



ANNUAL **IMPACT
REPORT**

AZUSA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY
2018-19 ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT



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Since 1899, Azusa Pacific has impacted the world for Christ. We are committed to supporting each of our students as they answer God's call and witness His transformation. You play a crucial role in the lives of these students, and their stories are made possible because of you.

During these challenging days, we reaffirm our responsibility to preserve and advance APU's Christ-centered mission. Our charge to equip disciples and scholars to advance God's work is more necessary today than ever before.

I am grateful for the generosity of donors like you who help us sustain our mission and come alongside this university in prayer. Thank you for your partnership in supporting the stories of these difference makers. Difference makers like Linny, Kahea, Jordan, and Maya who you will read about in the following pages. By God's grace and faithfulness, we believe APU's best days lie ahead.

In Christ,

David E. Bixby, Ed.D.
Executive Vice President



LINNY '19

PONCE-SCHWABAUER

Social Science Major, Film Studies &
Television Studies Minor
Los Angeles, California

Hello, my name is *Linny*.

This life I have walked in can only be explained by the wonder that is our God. God loves more in a moment than anyone could in a lifetime. I think as far back as I can remember, I would cry out “Oh, God” and each time I would think He wasn’t listening. And now I see that He answered a hundred times in my one cry with: “I am here.” It took me four long, hard, and yet wonderful undergraduate years to see Him for the love that He is.

I grew up with a childhood that led into my later years, with absolute brokenness. From the moment that I was born, I walked forth into a city holding on to nothing but the hand of my broken and addicted 16-year-old mother. I grew up homeless and slept on the edge of buildings and street corners, collecting scraps here and there. The memories never leave my head and at a young age, you would think a kid couldn’t remember anything, but they can.

Both my biological mom and dad abused drugs, alcohol, themselves and then me. I grew up with physical and emotional scars from a traumatic

childhood and later years in the foster care system. I was in a total of 14 foster homes. I had 14 temporary mommies and daddies, as I called them. At a young age, part of the light that was left in me, felt gone. My memories, harsh as they were, were the only things in those times that sustained me. Eleven of those years consisted of physical and emotional abuse I received from a woman I will leave unnamed. It was a terrifying thing to have to seek safety in other people, for home to be wherever you lay your head. To belong to no one, and yet, belong to everyone.

In these last four years at APU, through loving words and actions, empowering prayers, and encouragement, I have come to see that I am loved in a world where I did not feel loved. That every person I meet is my family, in a life in which family did not exist for me.

On a 10-day trip through the wilderness for Resident Advisors this past summer, I saw a group of strangers come together, carry each other's weight up and down those mountains, and become a family. And out there, amidst the stillness of Yosemite with my Walkabout Team, APU became my home.

I saw God's plan for me in Mexico when I was able to serve as an interpreter and allow God to use my voice to communicate for Him for my team, to serve a facility that took care of abandoned elderly men. Every word that was translated and used to communicate between two languages, affirmed my identity in Christ as a servant.

If it wasn't for the unending love and support I have received during my time here at Azusa Pacific University, I would not be where I am. I only have a heart full of gratefulness. Because of scholarships and God's mercy, I am that 3% of foster children that attend college nationwide and graduate in the end. I am that 3% that is going to walk across that stage and become a teacher.

I have had so many opportunities at APU to witness the beauty that life is. I came here to seek God's true love and guidance and to be equipped with the right tools to become an educator and make the difference in students' lives. After graduation, I plan to enter a graduate program here at APU and receive my Masters in Education along with my Secondary Teaching Credential. I plan to be a high school history teacher, with the hopes of also being a part of film societies that host film festivals for students wanting to go into the arts. My time and journey here at Azusa Pacific has helped me find my voice, my place in this world.

Looking back, I am in awe. I saved up all of the money I had in a piggy bank, back in my senior year of high school, and purchased a Greyhound ticket, jumped on an Amtrak, took several buses, and walked the rest of the way to APU to visit the campus. I am in awe of the plan that God had for me. He was bringing me home.

