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**WASC**



When all three of our children were enrolled in elementary school, it occurred to me and Gail that the school calendar measures time in unique and wonderful ways. The Christmas season brings a barrage of handmade gifts constructed of yarn, dried goods, and the ubiquitous white glue. Those wonders remain precious to us even now because on the back of each one, etched in child-like scroll, is one of our son's or our daughter's name and the year it was made.

What really touched us as parents, however, was the annual tradition of the classroom picture. The awkward pose, carefully chosen from several imperfect proofs, arrived courtesy of the U.S. Postal Service to every known relative.

For years, they hung in chronological order along the hallway wall. All visitors to our home could, in a single glimpse, recognize the annual progression through primary and secondary grades. And, as if the gallery wasn't enough to evoke memories of childhood, we took it one step further.

Gail and I, like many of you, utilized a kitchen door jamb to measure, inscribe, and date the height of our growing family. You remember the drill: pencil mark, quarter-inch gap, pencil mark, half-inch gap, pencil mark, one-inch gap, multiple pencil marks, capturing the family's change in height, year after year.

Some growth, however, is not so easily measured.

One of the questions I frequently ask myself and the men in my discipleship group is, "How am I different today than I was last week, last month, or last year?" That question helps to define those places where I have allowed the Spirit of God, leading through my surrendered and disciplined obedience, to grow me up in the character and image of Christ.

It's also the question that defines and clarifies our Christ-centered mission of developing disciples and scholars. I believe that each of us is accountable to God for what He has placed in our hands. I believe each of us was created for the remarkable possibility of fully leaning into God's plan for redeeming a lost world.

Just as elementary school was built around a calendar of academic and developmental learning, our lives have been laid out against an unseen calendar, woven into the very fabric of our soul, aligning us with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is helpful, even imperative, as we move through our human existence, to stop and measure our progress against God's great redemptive plan. We stand next to last year's mark to see if we have grown. We ask those who know us to lovingly sift through our motives and behaviors and grade us in light of God's commandment that we are to grow in love of Him and love of our neighbors. It is a worthy measurement.

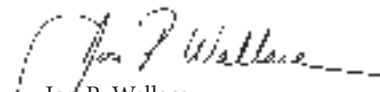
This annual report edition of *APU Life* is our honest attempt to put our back to the wall and hold our head erect, measuring against last year's marks. You have partnered with us, prayed for us, and sacrificed on our behalf, and now I welcome your close observation.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! *His faithful love endures forever.*

Give thanks to the God of gods. *His faithful love endures forever.*

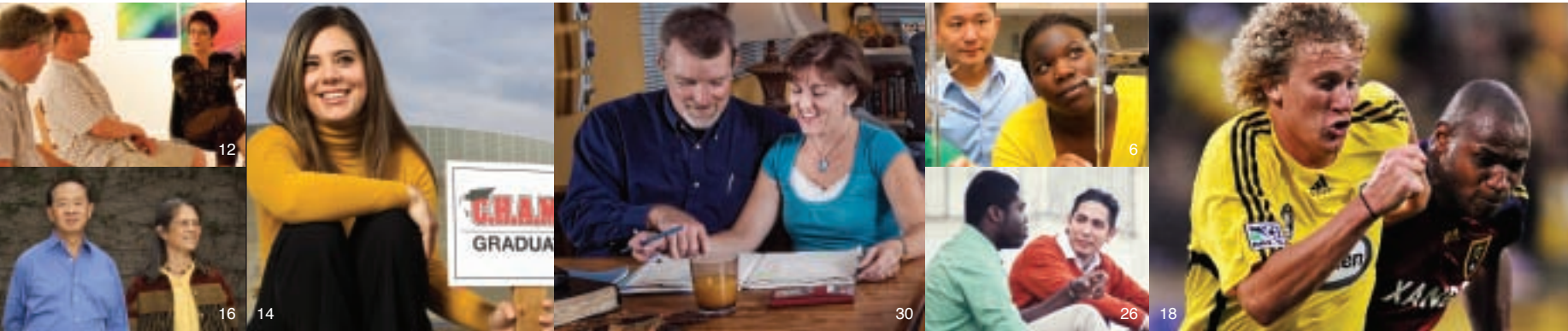
Give thanks to the Lord of lords. *His faithful love endures forever.*

Psalm 136:1-3 (New Living Translation)

  
Jon R. Wallace  
President (Still growing.)

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The \$51 million Segerstrom Science Center, dedicated September 3, 2009, stands as a hallmark of vision and discovery, research and innovation, creation and belief.

CAMPUS CLOSE UP

IN BRIEF

**Wynn Academic Center Remodeled**

The remodeled Carl E. Wynn Academic Center, set to open in January 2010, will provide necessary space for APU's expanding student body. Formerly the Carl E. Wynn Science Center, it will house 11 classrooms, a 90-seat lecture hall, a conference room, and an Admissions Welcome Center, as well as the Department of Undergraduate Psychology, Department of Social Work, and the Honors Program. The outdoor courtyard will feature a pond and a mini amphitheater for various campus activities.

The added space expands APU's student and faculty research options

through two observation rooms, a small computer lab, and a library. "The renovated building offers ample resources for faculty and student research, including human-subjects research in undergraduate psychology," said David Weeks, Ph.D., dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Additionally, the Admissions Welcome Center will give prospective students a glimpse of APU through multimedia presentations. "The room seats 50 and features impressive audio/visual equipment with which to showcase the university and demonstrate the vast opportunities available at our *God First* university," said Dave Burke, director of undergraduate admissions.

Relocating departments begin their transition in early December, thanks to

efficient planning and building teams. "Hodgdon Miank Construction has done a great job of reducing costs and expediting the project," said Jim Christl, project manager.

**A Tribute to Gladys Wilson**



Gladys Wilson, leader of the Heart-to-Heart ministry for more than 20 years, passed away in February 2009. On September 30, the Offices of the President, University Advancement, and the Campus Pastors hosted a special tribute for the beloved mentor. More than 50 friends and family gathered in Munson Courtyard to honor her.

Part of the ceremony included awarding Holly Hallmark '10 the first

\$500 Gladys Wilson Memorial Scholarship for the 2009-10 school year. "This scholarship honors Gladys' decades of ministry at the university. It will be extended to an undergraduate woman involved in the Heart-to-Heart Program who carries on the legacy of Gladys Wilson through her commitment to Jesus Christ, service to the world around her, and steadfast ministry of the Gospel," said Jamie Noling, D.Min., associate campus pastor. Near the ceremony's end, President Wallace unveiled a plaque located on a pillar in Munson Courtyard that details Wilson's involvement, impact, and spiritual leadership during her time at APU, and recognizes her legacy as a selfless leader in campus ministry.

Department of Art and director of the MFA Program.

Though the class was small, it was comprised of students representing many different interests and thought processes. "The diversity of the class made dialogue robust and rich. Students had such different backgrounds and interests, and their final shows were phenomenal because of it," Catling said. During summer 2009, students put together final exhibits to display their work in addition to their thesis. Artist-in-residence Chris Anderson, who coached them on their work, was pleased with their final products. "The caliber of the MFA candidates' shows reflected their growth as artists," Anderson said.

Though the final projects drew much attention from viewers, something deeper gained recognition as well. A strong sense of community and support, high level of academic

inquiry, and strong faith integration all merited admiration and respect from visitors. "Faith integration in the MFA Program includes a holistic view of people. We focus on all aspects of life," Catling said.

Perhaps the most distinct component of the program is its low-residency requirement. Though the estimated completion time is 37 months, students are only required to be on campus during January and July. As the only school in the Council of Christian Colleges & Universities to offer this option, APU's program format encourages students to develop as artists on their own, allowing them to comfortably acclimate to their career choice upon graduation. "It's exciting to realize that our MFA graduates have degrees earned from one of the few low-residency MFA programs in the country," Catling said.

**New Master of Arts in Management Program**

This fall, the School of Business and Management introduced the Master of Arts in Management (MAM). Intended for students with work experience, the MAM Program builds on existing leadership and management capabilities. Distinguished for its emphasis on the development of managerial skills within an ethics-based framework, the program equips leaders to positively steer organizational change and create a culture of teamwork.

Specifically, students learn to assess the global business environment, adjust to ever-changing competition and limited resources, and motivate employees to exceed market expectations by improving competency levels and job performance.

"Human capital remains the greatest investment a company can make," said Ilene Bezjian, DBA, dean and professor of the School of Business and Management. "Recruiting, hiring, and training the right individuals can make or break a company. The MAM Program gives students managerial concepts, definitions, and tools to analyze organizational information requirements so they can make better decisions for dynamic situations in organizational transformation."

The 36-unit program is offered on the Azusa campus as well as the Los Angeles and Ventura regional centers.

**School of Nursing Receives Two Grants**

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) recently awarded the School of Nursing a grant for the Nurse Faculty Loan Program as a result of a proposal written by Felicitas dela Cruz, DNSc, FAANP, RN, professor of nursing and director of the Family Nurse Practitioner and Second Careers in Nursing programs, and Major King, Ph.D., RN, CCNS, department chair

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**Azusa Pacific Acquires Five Dead Sea Scroll Fragments and Rare Biblical Artifacts**

In its most significant holding to date, Azusa Pacific University recently acquired five Dead Sea Scroll fragments and a collection of rare biblical antiquities.

Joining Princeton Theological Seminary and the Oriental Institute at the University of Chicago, APU becomes the third institution of higher education to own original Dead Sea Scroll fragments. These earliest-known texts of the Hebrew Bible, dating back to roughly 150 B.C., were discovered in the caves of Qumran, near Jerusalem, between 1947-56.

Four of the fragments were obtained from Lee Biondi of Biondi Rare Books and Manuscripts in Venice, California. The fifth fragment came from Legacy Ministries International, a Phoenix, Arizona-based nonprofit organization committed to telling the story of the Bible and assembling artifacts and documents tracing the history of Scripture.

"This acquisition allows us to tell the remarkable story of how humanity came to have the Bible and how Scripture has been preserved through history," said President Jon R. Wallace, DBA. "Having these documents also reinforces APU's



history and commitment to the supremacy of Scripture. This is a milestone for APU, and we are deeply grateful to Legacy Ministries International for allowing us to continue their devotion to protecting these ancient documents that mark the beginnings of the written Bible."

In addition, APU received five first-edition King James Bibles dating from 1611-40, a collection of Bible leaves, and two late-17th century Hebrew Sefer Torah Scrolls, among other artifacts from Legacy Ministries.

"This creates numerous scholarship opportunities," said Russell Duke, Ph.D., acting dean of APU's School of Theology. "Our theology faculty will be able to study these manuscripts firsthand, share them with students, and bring new depth to biblical history in the classroom."

Plans are in progress for a special exhibit in May 2010 that tells the story of 2,000 years of the Bible through artifacts from the Dead Sea Scroll fragments to Bibles of the 21st century.

"Thanks to the president and scholars at Azusa Pacific University, these fragments have been recovered and will be scientifically protected," said James H. Charlesworth, Ph.D., George L. Collord Professor of New Testament Language and Literature at Princeton Theological Seminary and director and editor of the PTS Dead Sea Scrolls Project. "Each one preserves priceless data from the beginnings of Western culture and is a unique witness to documents in the Bible of Jews and Christians."

