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# VOICE

FALL 2016



## 125 YEARS BOLD

The Leopard Community reflects on its illustrious past and looks ahead to an even brighter future.

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## *Fight for the Orange and the Green*

Fight for the Orange and the Green  
Fairest colors and proudest ever seen.  
Though perhaps we may not wear them  
We'll support and help to share them  
With a rah! rah! rah! Team! (team, team, team).  
Fight as they gaily wave today,  
With a cheer we will help to win the fray,  
With our banner floating high,  
On to victory our cry!  
On, La Verne! Fight on!

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**J**odi Picoult penned an interesting quote that caught my attention while preparing the 125th anniversary edition of VOICE Magazine. "History isn't about dates and places and wars. It's about the people who fill the spaces between them," she wrote in the 2013 novel "The Storyteller." Having spent most of my professional years

as a writer, I experience life through the tales of others. I helped capture the emotions of people from various walks of life as they watched the Twin Towers burn. I chronicled the hopes, dreams, and sometimes the stress of political candidates during many election seasons.

Writing these days is much more positive. I have the fortune to witness and document the success of students, faculty, and staff here at the University of La Verne. In this special edition of VOICE, we focus on the university's 125-year history. It is filled with triumphs and setbacks, challenges and progress. It contains tales taking you from the white water of Montana, to the big dreams of a retired College of Law dean, to archaeological treasures unearthed from around the world. While it is important to embrace our roots and reflect on the past, this edition also looks toward the bright future of the university.

Generations from now, the people who fill the spaces between dates and places today could be the focus of our next 125-year celebration. Will you be a Leopard who is one of those people? With the university's abundance of scholarly innovation, its connection to community and the giving spirit of Leos, many will no doubt leave a tremendous impact in the years to come. But try not to wait too long to leave your legacy. After all, history began only a moment ago.

Melissa Pinion  
Editor

COVER IMAGE: Past meets future as senior Tyler Anderson poses in a 1950s P-4A Air Force flying helmet from the University of La Verne Cultural & Natural History Collections.



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



It is the year of the Leo Community, one that celebrates our past and anticipates what is to come.

**T**he University of La Verne is filled with excitement as we enter this milestone 2016-2017 academic year. This year, we are celebrating the University's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Since our founding in 1891, the University of La Verne has lived the mission of serving its students by providing a distinctive and relevant education grounded in our core values. We invite you to participate in myriad activities recognizing individuals who significantly impacted the University during the last 125 years, and join us as we all continue to shape a vision for the next 125.

In this issue of VOICE, we highlight 125 of the most influential people in the university's history. These individuals were nominated by faculty, staff, trustees, alumni, students, and community members. Every individual included in this prestigious list leaves a remarkable legacy with the University of La Verne. We honor them throughout this celebratory year and beyond.

As we look ahead and continue making progress in raising funds to support our strategic vision and master plan goals, we will sustain the quality of our academic programs, support our core values, and create additional academic programs that serve the future of our region. In conjunction

with our fundraising efforts and our anniversary, Board of Trustees member, Tony LaFetra bestowed the largest cash gift in our University's history. His generosity names the LaFetra College of Education, provides significant scholarship support, and endows additional distinctive programs within this College. This gift represents his family's legacy with the University, his belief in the transformative power of education, and his steadfast support of the entire institution. This is one example of leadership that ensures a bright future for our University.

We are entering a most memorable and celebratory year for the University. I encourage all of our alumni, students, and their families to participate in the many anniversary activities and events that will be taking place at the La Verne campus, the regional campuses, and the international alumni chapters. This is a significant year. It is the year of the Leo Community, one that celebrates our past and anticipates what is to come.

Devorah Lieberman, Ph.D.  
President

# HEART OF LA VERNE

## TRIVIA WITH BEN JENKINS

THE UNIVERSITY'S FIRST DEDICATED ARCHIVIST SHARES SOME INTERESTING TIDBITS ABOUT OUR HISTORY



### Q What famous actors filmed a movie scene at the University of La Verne?

James Earl Jones and Eric Roberts. The film, "Best of the Best", involved multiple taekwondo scenes. One was partially shot in the Sports Sciences and Athletics Pavilion. The 1989 martial arts movie also starred Christopher Penn.

### Q Which former faculty member is an Olympic gold medalist?

Bob Richards, who worked as a religion professor from 1950 to 1961, was the first pole vaulter to win two Olympic gold medals (in 1952 and 1956). Richards also served as a Church of the Brethren minister, earning the nickname "the Vaulting Vicar" by sports writers.

### Q What is the oldest building at the University of La Verne?

Miller Hall was built as the Ladies' Dormitory in 1918. It was later rechristened Miller Hall in honor of La Verne College president Samuel J. Miller.