*Thank you for
giving me a home!*
~Lenny

KAHEAOKALEOLANI '22

SUBIONO

Commercial Music: Voice Major
Honolulu, Hawaii



Aloha! I hope this note finds you in good health. I would like to express my gratitude to you for donating money to the scholarship that has changed my life. To be quite honest, without this scholarship, I would not be able to attend Azusa Pacific University. That means I would not be able to do what I love. Music is my passion and I am so blessed to be able to study it here at APU. I am living my dream. You are a key part of that reality and I cannot even explain how much it means to me that you are willing to invest into my future. Your financial support means more to me than I can say; words will never be enough to express how much I appreciate this. Thank you, again. I thank God for you and I'm wishing you the best.

What brought you to Azusa Pacific?

I come from Honolulu, Hawai'i and if you told me two years ago that I'd be at APU, I would have told you that you were crazy. APU was a dream for me. My Aunty and Uncle are alumni of APU and they were the ones who first mentioned APU to me. I kept asking God what I was supposed to do and where to go and for some reason, APU kept coming up in my head and in conversations. Something kept pulling me there. I looked up APU and the first thing I saw was the infamous iron gate and the big walls forming a cross on West Campus, and I realized that is the exact thing I saw in my dreams years before. God was pulling me here. I felt at home when talking about APU and I decided APU was where I wanted to be. Music was always what I wanted to study and APU had the exact program I wanted and furthermore, had a Pacific Islander club. I was home.

How are you thriving at APU?

I spend a lot of time focusing on academics and writing music, but I am also proud to be on the Lead Team for Lu'au for our Pacific Islander Organization. I'll be serving through that position and will be investing time into making Lu'au come to life next semester. I'm also a part of an amazing discipleship group. That is another aspect of my life that has made me feel at home. I've found a love and passion for helping others and I hope to do that through Lead Team and my discipleship group.

What have you been involved in during your time at APU?

In my first year at APU, I started to excel academically and I qualified for the National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS), an accomplishment I am very proud of. I am now an inducted member of the society, serving as the club secretary and publicity chair. Joining this club has brought me the satisfaction of knowing that even though my time here at APU is limited, I have been able to help other students feel a sense of belonging, as well as mentor and guide them through the NSLS.

How do you see your life as a difference maker?

My biggest dream is to make a difference in people's lives with my music. I want to write from my heart and I want it to speak light into others' hearts. After graduation, I plan to find work in the music industry and start that journey of making a difference. This world is full of chaos but Jesus called us to be salt and light in the midst of a fallen world. I hope the music I write, record, and



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share touches people and lets them know that they are not alone. My long-term goal is to live my life fully immersed in music and the process of creating art. I want to travel and share music with the world. APU has taught me more than I could imagine about music and has shifted my mindset toward others. I have begun seeing others how God sees them. It is not always easy, but it is something that I'm working on. I'm constantly improving my art and myself here at APU.

JORDAN '20

LEE

Master of Physical Education
Alameda, California

We all have our own dreams,
our own responsibilities, our own goals, and I was never one to think that my aspirations should take precedence over others', so I was someone who had multiple jobs while in school. I worked 60+ hours a week, took care of some ailing family members, and attended classes at APU, all while trying to do my very best in each area. I believe that our best should be given in everything we set out to do, and that the way we work, the way we relate with others, the way we study, should be done for a God who saved us. And while I tried to be the best coach I could be while being the best at all the other side jobs and being the best at maintaining important relationships, I found that I was falling short on some of the most important things in my life. I was working all day and all night and there was no way I could be a good grandson to my sick grandfather; there was no way I could volunteer diligently at my local church.

I want to say thank you for donating to my scholarship because it has allowed me to drop an additional part-time job and spend a little more time on some of the most important things in my life: my family and my relationship with God. That impact has meant the world to me. I am absolutely thrilled to continue my journey here at APU, and I feel that this scholarship has helped me gain more from the course materials and has helped me maintain a balanced lifestyle as an individual.