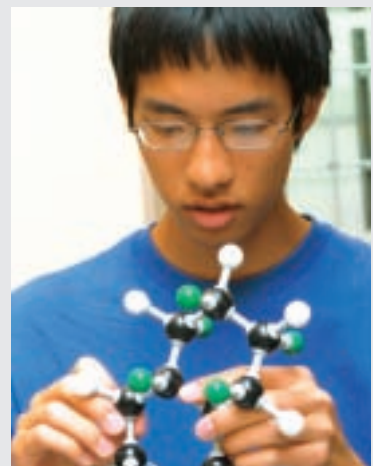


**First MFA Class Graduates**

A dream 11 years in the making was realized on Friday, July 31, 2009, when the first graduating Master of Fine Arts in Visual Art class walked across the stage and received their diplomas. The class included nine students, two of whom came from an APU undergraduate program. The graduate program, which began in 2006 after an eight-year planning process, emphasizes not only excellence in art, but also a strong

foundation in writing and research. The curriculum is academically challenging, and before graduating, students must take a final theory and practice course, prepare a final exhibit, and compile a 50-page written thesis. "Our rigorous program challenges students to put a lot of effort into their art, writing, and research, and develops them into well-rounded artists. They work really hard," said Bill Catling, MFA, chair of the





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and program director of the Master of Science in Nursing Program. The grant, designed as a loan forgiveness program, totals \$235,067 (including a supplemental \$62,916) and will assist graduate students enrolled in an advanced nursing education program with the cost of tuition. Students must plan to pursue a career in nursing education to be eligible to have their loans forgiven over a three-year period after graduation.

Also in response to a proposal written by King, HRSA awarded the School of Nursing \$71,276 in traineeship funding to help graduate nursing students with tuition for the 2009–10 academic year. The funds are distributed in scholarship form.

The amount of these generous contributions from HRSA has increased significantly over the last several years, which is indicative of the professional quality and academic strength of the nursing programs at APU. “APU nursing graduates exemplify excellence in the field, which is exactly what HRSA looks for when awarding these grants,” explained King.

**APU Ranks High Among Nation’s Best Colleges**

For the third consecutive year, *U.S. News & World Report’s* America’s Best Colleges included APU in the third tier of the National Category in the 2010 rankings, placing the university alongside Harvard, Yale, and UCLA, among other prestigious institutions.



Placement in the National Category for America’s Best Colleges is based upon evaluation of the following areas: peer assessment, retention and graduation rates, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, alumni giving, and graduation rate performance.

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**Seegerstrom Science Center**

Completed in May 2009, the Seegerstrom Science Center marks an important addition to university assets. The 72,000-square-foot building provides a host of new research resources, including 37 teaching and research laboratories, a nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) room, and an electron microscope room. These state-of-the-art facilities allow students and faculty to conduct detailed research in scientific fields such as biology, chemistry, and biochemistry, and will be a valuable tool for recruiting prospective students and faculty. The capabilities provided

by these additions will also enhance APU’s already prestigious status in the academic community.

The center contains a 90-seat lecture hall, 23 discipline-specific classrooms, and 3 general-use classrooms. The center also houses the Departments of Biology and Chemistry and Mathematics and Physics, research and teaching components for the Department of Physical Therapy and the School of Nursing, and the Center for Research in Science (CRIS). The lecture hall provides space for lectures, workshops, and symposia. The inaugural three-part

symposia launched in October with “Lifelines for Our Future,” focusing on the stewardship and sustainability of Earth and its resources. Part two takes place on January 14, 2010, featuring Nobel Prize recipient David Baltimore, Ph.D., on “Advances in Medicine.” The series wraps up on March 19 with an in-depth discussion of bioethics.

The science center brings the Department of Mathematics and Physics a host of important benefits, including a unified office suite, triple the amount of laboratory space for both physics and mathematics, and

personal laboratories for each physics faculty member, allowing them to further their research and involve undergraduate students in research endeavors. “All of the new classrooms have computers and advanced technology for students, promoting specialized research. We also now have a room dedicated solely to the Math Center, a tutoring facility for all students enrolled in a math or physics course,” said Tedd Szeto, Ph.D., chair of the Department of Mathematics and Physics.

In the previous facility, only one classroom was dedicated to

mathematics, accommodating all classes, labs, and even the tutoring center. “Having the professors’ offices in a central location also makes it easier to meet with them outside of class,” said math student Brian Kam ’10.

The Department of Biology and Chemistry has been able to expand its course offerings and corresponding lab sections as a direct result of the increased number of laboratory facilities. “The operative word is space,” said Cahleen Shrier, Ph.D., professor in the Department of Biology and Chemistry. “In Wynn, we couldn’t offer enough lab sections

to accommodate our growing population because the facilities were being used constantly. Our new building allows us to offer lab sections for the same course simultaneously.”

The center also benefits those beyond the APU community. “This building will serve as the perfect venue to host events such as high school math and physics competitions, teacher training workshops, CBEST and GRE classes, and tutoring for the local community,” said Szeto. During summer 2009, the Gifted and Talented Education (G.A.T.E.)

Program became the first community event hosted in the new facility, bringing Azusa Unified School District students to campus for advanced coursework, including those hailing from Gladstone and Azusa high schools who took courses in English and biology. The building exemplifies the university’s desire to meet current and future student needs; prepare generations of math and science teachers, health care professionals, and scientists; attract and retain exemplary students and scholars; and serve as a community resource in these critical fields.



## Glen Dawson Honored for Lifelong Achievements

On September 18, APU awarded Glen Dawson an honorary doctorate of humane letters in a special ceremony held in the Felix Event Center's VIP Room. Guests included President Jon R. Wallace, DBA, individuals from The Huntington, and various friends, family, and colleagues from significant points in Dawson's life.

At age 97, Dawson's long list of significant achievements warranted conferring this award. At age 16, he climbed the Matterhorn and later became the first person to climb the east face of Mt. Whitney. He has climbed all 14,000-foot peaks in California and became the first person to climb one of the Minarets, which has since been named for him. A graduate of the University of California, Los Angeles, he is an internationally recognized antiquarian book dealer, an expert in books and

fine printing, and one of the world's leading bibliophiles.

As the owner of Dawson's Book Shop in Pasadena, he has published and personally edited more than 370 books that bear his shop's imprint. He holds a specific interest in the publication of miniature books. He promotes the preservation of rare documents and lends his expertise as a bookman at several universities and organizations nationwide, assisting APU since the inception of the university's Special Collections. Most recently, he donated a 1552 Tyndale New Testament and a 1644 Pilgrim Psalter to the university's holdings.

"Glen Dawson has been instrumental in shaping the direction and content of our Special Collections endeavor, today valued at more than \$3 million. We are grateful for his expertise and assistance," said Wallace.

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Additionally, part of consideration includes results from a survey given to high-ranking administrators, such as presidents, provosts, and deans of admission at other participating universities.

This honor is an important piece of information for students considering attending APU. "Today's students use a variety of resources to find the top institutions of higher education to meet their needs and prepare them for their futures," said President Jon R. Wallace, DBA. "This recognition by *U.S. News* affirms Azusa Pacific's reputation for offering quality programs taught by world-class faculty."

In addition, *The Princeton Review* selected APU as 1 of 123 schools in the 2010 Best in the West category, affirming the university's dedication to academic excellence, rigor, and God-honoring diversity. Part of the selection process included evaluation of students' anonymous comments, directly indicating that APU provides quality academic experiences through highly educated and knowledgeable faculty, as well as an atmosphere conducive to growth and learning.

### Aerospace Grant Funds Study on Global Warming and International Relations



Leslie Wickman, Ph.D., director of the Center for Research in Science, received an internal research and development grant totaling \$130,000 from the Aerospace Corporation to study climate change and national security. As principal investigator, Wickman and colleagues Inki Min, Ph.D., and Patrick Smith, Ph.D., will explore topics such as the melting of the polar ice caps, rising sea levels, droughts, changing air and water temperatures, and changing salt levels and ocean currents as they relate to international relationships

and natural resources. Specifically, the study will explore the effects of global warming on international ocean traffic, international relations, and potential national security issues in the waters bordering the three coastlines of the United States (Pacific, Atlantic, and Arctic).

Several APU students will participate in the fact-gathering stage of the project, which includes compiling information on international treaty compliance and scientific data from research centers around the world. "For the purpose of this study, it is important for us to understand which countries are complying with international treaties pertaining to pollution and greenhouse gas emissions, as well as to have a good grasp of the actual facts and effects of global warming, and consequently, the impacts of those on our waterways and natural resources," said Wickman.

The study runs from October 1, 2009, to September 30, 2010. Wickman and her team plan to present their findings at the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics Space 2010 conference in September.

### APU Fall Lectures and Symposia

APU hosted numerous scholarly events during fall 2009. Each included distinguished presenters from APU and other institutions, focused on *God First*, and communicated APU's dedication to pursuing scholarship from a faith perspective. The events included:

**The James L. Hedges Distinguished Lecture Series**, hosted by the Department of English

**The California Regional Conference on Faith and History**, hosted by the Department of History and Political Science

**The Annual Malcolm R. Robertson Lectureship on Holy Living**, hosted by the C.P. Haggard Graduate School of Theology and Department of Undergraduate Theology, and featuring speaker Stanley Hauerwas, Ph.D.

**The Faith Matters Lecture Series**, hosted by the Department of Undergraduate Theology

**The "Africa Meets North America" (AMNA) Third International Symposium**, hosted by UCLA in collaboration with the APU School of Music

**The "Voices" Biannual Conference for Clinicians and Academicians in Interdisciplinary Studies and Integration**, hosted by the Department of Graduate Psychology

### Scholars Earn Important Academic Promotions



Kimberly Battle-Walters Denu, Ph.D., became the vice provost for faculty support and special assistant to the president in September 2009. In her new role, the former associate provost will work with the Center for Global Learning and Engagement, the Institute for Faith Integration, the Office of Faculty Development, and the Office of Faculty Evaluation. Additionally, as special assistant to the president, she will focus specifically on matters of diversity as they pertain to university relations. "As a key member of President Wallace's team, Dr. Denu will provide a unique and powerful perspective to APU's mission of preparing culturally sensitive, Christ-centered global leaders," said Provost Michael Whyte, Ph.D.

"Jon Wallace's commitment to and advocacy of diversity are clear, and I look forward to contributing as a woman and a person of color to this important discussion," said Denu.



Additionally, Pamela Christian, Ph.D., has been named associate provost. Christian, who has been part of the APU administration since 2002, will work with the Center for Academic Service-Learning

and Research and the Office of Diversity Planning and Assessment, supervise the annual Common Day of Learning, and oversee all processes and programs dealing with adjunct faculty, among other responsibilities. "In the past 12 months, Dr. Christian served as an

ACE Fellow, presented research at Oxford University, and attended a leadership seminar at Harvard University," said Whyte. "Her expanded role maximizes her extensive education and unique skills."

"From continued work in diversity to new engagement in the

critical field of service-learning and providing meaningful connections between our adjunct faculty and the university, I look forward to applying the insight gleaned from scholarly activities and research to these important areas of focus at APU," said Christian.

# COUGAR SPORTS ROUNDUP

Azusa Pacific seems to thrive in the postseason and always emerges as one of the premier institutions in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA). True to form, the 2009 fall season found the Cougars playing in a variety of national championship tournaments and meets.