### Q What is the connection between the University of La Verne and former President Richard Nixon?

In 1983, almost 10 years after the Watergate scandal, President Nixon approached the University of La Verne, offering funds to open the Richard M. Nixon Institute of World Affairs at the university. Under the plan, President Nixon's political papers would have been housed at the university. Protests by students and faculty derailed the plan, which was defeated two months after it was initially proposed.

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## LEO ON THE STREET



Alexis Coria,  
ASULV President

The University of La Verne's core values of ethical reasoning, diversity and inclusivity, lifelong learning, and community and civic engagement stem from our Church of the Brethren heritage. How do you see those values demonstrated on campus today?

The campus community is unlike any I have experienced. There are so many members who strive to fulfill our values. It is reflected in the number of philanthropic events we host, and the number of local people who come and participate in events such as the child-friendly Halloween extravaganza, the all-day sexual violence awareness event "Take Back the Night" and Iota Delta's 24-hour jump-a-thon that raises funds for cystic fibrosis research.

We are doing an impeccable job at creating a diverse, inclusive, and ethical community.

## SAVE THE DATE

### OCTOBER 14, 2016 (HOMECOMING WEEKEND) ALUMNI AWARDS DINNER

7 p.m.

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CONFERENCE CENTER,  
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The Alumni Advisory Board invites you to a celebratory dinner recognizing our 2016 Distinguished Alumni and professor honorees.

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### OCTOBER 16, 2016

#### SUNDAYS AT THE MORGAN CONCERT SERIES PRESENTS: GEETHA BENNETT

6 p.m.

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MORGAN AUDITORIUM,  
FOUNDERS HALL

### JANUARY 16, 2017

#### MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY OF SERVICE

8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Students, faculty, staff and alumni are invited to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy of service by helping organizations throughout the Inland Empire.

### MARCH 11, 2017

#### SCHOLARSHIP GALA

SHERATON FAIRPLEX  
CONFERENCE CENTER,  
POMONA, CA

Honoring our 125 Influential Individuals who have significant contributions, commitment and dedication to the University of La Verne.

## MY PERSPECTIVE

**THE STUDY OF HISTORY CAN BE FUN** or boring, a delight of understanding or a sad list of names and dates, but it is always significant. “What’s past is prologue,” Shakespeare wrote, an adage proclaimed in stone on the National Archives Building in Washington, D.C. “Those who cannot remember the past,” George Santayana declared, “are condemned to repeat it.”

One of the most exciting adventures in history-telling today is Lin-Manuel Miranda’s award-winning Broadway musical, “Hamilton.” This rap drama reminds viewers history is based on people’s stories that should be told, analyzed and presented. America’s founders in Miranda’s creative retelling of the Revolution and its aftermath are obsessed with their own stories and how they will be remembered. The show ends with the entire company singing “Who Lives, Who Dies, Who Tells Your Story?”

The reason I like oral history so much is because it allows people to tell their own stories—“the good people” whom our nation’s founders evoked in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. The answer to George Washington’s question asked in Miranda’s compelling words is that we all should get to tell our own stories. That is what oral history is all about.

“The Oral History of the University of La Verne,” a segment of which Bryan Best’s and my Honors Colloquium class presents each Monday night during the university’s 125th academic year, is rooted in the oral histories of more than 200 people recorded over the last three years. “All politics is local,” House Speaker Eugene “Tip” O’Neill emphasized, but “all history is local, too,” and these oral histories and the university’s oral history which will be woven from them will become a small, but significant part of our nation’s historical archives. History is always the story of people. The challenge



is to take the stories of individuals and meld a meaningful story of a People. The Honors class will be hard pressed merely to weld them into the story of an institution. Come see it!

Historians depend upon primary sources—documents, memoirs, and other words and artifacts by people who actually participated in the events being told. My teaching has always focused on these primary sources, and my class this fall will be no exception.

My own writing is grounded in primary sources too, including my current manuscript, “The San Gabriel Watershed and Climate Change, 1542-2042.” It also draws upon oral histories.

Of course, both my research and that of the Honors Colloquium depend upon much more than oral history. Nevertheless, the more available, the richer the story fabric will become.

**Why not schedule your own oral history interview?**

Contact me at [aclark@laverne.edu](mailto:aclark@laverne.edu) or 909.448.4161

# #WhereWereULaVerne

A look at major world events through the eyes of the University of La Verne community.

Share your on-campus stories of major world events with #WhereWereULaVerne.

## 1954-1968

### CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT

We were all being discriminated against, but it was because I was with the group. When we returned, people were sympathetic to all of us and they literally all stood up for me.



Etheldra "Thel" Watts '63, alumna, on facing racial discrimination during an out-of-state Church of the Brethren trip with University of La Verne students in 1960.

## 1995

### OJ SIMPSON CRIMINAL VERDICT/TELEVISED TRIAL

Students were riveted to their TV sets as the trial was going on. I do believe that we had a TV in one of the classrooms when the verdict was being read. That was a springboard to some excellent discussions about the role of a jury.



