worker, died on June 13, 2024, in St. Helena, California. She was born on August 17, 1934. Betty and her husband, PUC staff member Arthur Westphal, lived in Angwin for

46 years. She was a talented pianist and organist and did yeoman service as a volunteer for Angwin's meals-preparation "Neighborhood Table" and the Angwin Community Services relief organization. She also assisted the Prison Ministries missionary work of her husband. In addition to her husband, Betty is survived by her three children, Cherie Bryan, Jolene Myers, and Dan Westphal; and by three grandchildren.

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. Ronald 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 retiring in 2020. Ronald is survived by his wife, Shandra Marie (Sherrill) Greenlaw; by his children, Sherilyn D. Greenlaw, '85; Sharla Coy, Shauni Williams, and Ronald A. Greenlaw; by nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; and by siblings, Colin T. Greenlaw, Jr., and Penelope (Greenlaw) Elkin.

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 recently. Whatever information is immediately available to the PUC Alumni Office follows each name:*

- David E. Abbey, Att.**
- Elsie Melva Anderson, '56**
- Jack L. Baker, Att.**
- Judy M. Banks, '45**
- Harold O. Burden, '56**
- Stanley E. Caylor, '70**
- Ivan M. Christen, '65**
- Paul G. Emerson, '53, '59, '72, '79**
- Richard Frazee, Att.**
- Roy Thomas Gee, '64**
- Lolita Duerksen Hirst, '52**
- Doreen D. Kaiser, Att.**
- William E. Maddox, '52, '71**
- Robert D. Peterson, '84, '86**
- Dale A. Ratzlaff, '67**
- Verne V. Wehtje, Faculty, Att. '86.**



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CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Dec. 3 - 6 p.m.

CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT CONCERT

Friday, Dec. 6, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 7, 4 p.m.

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