### Women's Cross Country

Though the defending NAIA national champions in women's cross country, the Cougars knew their 2009 campaign would be a rebuilding year. However, they not only surprised the experts, but themselves as well, when by mid-season, Azusa Pacific topped the coaches' poll as the NAIA's number-one-ranked team. A late October meet, in which the Cougars beat the second-, third-, and fourth-ranked teams, confirmed their top billing. In early November, Azusa Pacific captured its third-straight Golden State Athletic Conference (GSAC) championship and All-American Jacky Kipwambok '11 became only the second person in conference history to win three consecutive GSAC individual championship races. As a result of taking another GSAC crown, the Cougars earned an automatic bid to the NAIA championship meet in Vancouver in mid-November.

### Men's Cross Country

While the Cougar men's string of seven straight NAIA cross country championship meet appearances came to an end with a third-place finish at the GSAC meet, a pair of Cougar individuals—juniors J.J. Timphony '11 and Abednego Magut '11—qualified for the national meet with their strong showings. Magut won the GSAC individual crown in easy fashion, beating his nearest competitor by more than a minute.

### Women's Soccer

The Azusa Pacific women's soccer team made its 12<sup>th</sup> consecutive NAIA Tournament appearance, the longest active streak in the nation. The Cougars won a fifth-straight GSAC championship and remained ranked in the NAIA top five throughout the season. The team also qualified for the NAIA Tournament in Decatur, Alabama, where senior All-American Theresa Broad '10, the GSAC Player of the Year, took aim at Azusa Pacific's all-time scoring record of Kendra Payne's (1997–2000) 90 goals in a career.

### Men's Soccer

Azusa Pacific men's soccer posted a 16-3 record, but back-to-back, mid-season losses cost the Cougars a

return berth into the NAIA soccer tournament. Senior Eric Winblad '10 was named the GSAC Player of the Year for the second year in a row.

### Volleyball

Azusa Pacific women's volleyball fashioned one of its best seasons ever, taking 24 of 32 matches, including its first victory in five years over national power Concordia University. As a result, the Cougars finished third in the GSAC and were the top seed in their pool at the NAIA championship tournament in Sioux City, Iowa. All-American Jill Baker '10 closed out her outstanding four-year career as Azusa Pacific's all-time leader in kills and digs. GSAC named Baker Player of the Year and Chris Keife Coach of the Year.

### Football

Azusa Pacific football continues the growth pains of playing a more challenging schedule that included four NCAA Division II teams, the most played by any NAIA school, and a pair of nationally ranked NAIA teams. The Cougars dropped 8 of 11 games, but won their final 2 of the season, thumping Trinity University (55-27) in San Antonio, Texas, before coming home to drub the NAIA's number-14-ranked Langston University (37-3).

# The Elevation of Christian Artists

**The 21<sup>st</sup> century art world** is not for the faint of heart. Simultaneously exhilarating and bizarre, it encompasses both penthouse cocktail parties and underground performances. Today's artists embrace postmodern thinking and relish philosophical debates. Traditional form and technique such as painting or sculpture, though sometimes honored, seldom take center stage. Instead, contemporary artists create from unusual materials like sound, body movement, light, and computer programs.

Given the plethora of styles and theories, how does a Christian university traverse the art world? The best answer: nurture an art program that engages the contemporary field and contributes to the conversation. At APU, students and faculty do both while leading the university toward an exciting moment in its arts education history.

In the last several years, many have come to view the Azusa Pacific University Department of Art as a center for artistic expression in the area. Drawing similarities to medieval monasteries where educated monks, through scholarship, craft, and art production, explored important biblical and secular ideas, the department facilitates critical dialogue, drawing national attention for work from both students and faculty.

Rooted in biblical truth, APU professors, students, and their guests have begun an earnest exploration of art history, technique, culture, and social issues within a faith-based framework. As a center for artistic activity, the Department of Art hosts a number of events to engage the APU community and the outside art world. Faculty and students facilitate more than 50 exhibitions a year. Student-inspired shows adorn four different on-campus galleries, while traveling exhibitions take shows on the road. The work of modern master Marc Chagall and work attributed to Jackson Pollock have graced the gallery walls this year, while the works of invited guests, artists, and historians addressed topics like aesthetics, the role of the city, metaphysics, and the place of spirituality and art. These culture-building events and gatherings invite faculty, students, and guests to discuss art and ideas intimately, creating opportunities for rich dialogue.

APU art faculty and students also impact the local community and the larger art community by participating in events and engaging in philosophical and technical discussions within the three largest artist communities in Southern California—Los Angeles, Santa Monica, and Laguna Beach. As the art scene is primarily secular, Christians are desperately needed to navigate the complexity and intellectual barricades set in place. Beyond Southern California, faculty, students, and alumni participate in traveling exhibitions that enable their work to influence a multitude of visitors, from California to New York and beyond.

This level of involvement helps debunk the stereotypes and overcome the challenges of being a Christian Department of Art. Akin to philosophers, Christian artists are best equipped to lead this discussion so wrought with hopelessness and confusion. Students prepare to challenge the world's assumptions through a rigorous course of study that impacts the words they use and the imagery they create.

by G. James Daichendt



“Because we are made in the image of our Creator, we find joy and fulfillment through the act of creating.”



#### UPCOMING ART SHOWS

January 11–22, January 25–February 5, Professor J. David Carlson, Duke Gallery

February 8–19, Guest Installation: [partnersworld.org](http://partnersworld.org), Heritage Gallery

February 22–March 5, National Healthy Living Week Exhibition, Darling Gallery

April 19–May 30, Earth Day Exhibition, L Gallery

But to significantly influence art culture requires a position of leadership. In the art world, that means earning a Master of Fine Art (MFA). Until now, no university within the Council of Christian Colleges & Universities (CCCU) has offered such a degree. APU, however, graduated its first class of MFA students this past summer. After three years of research and production, these APU alumni now engage universities and art galleries around the country through their leadership roles as artists and educators.

Both undergraduate and graduate students studying art and graphic design at APU are in the unique position of understanding their purpose in the world—living as artists and followers of Christ. Seeing the world through this perspective allows study in the arts to be grounded in Truth, an option not always available or acceptable in other art schools. As Christians, we recognize the role of artist as a divine calling. Because we are made in the image of our Creator, we find joy and fulfillment through the act of creating. Because APU promotes a culture of truth-seeking across all disciplines, we can refine our craft with freedom, integrity, and authority.



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by Christopher Martin '98

**Before Juana Valenciano '09 (pictured right)** decided to attend APU, she, like most students, toured the campus to experience a college classroom, check out the residence halls, and eat a meal in the “Caf.” Unlike most students, however, Valenciano was only nine years old.

Each year, 700 fourth-grade students from the Azusa Unified School District (AUSD) participate in the College Headed and Mighty Proud (C.H.A.M.P.) Program, a service-learning experience for students in APU’s Liberal Arts Program as part of the Diversity in the Classroom course. The program launched in 1991 with a \$900 pledge from APU Campus Ministries (now the Offices of Ministry and Service and the Campus Pastors) and AUSD. To that sum, the Azusa Rotary Club quickly added \$700 and continues to support the program to this day. Since then, C.H.A.M.P. has provided thousands of Azusa children with their first exposure to college, sparking excitement about the opportunity college affords and creating enthusiasm for working toward college admission. Along with Valenciano, this past spring, two other C.H.A.M.P. alumni graduated from Azusa Pacific University: Chris Richards '09 and Roseann Wall '09. A fourth, Monica Arellano '09, graduates this December.

Alongside their Azusa elementary school complements, the APU student mentors gain much from the program as well. “We see a much higher competency rate for handling diversity issues after students participate in this program,” said Paul Flores, Ph.D., associate professor of liberal studies. “C.H.A.M.P. helps our APU students and provides a great learning environment for them. But we really focus on the program’s service aspect, and how it provides many young students with their first exposure to college.”

Valenciano says her memories of C.H.A.M.P. in 1997, while at Azusa’s Lee Elementary School, inspired her to attend APU. “It was great to see firsthand how college life works,” she said. “My parents had always told me how important education was for my future, but after spending a day on campus as a fourth grader, I went home saying, ‘I want to go to college.’”

“Statistics show that fourth grade is the perfect time to plant the seeds of going to college,” said Judy Hutchinson, Ph.D., director of the Center for Academic Service-Learning and Research. “Through C.H.A.M.P., more than 7,000 fourth graders as well as their parents, siblings, and extended families have experienced, many for the first time, the college environment. Nancy Moore, one of the program’s founders, says this program has also inspired many APU students to teach in AUSD.”

Chris Richards, who participated in C.H.A.M.P. in 1996 while attending Valleydale Elementary School, credits the program with introducing him to a world he might not have explored otherwise. “Coming from a home that was outside the middle class, yet knowing at such a young age that college is not only accessible but achievable, was powerful for me,” he said. “Being encouraged to attend college by actual college students and believing I could do it changed my life.”

Roseann Wall caught a glimpse of APU’s campus for the first time with her fourth grade class at Murray Elementary, a school that already promoted college

awareness within its curricula. “We took field trips to several local universities and wrote letters to the colleges,” said Wall. “Two friends who attended C.H.A.M.P. with me also recently graduated from other schools. But for me, it was always Azusa Pacific. I was so impressed by my high school teachers who had graduated from APU, and my brother, who was a sophomore at APU at the time, also really encouraged me. I had seen the quality of their education and knew that was the kind of college experience I wanted for myself.”

For Monica Arellano, however, the idea of going to college was new when she participated in the program through Murray Elementary School. “Nobody in my family had attended college,” she said. “The C.H.A.M.P. Program was an eye opener not only for me, but also for my parents. I could see myself going to college, and we all began to recognize that college was in my future.”

After attending Citrus College for two years, a confluence of events that she attributes to God’s guidance led her back to APU. “Ever since C.H.A.M.P., it had

been my dream to attend APU,” she said. “I was working at my old elementary school, and the principal suggested I consider APU. She had no idea that I’d been in C.H.A.M.P. and no idea that I had dreamed of going to APU.” From that moment on, doors opened for her.

As a liberal studies major and future teacher, Arellano embraced the role of C.H.A.M.P. mentor to a new generation of Azusa fourth graders. “I really enjoyed encouraging the kids and providing an example for them just as previous APU students had done for me,” said Arellano.

After graduating this December, Arellano plans to teach in the Azusa Unified School District, ideally at the elementary school she attended. “I have been given so much by this community, including the C.H.A.M.P. Program,” she said. “To give something back would be a dream come true.”

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MAX B. GIBNER

# Hong Kong Connections

by Cynndie Hoff

**Thousands of miles may separate** Azusa Pacific University from Hong Kong, but the ties that bind them reach deeper and farther than mere geography through the legacy of the Leung family. Their story begins in early 20<sup>th</sup> century Hong Kong with a determined man who led three generations on a brave journey of faith.

As a boy, Leung Kam Dai loved to learn, but was only able to attend school for seven days. When his teacher died, he continued his education alone and, over his lifetime, taught himself to read newspapers and the Bible. He worked his whole life as a porter and fisherman, but most remember him as the old, white-bearded man standing on a wooden platform in front of the church giving his testimony. Of his nine children, only two survived to adulthood, and when he found Christ through the ministry of Peniel Church, he dedicated his only living son, Leung Chan Kwong, to the Lord.