What brought you to Azusa Pacific?

I chose APU because a colleague recommended the program to me while I was searching for a Master of Physical Education program. After some research I felt that it would be a good fit for me and would be appropriate for my time constraints. I am from Alameda, California and I am a basketball coach at Cal State East Bay. My goal for my time at APU is to become the best basketball coach that I can be. I want to grow as a leader and grow as an educator. I am so glad I chose APU because I already feel that I have grown as a coach and as a person.

How are you thriving at APU?

I am an online-only student, but I say it with as much pride as can possibly be conveyed over this text. I absolutely love the APU community and all of my contacts with staff, faculty, and fellow students





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have been the absolute best and most positive interactions I have ever had. I love the discussions I have with other classmates and I love the authenticity that so many people at APU have with one another. The realness at APU has inspired me to create a similar type of culture in my classrooms and in my sports teams.

I have never encountered a more engaged and encouraging teaching staff than in this program; teachers who have spurred me on, encouraged me, and been patient with me through my mistakes. These teachers have been phenomenal role models to me and I hope to be more like them as I grow as a coach and a physical education teacher myself.

How do you see your life as a difference maker?

I want to be as great a coach as I can possibly be. My desire is to give my full effort into being a positive, encouraging, and motivating coach. A more tangible goal is to be the first NCAA Division I men's basketball coach from completely Asian descent. It's hard, and some say it is unrealistic. But I hope that if I am as positive, encouraging, and motivating of a coach as I hope to be, I will be content with wherever I am coaching, because I know that I will be impacting lives. APU and the degree I hope to achieve from attending APU has and will continue to equip me with more tools to be a better educator and a better coach. APU's Physical Education program is contemporary, relatable, and applicable NOW. I can see real-life application scenarios every week from the material in the Physical Education program and I feel confidently empowered from the program that I have benefited and grown because of it.

MAYA '22

RICHERT

Public Relations Major
Kailua Kona, Hawaii



Words cannot express my complete gratitude for this scholarship. A simple "thank you" is not enough. Without this scholarship, I would not be able to experience the incredible community of APU or have the opportunity to get involved in such an incredible academic program. I have only experienced one semester here, but throughout the course of the past few months, I have been challenged in my faith, grown as an individual, and stepped into new opportunities that I otherwise would not have encountered. APU feels like home and I am looking forward to the rest of my time here. Although it is a small expression in comparison to what I have had the privilege of experiencing, thank you. Thank you for supporting me. Thank you for giving me the chance to be here. Thank you for being a part of the transformation of my life.

What brought you to Azusa Pacific?

After taking a gap year after high school and traveling to Australia, Nepal, Madagascar, Malaysia, and New Zealand, I was asking the Lord what my next step was. He guided my focus to APU and said that this is where he wants me for the next four years. After researching the elements of the school, I discovered the incredible faith-

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based community of APU and was thrilled to begin my journey here.

I just recently switched my major from Communications to Public Relations because I was looking for a more creative, specific career. After speaking with many professors and staff along with students who are currently in the program, I knew that PR fit exactly what I wanted. I also added a Graphic Design minor to add to my skill set. I have heard such wonderful reports about the design department and am looking forward to beginning my studies with them.

How are you thriving at APU?

One of the most unique and attractive aspects of APU is the community. The fellowship and involvement of every student has created such a lovely space to study academically and grow spiritually. I have been impacted and transformed by multiple places on campus. Through my involvement with CLC (Campus Life Crew) I have found a place to develop leadership and organizational skills and have also created solid relationships with the people in our group. My Alpha group has been a place of comfort and joy and I have loved knowing that I am welcome and have a place of belonging. My discipleship group has challenged me by choosing to partake in fasting this semester from various items such as media, spending, and clothing. I am also looking forward to being on an Action Team this summer to Budapest and Prague. Lastly, the Ambassador program has given me an outlet to express my appreciation for APU to potential incoming freshmen. There are so many possible options of involvement on campus and I am thankful to be a part of such an actively loving community.