The little boy grew up alongside the family of a missionary, the Rev. A.K. Reiton, and came to think of them as his second family. With their help, he completed Bible school training and devoted his life to serving God. When he married Hui Sui Lan, the two served the Peniel Church together, and Chan Kwong became the first Chinese pastor of that church. He also continued to travel with the Reitons throughout Southern China preaching the Gospel and reaching out to the boat people.

Life took a tragic twist when Japan invaded Hong Kong in 1941. Immediately, all missionaries were sent to detention camps in Stanley, including the Reitons. Chan Kwong relied on prayer and resourcefulness to care for his young family, including a son and a daughter. Keeping them safe became his highest priority.

"I was about three years old, sitting in a high chair on the balcony," recalled his son, Lap Poon. "I remember seeing Japanese soldiers patrolling the streets below our third-story house. Grandma killed our last chicken for dinner before the bad guys could come and take it away. That was the beginning of the Japanese occupation of Hong Kong during World War II. Survival depended on our faith in God. My grandfather, dad, and mom did everything they could, risking their lives to keep the family fed."

Amidst the air sirens and plane bombings, God protected the Leung family during nearly four years of occupation. When the war ended, the missionaries returned and the church flourished once again, with the Rev. Leung serving in every capacity: supervising church reconstruction, witnessing to the builders, planting additional churches, and compiling, translating, and editing the first Chinese hymnal. When his organist (who happened to be his daughter, Mei Lin) left Hong Kong for America to pursue her education, he stepped in to fill that role, too. Though it was hard to see her go, he knew Mei Lin would benefit greatly at this place the Reitons had so highly recommended—Azusa College.

He was right. In 1960, Mei Lin graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Music, and went on to earn a master's degree in education and a teaching credential from Claremont Graduate School. Later, she became the first Chinese-American school principal in the Los Angeles County School District. Though her occupation was education, her vocation was serving God. She loved APU and



gave selflessly to the school throughout her lifetime. Her generosity knew no limits, and though she went home to be with the Lord in June, she left behind a rich tradition for her family.

Her younger brother, Lap Poon (L.P.), followed in his sister's footsteps and made the journey to Azusa in 1958 on a work-study program. "President and Mrs. Haggard and my professors, Mr. Logsdon and Dr. Robertson, knew me by name and always checked in on me. They gave me more than an academic education; they gave me confidence in myself and helped me to realize that I could compete and succeed. Their kindness left a big imprint on my life," said L.P.

In turn, the Leungs greatly impacted the lives of APU students this year. L.P. and his wife, Bobbi, made a donation of nearly \$1.1 million of appreciated stock to fund the first Endowed Chair for Ethics in Auditing and Accounting in APU's School of Business and Management. L.P., a 30-year certified public accountant (CPA), gave the gift believing that an education at APU will go far in maintaining the trustworthy image of the accounting profession. "I hope this chair will help prepare future accounting professionals who will provide accurate


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and truthful information for management, share holders, and investors. I believe APU is the right place for this kind of training."

It also turned out to be the right place to honor his father who attended APU in 1956. When L.P. discovered the caliber of the Azusa Pacific School of Music, he realized this was the perfect place with the ideal people to bring his father's old hymns to life again. He dusted off the traditional-style songs his dad had written and presented them to APU along with a scholarship offer to the student who could give the arrangements a modern twist while maintaining their integrity. On November 1, 2008, a 100-member choir performed the Rev. Leung's collection before his entire family and 300 guests. "It was one of the most important moments in our lives—the ultimate honor for my father," said L.P.

A century ago, in the British Crown Colony of Hong Kong, God began an amazing work in the Leung family that today touches the lives of people throughout the world through a partnership with Azusa Pacific University.

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by Joe Reinsch with Caitlin Gipson

**Don't mention "Spoons" to Steven Lenhart '08.** Though the friendly card game usually finds its niche among children and teenagers, Lenhart admits his obsession. In fact, the Spoons tournament is an annual tradition at the Azusa Pacific men's soccer preseason retreat, complete with winner's plaque and bragging rights. Defeat, however, hits hard, and after Lenhart's elimination from the final round in 2006, he stormed out in a huff.

That was more than three years ago, before the 6'1" forward with the wild mop of curly blonde hair etched a spot as one of the Cougars' all-time greats. As a junior, he led Azusa Pacific to its second-straight National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) title game, earning the national tournament outstanding offensive player award. For an encore, he carried the Cougars back to the title game where APU claimed its first-ever NAIA men's soccer championship, and Lenhart repeated as the outstanding offensive player and was named the tournament's most valuable player.

"Sometimes you recognize when a player can play at the next level," said head coach David Blomquist. "One of his strong points was that he would out-work everybody on both teams. His work ethic was amazing."

But there's far more to Lenhart than a win-at-all-costs mentality. The NAIA first-team All-American feels that God has called him to soccer as a platform for ministry, a calling that was something of a surprise, considering as he almost let go of the game for good.

As a youth, he played because it allowed him to spend time with friends. "I wasn't that good," he said. "I don't know why I kept playing." He played on Esperanza High School's 2004 CIF championship team, but started only a few games and was cut from his club team shortly thereafter. Lenhart started college at Point Loma Nazarene University, but as a freshman, he appeared in 12 games and scored just once.

He didn't care if soccer was included when he decided to attend Azusa Pacific. The Cougars' rising program couldn't guarantee him a spot on the roster, and he joined without a scholarship, but that didn't matter—he felt comfortable at APU. His father, Gary '81, played football for the Cougars from 1977–80, and older sister Jennifer '06 was attending when he arrived.

After graduation, he planned to move to Africa to start up a nonprofit. But soccer called again when he became a surprise selection of the Columbus Crew in the 2008 Major League Soccer (MLS) draft, the highest level of professional soccer in the U.S. "I had no idea what was going on until a week before the draft," said Lenhart. "Even then, I woke up that morning and didn't know it was draft day."

A few months into his first professional campaign, he found himself in the starting lineup for the Crew's U.S. Open Cup match against Real Salt Lake. He scored the game winner, lifting Columbus to a 2-0 victory, and finished his rookie year as one of the league's most productive finishers, scoring four goals in 278 minutes of action. For good measure, he added a key goal in a post-season



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run that ended with Columbus claiming the franchise's first-ever MLS Cup. Lenhart's second pro campaign nearly matched his first: he scored three times, earning eight starts in the 23 games he played.

But ask what soccer means to him, and you won't get an earful about scoring goals or winning another MLS Cup. "The reason I am who I am is because of my relationship with God," said Lenhart, "and professional soccer provides opportunities to tell people about that."

He has found this to be true both on his team and in the community. "I've always lived my faith and tried to be a witness, but now I have a bigger sphere of influence," he explained. This hit home during a recent visit to the opening day of the Special Olympics. Lenhart struck up a friendship with one of the players, and when the player mentioned a game the next day, Lenhart dropped by to watch the game and practice with the team. "Before, I would have been just some

guy helping out, but now the kids know me, and it means a lot to them when I'm there."

His hope is that these types of opportunities will continue to set him apart within the community and among his teammates, and will open the door for meaningful conversations. "I know I'm not just here for soccer," said Lenhart. "My happiness and being able to share it doesn't come from any goal I've scored; it's waking up every morning knowing I'm living for something bigger." Bigger than goals, bigger than trophies—even bigger than Spoons. Lenhart's take-it-or-leave-it approach to the game that wouldn't take no for an answer renders him humble, happy, and acutely aware of God's purpose for his life.



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### Mission Statement

Azusa Pacific University is an evangelical Christian community of disciples and scholars who seek to advance the work of God in the world through academic excellence in liberal arts and professional programs of higher education that encourage students to develop a Christian perspective of truth and life.

### Four Cornerstones

#### Christ—Colossians 1:15–18

Belief in Christ is central to all that we think and do, and who we are. It is this understanding of God's love that informs all our pursuits: academic, service, and community.

#### Scholarship—Proverbs 4:5–9

We are called to scholarship permeated by our Christian faith. We are committed to teaching excellence. The liberal arts is central in the curriculum, for we are dedicated to the education of the whole person. At the same time, we value the role of professional offerings that prepare students for specific careers.

#### Community—Romans 15:5–7

We believe in community. We are a richly diverse people who value the worth of each individual. Our mission is to encourage, equip, and enable each student to fulfill his or her great potential, and in turn, encourage, equip, and enable others.

#### Service—Romans 12:9–13

Service is at the heart of our local and international outreach, missions, and service-learning endeavors. Our students often find these experiences to be among the greatest of their lives.

### University Snapshot

Total students	8,548
Men	34%
Women	66%
Undergraduate	57%
Graduate	43%
Ethnic minority citizens	30% (undergraduate)
Tuition	\$25,840
Average GPA for incoming freshman	3.63
Mean SAT for incoming freshman	1,083
Total faculty	1,036
Total staff	796
Student-to-faculty ratio	13 to 1
Percentage with doctorate, first professional, or other terminal degree	72%

### Assisting Our Students

Institutional scholarships and grants	\$23,840,613
Federal and state scholarships and grants	\$18,485,407
Percent of undergraduate students receiving any form of institutional, need-based, and financial aid	90%
Freshman retention	82%

### Stewarding Our Resources

Selected Financial Numbers—Operating Fund for the year ended June 30, 2009 (unaudited)

#### Revenue Breakdown

Tuition and fees	\$158,477,625	80.1%
Auxiliary services	\$27,480,099	13.9%
Private gifts and grants	\$1,557,708	0.8%
Investment income and gains	\$1,579,468	0.8%
Other	\$8,749,928	4.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$197,844,828</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

#### Expenditures Breakdown

Instruction and academic support	\$83,184,611	42.1%
Scholarships/Financial aid	\$29,973,352	15.2%
Student services	\$13,245,600	6.7%
Auxiliary services	\$14,888,534	7.5%
Institutional support	\$56,265,035	28.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$197,557,132</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Total debt	\$144,636,443
Total assets	\$364,840,942
Debt-to-asset ratio	39.6%
Institutional budget 2008–09	\$190,799,652
Endowment balance	\$36,492,164
Five-year endowment growth	\$26.751m–\$36.492m 36.4%

### Investing in Our Mission

#### Total Giving

APU receives gifts from current students, alumni, parents, faculty, staff, trustees, foundations, corporations, churches, and friends. We are deeply grateful for this support of our students and investment in our mission.

2007–08	\$10,682,012
2008–09	\$12,320,496

• 15% increase in total giving in fiscal year 2009

• 14% increase in number of donors to APU

#### Giving to the University Fund

The University Fund helps to support student scholarships, faculty positions, academic and student life programs, and technology improvements.

2007–08	\$1,452,761
2008–09	\$1,558,911

#### Gift and Estate Planning

The university provides professional services to help individuals make informed decisions about their current and future financial plans, while also facilitating investment in the mission of Azusa Pacific. In 2008–09, \$1,788,124 in charitable gifts were received through gift annuities, charitable remainder trusts, bequests, and others gift-planning vehicles.

#### Foundation and Corporate Grants

University Fund	\$375,650
Capital	\$5,092,000
Restricted	\$1,059,740
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,527,390</b>

## Foundation and Corporate Grantors

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## Matching Gifts and Government Grants

Eighty-nine individuals multiplied their personal donations to APU by participating in their employer's matching gift program, resulting in \$48,490 in corporate matching funds from 48 different companies.

Azusa Pacific University and its faculty were also awarded \$1,248,876 in government grants.

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# Fletcher Jones in Focus

**Students stream into APU's new** Segerstrom Science Center, hurry by the ecology-themed fountain, and climb stairs adjacent to green-paneled windows etched with Genesis 1:1. One wears a stethoscope. Another carries a presentation board displaying DNA's classic double helix. Typical sights in the innovative building that caters to the future great minds of science, medicine, and mathematics. A \$51 million project, the science center provides a tangible example of the Fletcher Jones Foundation's investment at work. APU's affiliation with the Fletcher Jones Foundation spans almost 30 years and stands as a powerful testament to the critical role foundations play in the educational landscape.

Founder Fletcher Jones pioneered the computer science field and founded the Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC), one of the nation's first software development firms. The foundation focuses its support on private educational institutions in California, and has awarded more than \$165 million in grants since its inception in 1974. APU's contact with the foundation began in 1981 with a \$5,000 gift for student scholarships, and since then, the foundation has provided more than \$2.6 million in support of university initiatives.

"The Fletcher Jones Foundation's support of the Segerstrom Science Center is yet another demonstration of its continued leadership in the advancement of higher education," said Louise Furrow, APU's executive director of development. "Their \$750,000 gift was instrumental in the completion of a building that will equip the next generation of teachers, scientists, and health care workers."

Already, the university realizes intangible benefits from this gift and others like it. "Repeated funding by top-notch foundations like Fletcher Jones improves APU's reputation and serves as a stamp of approval for other grantors and academic institutions," Furrow said. "Not only does this open the door for work with other similar organizations, but it also has the potential to help with reputation-related college rankings, like those found in *U.S. News & World Report*." Last year, the magazine, which ranks colleges and universities based on the opinions of peer institutions, acknowledged APU as an "up and coming university," an honor that Furrow believes may be owed in part to votes of confidence from well-known organizations like the Fletcher Jones Foundation.

This most recent contribution represents just one more in a series of substantial gifts to APU. From labs and libraries to academic complexes, the Fletcher Jones Foundation has underwritten both technological initiatives and building projects that support student learning. "Our board is always interested in funding projects that will make a lasting impact," said Christine Sisley, the foundation's executive director and treasurer. "This and previous gifts show that the trustees are confident that APU is a high-quality institution."

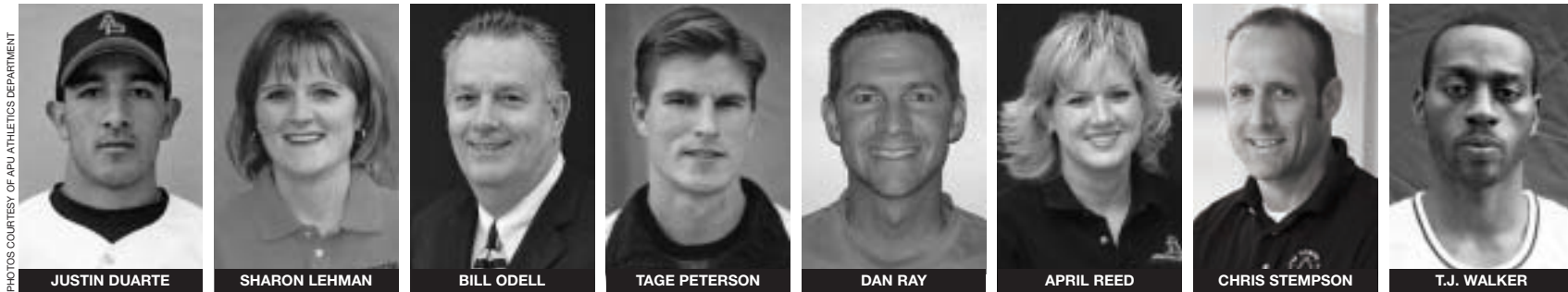
"This economic climate affects donors and educational institutions across the board. When they have less money to work with, foundations don't stop their philanthropy, they just focus on using their funds more strategically," Furrow said. Receiving grants during challenging financial times speaks volumes. Among a multitude of worthy institutions, a nod from the Fletcher Jones Foundation affirms APU and its visionary programs as a standard for science education.



# ALUMNI NEWS AND NOTES

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## Eight Inducted into Cougar Athletics Hall of Fame



A pair of longtime, nationally honored coaches and six National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) storied athletes highlight the 11<sup>th</sup> induction class of the Cougar Athletics Hall of Fame.

Bill Odell of men's basketball and Sharon Lehman of softball, both of whom were named NAIA National Coaches of the Year during their long tenures at the Cougar helm, head the Hall of Fame parade that includes Major League Baseball draftee Justin Duarte, NAIA track and field champion Tage Peterson, tennis standout Dan Ray, two-sport competitor April Reed of soccer and softball, three-time soccer All-American Chris Stempson, and two-time Golden State Athletic Conference (GSAC) Men's Basketball Player of the Year T.J. Walker.

In 16 years as the men's basketball head coach, Odell guided the Cougars to a record 13 GSAC championships, including an unprecedented 9 straight. As the 2005 NAIA Coach of the Year, Odell put Azusa Pacific in the NAIA Final Four three times, including in 2005 when the Cougars played for the national championship.

In her 11 years at the softball helm, Lehman fashioned a 428-195 record (.687) while guiding the Cougars to three NAIA Championship Tournament appearances and two 50-win seasons. She was named the NAIA Coach of the Year in 1997 and 2000.

A four-year Cougar, Duarte put together two of the finest back-to-back seasons in Azusa Pacific history that resulted in the Philadelphia Phillies selecting him in the 22<sup>nd</sup> round of the 1999 Major League Baseball draft. As a 1998

junior, Duarte batted .420 with 20 home runs and a school-record 69 RBIs.

One of the finest decathletes in a long line of greats at Azusa Pacific, Peterson was a 5-time NAIA track and field champion and a 17-time All-American. At the 1995 Mt. SAC Relays, he set the school record in the decathlon (7,788) and qualified for the 1996 U.S. Olympic Trials.

Ray was named NAIA All-American second team in 1991, and in the process, signaled the beginning of Azusa Pacific's emergence as a national tennis power. A three-year Cougar, Ray was the Cougars' top-seeded player every season, winning All-GSAC honors each year.

An outstanding two-sport athlete, Reed was the first female Cougar to earn all-conference honors in two different team sports. Arguably, she was the greatest goalie in Cougar soccer history and an outstanding first baseman for the softball team.

Stempson was the first three-time All-American for the Cougar men's soccer program, earning first team honors in 1991 and 1992. He spearheaded a defense that allowed just 1.7 goals per game during his four-year career, which was capped by his selection to the NAIA Senior Bowl.

A do-everything point guard, Walker was the first player ever to be twice named GSAC Player of the Year. A two-time NAIA All-American first-team pick, Walker led the Cougars to back-to-back NAIA Final Four appearances in 1998 and 1999.

## Mexico Outreach Celebrates 40 Years

Mexico Outreach celebrates 40 years of ministry in 2010. The ministry began in 1970 when then-APU professor Carolyn Koons traveled to Mexicali with just five churches. Today, several thousand high school and college students from the United States and Canada travel to Mexicali and Ensenada several times a year to assist Mexican churches in spreading the Gospel of Christ. Participants train for weeks to lead Vacation Bible School, craft lessons, teach Bible stories, play with the local children, and perform community service.

The program impacts its participants as profoundly as those they serve. Collaborating to create an effective VBS experience builds team camaraderie, and teaching children about the Gospel fosters personal and spiritual growth among team members.



### Mark Your Calendar:

**April 3–9, 2010:** 40-year Celebration in Mexico (Easter 2 Missions Event)

**Location:** Mexicali, Mexico

**Speaker:** Ron Cline '59

**April 10, 2010:** 40-year Celebration and Dinner

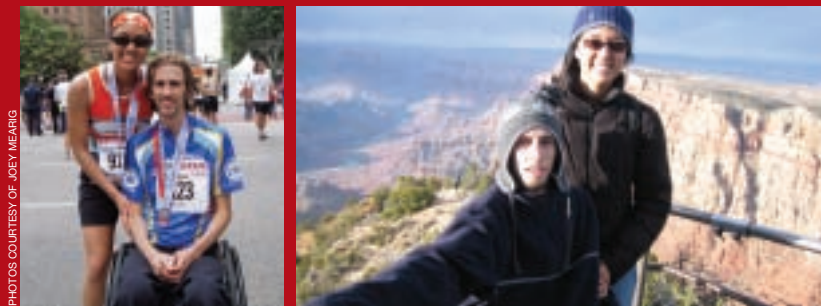
**Location:** Azusa campus

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## ALUMNI INTERVIEW



### JOEY MEARIG '05

**APU Life:** You were in a biking accident during your sophomore year at APU. What happened?

**JOEY:** That October, I was mountain biking in the Glendora hills. My bike hit something on the trail and I flipped over the handlebars, which broke my neck. Hospitalization for a few weeks was followed by months of rehab and physical therapy to learn how to function again. I've been an incomplete quadriplegic ever since the accident, but I regained complete independence in time to return to APU for my junior year.

**APU Life:** Even though you had to take a semester off following the accident, you still graduated in four years. How did you do it?

**JOEY:** I had some advantages. I came to APU with AP credits, which helped make up for lost time. Also, as a math major and philosophy minor, several of the classes I needed also counted for general education requirements. Going back so soon after the accident wasn't easy, but I had a lot of support from friends and professors.

**APU Life:** How was your faith affected by the accident?

**JOEY:** My faith changed for two main reasons: The accident made God's involvement in human life evident to me. He has the power to heal and do miracles. I took a philosophy class during the semester I returned, and it opened me up to how other people view Christianity. The combination of those circumstances really shook my belief system. It also made me realize that even though God has the power to change anything, it doesn't mean He

will. Sometimes He just lets things take their natural course.

**APU Life:** You mentioned that you got married last summer. How did you meet your wife?

**JOEY:** During my semester off, I stayed with my parents in Victorville, California. Llona and I knew each other before I left for college, but not very well. However, while I was home recovering from the accident, she picked me up and took me to Bible study and church with her. Even when I went back to APU, we were just friends. We dated for three years after I graduated, and got married last summer.

**APU Life:** You competed in the 2009 L.A. Marathon. Describe that experience.

**JOEY:** It was fun. My wife and father both competed as well. I participated in the hand-cycles division, which functions like a wheelchair except that it has three wheels instead of two and gears like a bike. Training was intense! I trained two to three times a week and typically went for a 10–15 mile ride each time. I did a 20-mile ride the week before, and then I was ready. It was an experience I would like to repeat someday.

**APU Life:** What would your advice be to someone in a situation like yours?

**JOEY:** It's difficult to visualize yourself in a situation like mine, so it's hard to know how you would react. Many people think having a disability would be the end of life as they know it. I thought so too. But life goes on even when something terrible happens. You have two choices: make it work or give up. In order to make it work, you have to self-advocate—find out what's available to you, try new things, keep active, and find new ways to enjoy life.