How do you see your life as a difference maker?

I hope to work in the fashion industry doing PR for models or shows such as New York Fashion Week, do PR for a magazine, or help with graphic design for a fashion magazine. I would also love to work in event planning and coordinating. I hope to work abroad and do work internationally. APU has equipped me to achieve these goals by giving me opportunities to study abroad and integrate my learning in foreign environments. APU has also created the requirement of an internship my junior or senior year that will prepare me for the real world and give me experience for my resume. In regards to both social skills and leadership positions, this school creates leaders by giving students opportunities to step outside of their comfort zone and take responsibility for a program or club which gives us experience and confidence to do the same once we graduate.



A man with short, dark hair is shown in profile, looking towards the right. He is wearing a dark blue jacket and has a backpack on his shoulders. The background is a soft, hazy landscape under a sunset sky with warm orange and yellow tones.

CELEBRATING 43 YEARS OF SERVICE

The Legacy of President Jon R. Wallace

More than five decades ago, Jon Wallace arrived on APU's campus as a college student. Upon graduating, he accepted his first job as a custodian at his alma mater, marking the beginning of 43 years of consecutive service. In 2000, Jon was entrusted with the presidency of this God First university, leading APU in its sacred mission to train disciples and scholars to advance God's work in the world for 18 years. Today, we reflect back with deep gratitude on Jon's service, devotion, and love for the APU community and we honor his life's work.

"As I close the chapter on my time as APU's president, I'm reminded of the individuals like you who continue to shape the legacy of the university. During my time here, I have been greatly impacted by your generosity as I've seen that directly affect the students we're training up to be difference makers. Looking across our campus, I believe with deep conviction that our best days lie ahead. Each student who steps on campus brings with them their own calling and their own story, ready to invest in others the way you've invested in them. Thank you for playing an essential role in APU's legacy."

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jon F. Wallace". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J" and a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.



FACTS & FIGURES

AS OF JUNE 30, 2018

CAMPUS COMMUNITY IMPACT

9,926

Total Students

Student-to-Faculty Ratio

10 : 1



69% Women

31% Men

52% Undergraduate

48% Graduate



2,800+

students graduated from APU in 2017-18, joining the legacy of APU difference makers