## 1950s

**DAVID DOCTORIAN '57** celebrated his 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary to Phyllis Ann on August 12, 2009. The festivities took place at the home of their youngest daughter, Susan, and her husband, State Senator Joseph Kyrillos, in Middletown, New Jersey. Their other children, Sherry, Sony, and David, and their families were also present. The happy couple received a Missouri Senate Resolution and another from the State of Missouri. 28728 Kellogg Ave., Macon, MO 63552-3536.

## 1990s

**1 PAUL '93, M.A. '96, and MELANIE (RISCHER '94) BERNARD, M.M. '96,** are pastors of Ten27 Church in French Valley, California. Melanie had cancerous cells removed from her back last April, and in late September, Paul had 18 inches of his colon removed due to colon cancer. In spite of their medical battles, the couple continued to work on launching their new church, Ten27, which opened in December 2008, only a few months after the couple had been cancer free. The Bernards have been married for 14 years and have 4 children, ages 2 through 10. They each earned bachelor's and master's degrees from APU, she in music and he in clinical psychology. Melanie worked at Mariners Church in Irvine as worship and arts pastor, and then held the same position at South Hills Church in Corona. She resigned her job in August to concentrate on launching Ten27. Paul has pursued a career in middle and high school counseling. For many years, he also worked as a "life coach," helping struggling teens, families, and even business professionals get back on track. 35635 Glacier Cir., Winchester, CA 92596-8784. melanie@ten27church.org

**NOLA SMITH, M.A. '97,** recently received the Teacher of the Year Award for her commitment to fulfilling the vision of Academy Northwest/Family Academy, a NAAS private school in Washington. She continues working with brilliant students with learning disabilities using a nontraditional instruction approach. She finds the job both challenging and rewarding. Smith also owns an

educational bookstore that retails to teachers in the Pacific Northwest, parents of homeschooled children, and grandparents interested in their grandchildren's education. 11105 Homestead Rd., Arlington, WA 98223-9541. nsmith@academynorthwest.net

## 2000s

**2 KERRI RIVAS '00** works for the California Highway Patrol (CHP) in Baldwin Park, California, as a police officer. She entered the CHP academy in West Sacramento in April 2007 and was assigned to Baldwin Park after graduation. She has worked the road as an officer for two years. Kerri is dating Kevin Halverson, a Los Angeles County fireman engineer at Station #162 in Hawthorne. She is pictured with her sister, **MELANIE (RIVAS '05) CARROLL.** Both sisters were part of the APU volleyball team. krvb2@hotmail.com

**3 AARON STEWART '00** moved to Las Vegas in 2005 to become the music pastor for Central Christian Church, an interdenominational church with a mission to reach the unconnected for Christ. It is the 11<sup>th</sup> largest church in the United States with an average attendance of approximately 16,000. His primary responsibilities include scheduling, directing, and playing in the band, and preparing all the musical materials for the services. In October 2009, he released his debut solo album, *Resolution*, consisting of 11 original songs and 1 cover song. Though the primary audience for the project was the Central Christian Church family, Aaron is exploring ways to reach a broader audience when he isn't busy providing musical direction at their five weekend services. Aaron's music can be heard on www.aaronstewart.com and is also available on iTunes. 950 Seven Hills Dr., Apt. 2311, Henderson, NV 89052-4310. apstew@hotmail.com

**4 DEANNA ROBINSON '04** is a chaplain candidate in the U.S. Air Force Reserves. She attends Fuller Theological Seminary, working toward a Master of Divinity, and is undergoing ordination in the Free Methodist Church. deannarobinson@gmail.com

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# Getting Real in L.A.

**Los Angeles.** The name evokes images of gridlocked freeways, frenzied shopping centers, and incessant activity. The endless bustle creates a hectic and hurried population with very little opportunity to build community. According to APU alumnus Gabe Veas '02, Ed.D., at the heart of it all are people starved for true relationships. The founder of Authentic L.A., a nonprofit organization specializing in training mentors and planting mentoring programs in schools, churches, and community groups, Veas has made it his mission to encourage others to mentor and be mentored by those around them. He believes that real personal growth requires a willingness to move past the surface and invest in deep, transformational relationships.

The inspiration for Authentic L.A. came while Veas attended Fuller Theological Seminary studying to become a pastor. "I grew up in a rough East L.A. neighborhood, so I began working with inner-city church leaders, educating them about what these kids faced. After a year of meeting with them one-on-one, I realized that I knew each of them better than anyone knew me," he said. "I started wondering why no one had ever sat down with me and asked the questions I was asking them. No one asked how God was working in my life or what was on my heart." Veas realized that many of today's churches lack this kind of interaction. "People shake your hand after service and ask how you are, but the Church does not provide an environment conducive to real listening."

In addition, he observed that many ministries make the false assumption that people's lives completely change at the moment of conversion. "Mentoring takes the perspective that God's change is a process. New Christians need someone to acknowledge that it's a rough walk and say, 'I'm a seasoned Christian; I'll walk you through some of these tough spots,'" he explained. "It's not just our job to help them start well, but to help them walk well."

Veas remains convinced that the church has a role in shaping schools and communities, and formal mentoring and discipleship are fundamental elements. The key, he says, lies in understanding what mentoring is and isn't. "Most people think of the accountability aspect of mentoring, but that's just one facet. It's easy to find people to tell you what you're doing wrong, but a true mentor goes beyond that to address the whole person." This means that a mentor represents not only someone who will call out bad behaviors, but also someone who serves as a source of affirmation. "Our communities and cultures tend to affirm us for the wrong things. In contrast, a mentoring relationship provides an opportunity to be embraced for the positive." And a mentor isn't necessarily older. "I've mentored people who are 20 years my senior. A mentor has knowledge or experience to pass on and a willingness to invest in you. Age is not the primary issue. That's the critical point—we all need someone to invest in us, and we all have the opportunity to mentor people in our sphere of influence."

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Practicing what he preaches, Veas has mentored more than 100 men since leaving APU. "The biggest payoff is being able to watch as God shows Himself to these guys," he explained. "It is amazing to see God use the mentoring relationship to move people where He wants them to be. After a year of someone asking, 'What is God doing in your life?' every week, you become used to articulating your testimony. You come to understand that God didn't just speak to you once when He first delivered you; He moves in your life on a daily basis."

Veas believes that mentoring relationships constitute a natural response to the Great Commission. "As a Christian, I need to be there to listen and affirm, be accountable, call out behaviors, and give tough love. That doesn't just happen; you need a strong relationship first. This is the tangible fulfillment of Jesus' challenge in John 13:35, that His disciples should be known by their love." Veas asserts that Christians have a calling and an opportunity to move past the superficial, peel away the surface, and engage in meaningful relationships that encourage authenticity with both God and each other.

**To learn more about Authentic L.A., visit [www.authenticla.org](http://www.authenticla.org).**



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**DOROTHY DZIEWIT '05**, a Coast Guard seaman, recently graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Recruit Training Center in Cape May, New Jersey. The eight-week program involved a rigorous training curriculum, including academics and practical instruction on water safety and survival, military customs and courtesies, seamanship skills, first aid, firefighting, and marksmanship. The recruits also received instruction on the Coast Guard's core values—honor, respect, and devotion to duty—and how to apply them to military performance and personal conduct.  
medot888@yahoo.com

**5 FIRST LIEUTENANT ELIZABETH HULTGREN '06** serves with the U.S. Army Nurse Corps as a critical care nurse. She is currently stationed in Southwest Asia. Follow her blog at [www.nursebeth.blogspot.com](http://www.nursebeth.blogspot.com).  
eahultgren@hotmail.com

**ANGELIQUE (GOMEZ '07) GORDON** and her husband, Billy, purchased their first home in Chesapeake, Virginia. Angelique currently works as an admissions counselor at Regent University and is developing a student-based evening chapel with the campus pastor. She is also pursuing a Master of Arts in Student Affairs. She is active with the Ladies Auxiliary Veterans of Foreign Wars in Virginia Beach. Billy was promoted to chief petty officer in the U.S. Navy in 2008 on the day of his eighth anniversary in the Navy. He begins working on his Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership and Management at Regent in the fall. Actively involved with the Veterans of Foreign Wars, he works side-by-side with Angelique to help raise awareness for events. 505 Arondale Ct., Chesapeake, VA 23320-3148.  
angelique.gomez@gmail.com

**JUST MARRIED**

**6 JOSEPH GRABOWSKI '98, MBA '02**, to Afton Justice of Indianapolis, Indiana, at the Skyline Club in downtown Indianapolis. Joe is a vice president and senior relationship manager at Wells Fargo Bank and Afton is a project manager for UniversalProcon. Afton graduated from

Indiana University and was introduced to Joe by **WILLIAM HETZEL '97**. Joe and Afton travel extensively together and recently vacationed in Barcelona, Spain. They currently reside in Fontana, California. [joseph.l.grabowski@wellsfargo.com](mailto:joseph.l.grabowski@wellsfargo.com)

**7 AMANDA STANFIELD '00, M.A. '07**, to **JIM DOMEN, M.DIV. '06**, on July 10, 2009, at Rose Drive Friends Church in Yorba Linda, California. Jim and Amanda live in Yorba Linda, where Jim is the singles pastor at Rose Drive Friends Church. Amanda works in the APU Graduate Center. They met at APU and were engaged on February 6, 2009, when Jim planned a surprise proposal by showing up at what Amanda thought was a work luncheon. They spent their honeymoon in Italy. 18934 Kentucky Downs Ln., Yorba Linda, CA 92886.  
adomen@apu.edu, jimd@rdf.org

**8 JASON HENNESS '01 to TIFFANY HUTCHINSON '06** on May 1, 2009. They met while volunteering at the First Presbyterian Church of Covina. Shortly after beginning to date, they began participating with Team in Training to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and have completed two marathons and one half marathon together. Jason is a marriage and family therapist and Tiffany is a marketing assistant. They continue to serve in Covina. 238 S. Pima Ave., Apt. C, West Covina, CA 91790-3138.  
peterpan@apu.edu

**9 JOHNNY CABRERA '02, M.A. '08**, to **GLORIA YOU, M.A. '08**, on July 17, 2009, in Walnut, California. Gloria and Johnny are both involved in ministry through Trinity Church of the Nazarene. Gloria teaches piano and Johnny teaches English. 748 S. Golden West Ave., Apt. 7, Arcadia, CA 91007.  
gloriayu76@gmail.com, jmcabrera3@gmail.com

**10 ANN-MARIE "ANNIE" GRAFFIUS '02** to Philip Bradley of Dundalk, Ireland, on August 16, 2009, in Newport Beach, California. They live in Azusa, where Annie works at Silverado Senior Living and Philip is a chef. 1130 E. Alosta Ave., Apt. #A201, Azusa, CA 91702.  
oannie@att.net

**11 AMY REEVES, M.ED. '02**, to Andy Rosdil on November 8, 2008, in Palos Verdes Estates, California. Andy works as the director of student life at Front Range Community College in Denver. 1020 Jersey St., Apt. 4, Denver, CO 80220-4564. [amyreevesca@yahoo.com](mailto:amyreevesca@yahoo.com)

**12 ANDREA LESTER '03** to Nathan Palmatier on October 4, 2008, in Dana Point, California. Andrea is from Olathe, Kansas and Nathan is from Corona, California. 70 1/2 W. Mira Monte Ave., Sierra Madre, CA 91024-1227.  
andthegirl82@hotmail.com

**13 REBECCA PRICE '03 to CURTIS HILL '08** on April 18, 2009, in Thousand Oaks, California. Curtis and Becca met while working in Mexico Outreach together. They live and work in Mammoth Lake where Curtis grew up. PO Box 1341, Mammoth Lake, CA 93546.  
curtisandbeccahill@gmail.com

**14 JACQUELINE ROSE BACHLER '05 to SERGIO ROJAS, M.S. '08**, on June 13, 2009, at Keyways Winery in Temecula, California. After Jacqueline graduated from APU, she completed her master's degree in 2007 at West Texas A&M University and now works at HealthCare Partner Medical Group as an athletic trainer. Sergio is in his third season as the head strength and conditioning coach at Whittier College. 2118 W. Arrow Rte., Apt. 324, Upland, CA 91786-8830.  
coachrojas15@hotmail.com

**15 KARI VIRDING '05** to Eric Christensen on February 6, 2009, in Portland. Kari is the assistant director of alumni relations at Pacific University in Forest Grove. Eric is a 2003 graduate of Oregon State University and co-owner of Fisher Construction in Albany. 25700 SW Canyon Creek Rd., Apt. N206, Wilsonville, OR 97070-5637.  
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**TABITHA PETRIE '07** to Joseph Carnes on August 8, 2009. Four members of the wedding party were APU alumni: **JESSICA (PETERSON '08) HUSKEY, BREANNE BARNETT '09, MEGAN OLSON '08**, and **MATT PHILLIPS '05**.

**16 DARIN KLEESPIE '09** to Russell Kooyenga on June 28, 2009, in Walnut Grove, California, at the Grand Island Mansion. They currently live in Tennessee, where Russell is in the military and Darin is expanding her business in the health and wellness industry.

**17 BRITTANY JO ROHDE '09** to Richard Pally on January 3, 2009. Brittany works for Bank of America. 725 N. Raymond Ave., Apt. 2, Pasadena, CA 91103-3139. [www.pallywedding.com](http://www.pallywedding.com)

**FUTURE ALUMNI**

**18 To RYAN RIENSTRA '91** and his wife, Marci, an adopted 11-month-old daughter, Lily (Sang Keum Lee), from Seoul, South Korea. Lily joins big sister Lindsay. 5505 Finch St., La Verne, CA 91750-2385. [mrrienstra@yahoo.com](mailto:mrrienstra@yahoo.com)

**ALLISON (MIRICH '93) DOTY** and her husband, **JONATHON '94**, adopted two daughters, Evangelyn Arare, 4, and Anneliese Kortu, 2, from Ethiopia in August 2009. They join big sister Katharine, 10, and big brother Alexander, 8. 131 Creekside Dr., Danville, KY 40422-1066. [meemos4@yahoo.com](mailto:meemos4@yahoo.com)

**19 To JODIE (KENNING '96) MCCOLLUM** and her husband, Jeff, a son, Mason Charlie, on March 11, 2009. He joins big brother Zachary, 2. 2 Shellprint Ct., Newport Beach, CA 92663-2781. [jodie.mccollum@gmail.com](mailto:jodie.mccollum@gmail.com)

**To AMY (ESTOPINAL '96) YARBROUGH** and her husband, **RYAN '98**, an adopted 18-month-old daughter, Anna, from Krasnoyarsk, Russia. Anna joins big brothers Bradley, 7, and Brooks, 4. 3733 NW 12th Ave., Camas, WA 98607-7985.  
[ryan.amy@mac.com](mailto:ryan.amy@mac.com)

**20 To KRISTI (GERARDS '97) LUKE** and her husband, Jonathan, a daughter, Isla Lan Kristina, on August 9, 2009. Kristi teaches part time and Jonathan works in finance. 821 NE 200th St., Shoreline, WA 98155-1028. [lukekristi@gmail.com](mailto:lukekristi@gmail.com)

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# Family Matters

**In a pink and purple bedroom,** a mother rubs her daughter's back and wipes another tear—*why is it so difficult for her to make good friends?* In a dimly lit living room, a husband and wife sit curled up on opposite corners of the couch, staring blankly at the evening news—*do we even know each other anymore?* In a crowded chapel, a college student spots his girlfriend worshipping four rows away—*how do I know if she's really the one?*

Across ethnicities, socioeconomic backgrounds, and lifestyles, people respond to two of life's greatest callings—marriage and parenthood. Though generation after generation engages in these primary aspects of family life, individuals continue to struggle to build lasting, godly marriages and raise healthy, productive children. In the last decade, the number of single dads grew 70 percent, and the number of households headed by single moms increased by 25 percent. Even more sobering, every 30 minutes in America, 29 kids will attempt suicide, 2,795 teenage girls will become pregnant, and 22 girls will get abortions ([www.homeword.com/AboutUs](http://www.homeword.com/AboutUs)).

An incredible volume of resources aimed at addressing such issues matches these staggering statistics. A simple search on Amazon.com yields more than 117,000 results for books on parenting and nearly five times as many for marriage. But there is a clear disconnect between this endless supply of self-help books and families in America really benefitting from that help.

That's about to change with the partnership forged between Azusa Pacific University and Jim Burns '75, Ph.D., founder of HomeWord and a leading authority on youth ministry, parenting, and marriage. The goal is to provide families with biblically based resources that are readily applicable and easily accessible. Azusa Pacific's new Center for Youth and Family combines the university's proven reputation as a leader in Christian education with Burns' 25 years of experience equipping men and women to nurture Christ-centered marriages and raise Christ-following kids.

"There is a critical need today for culturally relevant material anchored in God's timeless truth," said Associate Vice President for University Relations David Peck '91, MBA '02, M.A., who provides leadership in the development of an online community and dynamic social media tools for the center. "Our goal is to provide vital information that pertains to marriage and parenting via the media that families are comfortable using." Enter Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube.

"One of the biggest problems with today's families is this breathless pace at which we live our lives. Most families are overcommitted and under-connected," said Burns. "There is a general hunger for spiritual growth and intimacy in family relationships." So the center will meet parents and others who minister to youth exactly where they are—which is often online. After picking up the kids from practice and putting dinner in the oven, a frenzied mom might check Facebook and find an answer to the question she posted last night regarding how to talk to her teenage daughter about sexual purity. Between meetings, an

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overworked father might receive a tweet from Jim Burns' Twitter feed, reminding him that the relationships in his life are more important than the dollars in his account. Or a pastor might come across a one-minute video on YouTube about the importance of family dinners in sustaining open lines of communication—just what he needed to encourage a group of parents. By understanding a family's hectic lifestyle and embracing today's most popular modes of communication, Burns and his team can provide parents with up-to-date information and real-time answers, while keeping a finger on the pulse of the changing needs of families.

Bob Van Setten '85 and his wife, Debby (Levens '86), know the value *and* necessity of finding sources of biblical encouragement to foster a godly marriage and family. As the parents of six children, ages 9–18, these APU alumni have followed Burns and put his counsel into practice for years. "Burns masterfully captures simple, yet obvious truths, and puts them openly in your face," said Bob. "Truths like, 'If the Devil can't make you bad, he'll make you busy!' 'You need time together; schedule a date night!' 'Pray together!' And the real fun advice, 'You need to kiss each other!'"

#### UPCOMING SEMINAR

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"I would much rather have my family sitting around the dinner table laughing, praying, and talking about our day, than sitting on a cold bench five nights a week eating snack bar hot dogs and trying to watch one of the kids play a sport."

"Bob's right. Such 'Burns-isms' have been a constant whisper in our relationship. It's very difficult (and expensive) to find babysitters for six children, but because we need to make our marriage a priority, date nights, kissing (yes, in front of the kids), and being constantly aware of the potential for busy schedules is vital in keeping our marriage alive. I would much rather have my family sitting around the dinner table laughing, praying, and talking about our day, than sitting on a cold bench five nights a week eating snack bar hot dogs and trying to watch one of the kids play a sport," said Debby.

In addition to encouraging individuals to be thoughtful and proactive in their marriage and parenting and delivering content in a relevant manner, the center also equips the next generation of leaders. "Welcoming Jim Burns into our APU family provides our students with an incredible opportunity to learn from a leading Christian expert on youth and family," said Executive Vice President David Bixby, Ed.D., whose span of care includes the center. "Through classes, conferences, materials, and seminars, Jim's passion for this crucial area of ministry will become part of the APU fabric, offering tremendous resources to our alumni and friends." The Van Setdens couldn't agree more.

"The new center is a fantastic 'marriage' between APU and HomeWord. Jim and Cathy Burns are the real deal! The information and resources offered through this ministry will be authentic and biblically sound, providing the APU

family with valuable and practical advice and materials to be better parents and have better marriages."

Partnering with APU is a very personal experience for Burns. "So much of my spiritual formation, Christian community, and lifestyle decisions came from my life-changing experience as a student at APU. For my wife, Cathy, and me, APU was more than an educational experience—it was foundational for our life and ministry." Now, he is thrilled to invest his time and talents back into APU by training future leaders to reach the changing face of the American family. "At HomeWord, we have the privilege to touch a million lives a day through our various ministry outreaches. It is very exciting to bring the reach and depth of the two organizations together for an even more effective impact," said Burns. "The center offers a legacy for family ministry in a way that few institutions in the world can provide."

Follow Jim Burns on Twitter, @Drjimburns.

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Learn more about the daily devotional, parenting tips, or culture brief monthly eblasts by going to [www.apu.edu/youthandfamily/](http://www.apu.edu/youthandfamily/).



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**21** To **TODD VANDEN BRANDEN '97** and his wife, Jana, a son, David Todd Jr., on August 10, 2009. He joins big sister Kayla, 3. Todd works for Ventana Medical Systems in Tucson, Arizona. 11810 N. Copper Butte Dr., Oro Valley, AZ 85737-9274. t\_vandenbranden@yahoo.com

**22** To **JEFF ATHERTON '98** and his wife, **CYNTHIA (DYSTRA '98)**, a daughter, Rowyn Lailla. She joins sisters Rylie, 7, and Rhayana, 5. Jeff is a pastor at Tulare Community Church and Cynthia is a homemaker. 4169 S. Church St., Visalia, CA 93277-9166. jcatherton@sbcglobal.net

**23** To **KATIE (RUARK '00) ELLIOT** and her husband, Jeff, a son, Arlie Jeffery (AJ), on July 9, 2009. Katie teaches middle school drama and coordinates the Talented and Gifted Program for her school. Jeff works as a software developer in nearby Salem. AJ keeps the delighted parents busy and smiling. 1926 NW Cottonwood Dr., McMinnville, OR 97128-6667. katieelliott@alumni.apu.edu

**24** To **AMY (RASHE '01) CONRAD**, a daughter, Madeleine Sophia, on September 16, 2009. 38670 Greenwood Cir., Fremont, CA 94536-4012. a.g.r.conrad@gmail.com

**25** To **LINDSEY (CONANT '01) DENNEY** and her husband, Sean, a daughter, Caitlyn Elizabeth, on March 17, 2009. She joins siblings Evan, 5; Bryce, 4; Hadley, 2; and Kellen, 1. Sean is a physician in Kearney and Lindsey stays at home with the kids. 2408 W. 47<sup>th</sup> St., Kearney, NE 68845-1276. snldenney@hotmail.com