\$79,468,554

Institutional Scholarships and Grants

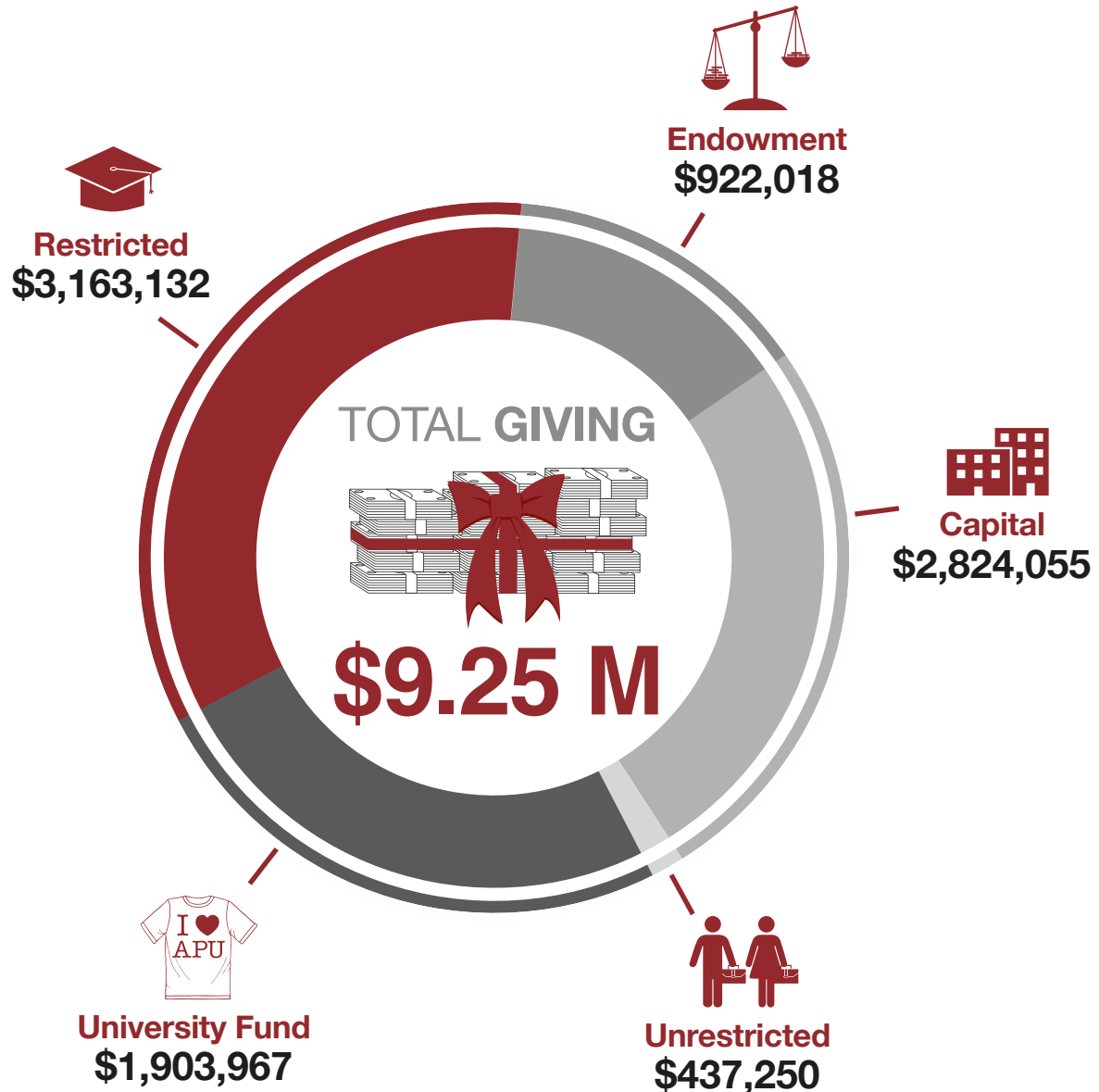
\$23,187,310

Federal and State Scholarships and Grants

88% of undergraduate students receiving any form of institutional financial aid

TOTAL GIVING BY PROJECT

2018 FISCAL YEAR



NEW AT APU



Convergent Media Center

Opened Fall 2018, West Campus

Azusa Pacific unveiled and dedicated its new Convergent Media Center this Fall on West Campus. Thanks to a generous grant from The Ahmanson Foundation, the new media center featuring workstations, a soundstage, and a broadcast recording studio, will equip journalism and public relations students with the experience needed to hone their skills and succeed as ethical professionals in these evolving industries.



Center for Public Affairs

Opened Winter 2019, Sacramento, California

APU's Center for Public Affairs in Sacramento offers a meeting place for students and leaders who seek to influence public affairs from a values-based perspective, as well as a venue for thoughtful civic discourse. The center is the first of its kind in the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCU), and offers unique programs integrating excellent training in the theory and practice of public service.



Department of Physical Therapy Expansion

Opening Spring 2019, West Campus

The expansion of the Doctor of Physical Therapy program, featuring a new facility on West Campus, will enable the university to increase enrollment and provide an enhanced clinical and academic experience for students in one of the university's fastest growing programs. A special thank you to the generosity of APU alumni, Steve and Susie Perry, through their Sacred Harvest Foundation, for their generous gift that made this expansion possible.



THANK YOU!



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