To **BRIAN McELREATH '01** and his wife, **VANESSA (HUGHES '01)**, a daughter, Adeline Joy, on August 21, 2009. Adeline joins big brother Griffin. Vanessa currently stays home with the kids, but recently earned her marriage

and family therapy license. Brian owns his own company in the building trade industry. 101 Post St., Petaluma, CA 94952-2624. bsmcelreath@yahoo.com

**26** To **CHRISTINA "CHRISTY" (AGUILAR '02) VILLA** and her husband, Jim, a son, Micah Martin, on March 18, 2009. He joins big brother Jameson, 3. Christina teaches from their home and cares for the boys. Jim works in sales. The Villas attend Rancho Christian Center Church in Rancho Cucamonga, California, where they are very involved and feel blessed to have a great church family. 938 W. Granada Ct., Ontario, CA 91762-2226. cvstudios@verizon.net

**27** To **BRIANNA (LOSINSKI '04) BOYLE** and her husband, **ANDREW '04**, a son, Karrik Barron, on July 22, 2009. He joins big bother Kimball, 5. 1908 Hackney Ct., Blanchard, OK 73010-1050. abboyle2002@msn.com

**28** To **CANDICE "CANDI" (GILCHRIST '04) SEIFER** and her husband, Aaron, a daughter, Mary Love, on September 1, 2009. She joins big sister Hannah. 3288 NE Lancaster St., Apt. 3, Corvallis, OR 97330-4061. candiseifer@yahoo.com

**29** To **ARTURO BARRALES JR. '09** and his wife, Delia, a son, Noah Azder, born September 26, 2009. He joins big sister Valerze Jaiden, 4. Arturo is a U.S. history teacher at Mojave High School in Hesperia, California. Delia stays home with the children. 28360 Halcyon Ct., Menifee, CA 92584-8048. arturo.barrales@hesperia.org

### IN MEMORY

**ALVIN R. CLIPPERTON '85** passed away on July 27, 2009. He was born to Norval and Hazel Clipperton of Ontario, California. He attended Ontario schools and graduated from Chaffey Community College in 1942. He served in the Army

Air Force from June 1943 to March 1946, including one year in Guam. In 1965, he was employed by Azusa Pacific University in the building and grounds area. He retired from APU in 1989. Al was a third generation Clipperton family member residing in the Ontario/Upland area. He grew up in the Free Methodist Church of Ontario, which later moved to Upland, where he held several positions: teaching Sunday School classes, directing youth groups, and serving on the Board of Trustees. He retired as trustee emeritus several years ago. Alvin enjoyed camping, fishing, backpacking in the High Sierras, photography, sunsets, and racing homing pigeons. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Norma.

**ERIN BIGLEMAN '95, M.A. '07**, passed away unexpectedly on August 16, 2009, at her home in Yucaipa, California. She earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from APU, and a teaching credential from California State University, San Bernardino. Erin taught fourth grade at Urbita Elementary School for four years prior to her death. In lieu of flowers, Erin's mother, Roberta Johnson, requested that books be donated to the school's library in honor of her daughter's love for

reading. The family received more than 455 books. In the front of each donated book there is an inscription that reads, "In memory of Mrs. Bigleman, the teacher who shared her love of reading with us. September 12, 2009," which would have been Erin's birthday.

**DICK STANFORD, M.ED. '95**, passed away on July 27, 2009. Dick had been struggling with multiple medical issues and was a model of grace in confronting life's hardships by leaning on God. He was a fighter pilot for the U.S. Marine Corps. Stanford is survived by his wife, Bev, and his children. A memorial service was held Sunday, September 13, at St. Martha's Episcopal Church in West Covina, California.

**30 CHELSEA MOCK '06** passed away on October 20, 2009. She was a dear friend to many and will be deeply missed. She acted out Christ's love daily—always donating food or clothing, and getting to know many of the homeless people in Azusa as she helped them. During the last two years, she worked at Trinity Broadcasting Network, where people could call in to receive prayer and spiritual encouragement.

**RICHARD LORENZEN, M.M. '07**, passed away in October 2009. Richard was a high school band director for more than 25 years. He joined Murrieta Valley High School in 2007 after working at Diamond Bar High School, Bonita Vista High School, Orange Glen High School in Escondido, and Carlsbad High School. He earned a master's degree in instrumental conducting from Azusa Pacific University and served 15 years on the Board of Directors for the Southern California Band and Orchestra Association, including two terms as president.

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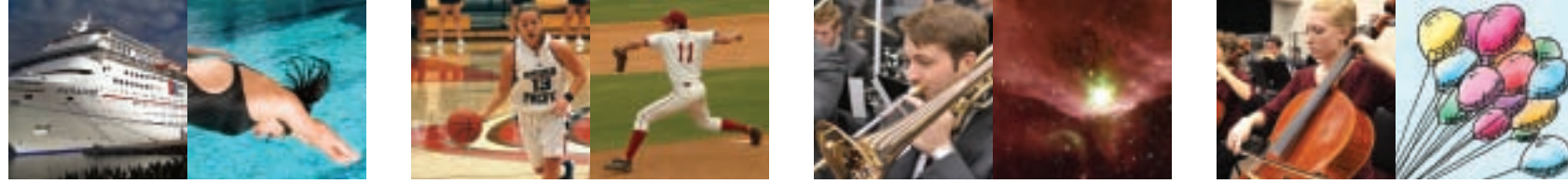
## West Campus

On March 6, 1941, citrus groves flourished on the land that would one day become Azusa Pacific University's West Campus. U.S. Route 66 (bottom), Foothill Boulevard, and Citrus Avenue slice across the aerial photo. The Lindley-Scott House, the Mankowski Homes' Manor House, and stately Palm Drive are also clearly visible. In 1992, the 21-acre Avery-Dennison plant was acquired, forming APU's new West Campus. Development of West Campus has included the Darling Library (dedicated February 5, 1998), the Felix Event Center (dedicated February 13, 2001), and the Duke Academic Complex (dedicated May 20, 2003). Today, the newest addition to the landscape is the beautiful

Segerstrom Science Center. The 72,000-square-foot, three-story facility houses the Department of Biology and Chemistry and the Department of Mathematics and Physics. Construction wrapped up in late April 2009, in time to house May-term classes, and the facility was dedicated on September 3, 2009. In the new science center, APU students study in state-of-the-art classrooms and laboratories, preparing to make an impact in Southern California and in the world of medicine, education, and science.

—Ken Otto, M.L.I.S., associate professor, special collections librarian

# CALENDAR



## ALUMNI

### JANUARY

- 8-10 FR-SU **Alumni Cruise** | *Ensenada, Mexico*  
 11 MO **TBA**  
**Freshman Welcome—Iota Sigma Chapter, Sigma Theta Tau International** | *Location TBA*  
 23 SA **9 a.m.–1 p.m.**  
**APU's Youth and Family Center Marriage Conference with Jim Burns, Ph.D.** | *Glenkirk Church | Glendora, CA*

### MARCH

- 12 FR **TBA**  
**Faculty/Staff Appreciation Luncheon—Iota Sigma Chapter, Sigma Theta Tau International** | *Location TBA*

## ATHLETICS

### JANUARY

- 5 TU **5:30 p.m.** **Men's and Women's Basketball vs. Biola** | *Felix Event Center | West Campus*  
 16 SA **11 a.m.** **Women's Swimming and Diving vs. Biola** | *La Mirada, California*  
 26 TU **5:30 p.m.** **Men's and Women's Basketball vs. Westmont** | *Felix Event Center | West Campus*

### FEBRUARY

- 15 MO **5 p.m.** **Baseball vs. La Sierra** | *Baseball Field | East Campus*  
 23 TU **5:30 p.m.** **Men's and Women's Basketball vs. Hope International** | *Felix Event Center | West Campus*

### MARCH

- 3 WE **2 p.m.** **Baseball vs. Biola** | *Baseball Field | East Campus*  
 13 SA **11 a.m.** **Baseball vs. California Baptist** | *Baseball Field | East Campus*

## ARTS AND CULTURE

### JANUARY

- 23-24 SA-SU **7:30 p.m.** **"Getting a Handle on Handel" with APU Opera** | *Wilden Hall Atrium | East Campus*  
 27 WE **6:30 p.m.** **Roy Clouser, Ph.D.** | *"The Character of Christian Ethics" | Perry Lecture Hall | Segerstrom Science Center | West Campus*  
 29 FR **7:30 p.m.** **Symphony Orchestra featuring Concerto Competition Winners** | *Munson Recital Hall | East Campus*

## ARTS AND CULTURE *continued*

### FEBRUARY

- 4-13 TH-SA **Joe Turner's Come and Gone** | *Main Stage Theater | Mary Hill Center | West Campus*  
 9 TU **7:30 p.m.** **Artist Concert Series** | *Charles Stegeman, violin | Munson Recital Hall | East Campus*  
 10 WE **6:30 p.m.** **Amos Yong, Ph.D.** | *"Disability and Theology: Interdisciplinary Perspectives and Christian Practices" | Perry Lecture Hall | Segerstrom Science Center | West Campus*  
 13 SA **6 p.m.** **"Swing, Valentine, Swing!" with the APU Jazz Ensemble** | *UTCC | East Campus*  
 16 TU **7:30 p.m.** **Piano Recital: Romantic Music** | *Munson Recital Hall | East Campus*  
 22 MO **4:20 p.m.** **"Music in the Time of War": Performance Forum** | *Nick Strimple (USC), lecturer | Munson Recital Hall | East Campus*  
 23 TU **12 p.m.** **"Music in the Time of War": A Tribute to Pianist Dame Myra Hess** | *Duane Funderburk, lecturer | Munson Recital Hall | East Campus*  
 24 WE **7:30 p.m.** **"Music in the Time of War": Degenerate Music Concert** | *Munson Recital Hall | East Campus*  
 25 TH **7:30 p.m.** **"Music in the Time of War": Remembering the Holocaust Concert** | *Munson Recital Hall | East Campus*

### MARCH

- 10 WE **6:30 p.m.** **Tim Morris, Ph.D.** | *"Science and Grace: God's Reign in the Natural Sciences" | Perry Lecture Hall | Segerstrom Science Center | West Campus*  
 11-20 TH-SA **One-Act Play Festival** | *Black Box Theater | Mary Hill Center | West Campus*  
 24 WE **6 p.m.** **"Spring Forward!" with the Flute Choir** | *Munson Recital Hall | East Campus*  
 24 WE **6:30 p.m.** **Matt Rindge, Ph.D.** | *"Christian Ethics in Contemporary Media in the Midst of Post-Modernism" | Perry Lecture Hall | Segerstrom Science Center | West Campus*

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### JANUARY

- 14 TH **Segerstrom Science Symposium: "Advances in Medicine," featuring keynote speaker and Nobel Prize laureate David Baltimore, Ph.D.** | *Segerstrom Science Center | West Campus*  
 2:15-3:45 p.m. *Panel discussion* | 4-5 p.m. *Keynote address*

### MARCH

- 3 WE **11 a.m.** **Common Day of Learning** | *Felix Event Center | West Campus*  
 13 SA **TBA** **History Day L.A.—School of Education** | *Location TBA*  
 19 FR **Segerstrom Science Symposium: Bioethics** | *Segerstrom Science Center | West Campus*  
 20 SA **5 p.m.** **Night of Champions** | *Felix Event Center | West Campus*

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