Randy Rubin '04  
Associate Dean of Academic Affairs  
College of Law

## 2001

### 9/11 TERRORIST ATTACKS

It would have been really easy just to let (students) go home, but there's something about being able to voice your frustration and your sadness and pain that is better if it's in a setting where you've built a safe environment.

Peggy Redman '60, '87, '91  
Professor of Education Emerita

## 2002

### ANGELS WIN THE WORLD SERIES



One of our players, Alan Sarraill, and one of our volleyball players, Meredith Zimball, just happened to be at the game and seated near the field, near me. They were calling to me, but the fans were so loud I couldn't hear them from 20 feet away.

Scott Winterburn  
Head Men's Baseball Coach

## 2014

### MICHAEL BROWN SHOOTING

Myself and other students made it our mission to bring awareness with a peace and justice rally in December 2014. Although other marches took place nationwide, the University of La Verne needed their own awakening and Michael Brown's death contributed to that.



Bradlee Johnson '16  
Former Black Student Union President

## 2015

### SUPREME COURT LEGALIZES SAME-SEX MARRIAGE

As a club, we marched in the Long Beach Pride Parade, and it was an amazing thing to see the celebrations within the community surrounding the Supreme Court ruling.



Melissa Lach  
Gender Sexuality Alliance Club President

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### NEW LAFETRA COLLEGE OF EDUCATION DEAN

Dr. Kimberly A. White-Smith joined the university as its new Dean of LaFetra College of Education on July 1, filling a role previously held by Interim Dean Dr. Barbara Poling. White-Smith most recently served as Associate Dean and Director of the Donna Ford Attallah Educator Development Academy at Chapman University in Orange County. Her tenure at Chapman, beginning in 2004, included increasingly responsible administrative positions within the College of Educational Studies where she was also a Professor of Education. She received her doctorate in learning and instruction from University of Southern California, with her dissertation focused on teaching and leadership in high performing, low-income, high minority elementary schools.

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### PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM LAUNCHED

The University of La Verne's first cohort for the new Master of Science in Physician Assistant Practice is expected to start in June 2017, pending provisional accreditation by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education. The program was launched in May to meet Inland Southern California's needs for a larger and more diverse medical workforce. The university's program demonstrates commitment to Convergence, an initiative aimed at providing skilled health care professionals to serve the region. More than 30 organizations - including higher education and corporate leaders - announced in September 2015 their commitment to creating programs under the initiative.

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### UNIVERSITY RECOGNIZED BY NATIONAL THINK TANK, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Washington, DC-based research group Excelencia in Education published "From Selectivity to Success: Latinos at Selective Institutions" in May, highlighting methods used by the University of La Verne, Stanford University, University of California Santa Barbara and UC Berkeley to serve Latino students. In March, the Department of Education also highlighted the University of La Verne as outperforming its peer institutions in terms of enrolling and graduating Pell Grant recipients in its report, "Fulfilling the Promise, Serving the Need: Advancing College Opportunity for Low-Income Students."



### CHIEF DIVERSITY OFFICER, VICE PROVOST APPOINTED

University administration in April named Beatriz Gonzalez the new chief diversity officer and vice provost for faculty affairs. Gonzalez, who came to the university in August 2013 as associate provost for faculty affairs, now focuses on a wider area of responsibility including retention of students, faculty and staff with an intentional focus on diversity, equity and inclusion. Departments she oversees include the library, student affairs and the office of civic and community engagement. She previously served as vice president for planning and enrollment at St. Thomas University in Florida.



## FACULTY STUDY ON INTUITION GAINS NATIONAL ATTENTION

A study conducted by Assistant Professor of Psychology Dr. Christine Ma-Kellams about how to accurately read the emotions of others gained exposure through New York Magazine, Forbes and BBC London radio, among other prominent media outlets, in the fall. The study, "Trust Your Gut or Think Carefully? Examining Whether an Intuitive, Versus a Systematic, Mode of Thought Produces Greater Empathic Accuracy," was published in late July by the American Psychological Association's Journal of Personality and Social Psychology. The study tested leaders from the executive education program at Harvard University and random people gathered through Internet crowd-sourcing.



## PARKING STRUCTURE OPENS

The long-anticipated \$16 million University of La Verne parking structure, which boosts parking availability and eases parking issues in the downtown area, officially opened Aug. 1. Part of the university's 2020 Strategic Vision, the state-of-the-art structure adds 693 new spaces to campus and provides charging stations for electric vehicles. Combining the structure and surface lot, parking lot D now has 1,080 spaces.



## LEADING THE OFFICE OF STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS

Melissa Robinson-Coggins joined the University of La Verne as associate vice president of marketing and communications in June. With more than 20 years of experience in brand building, integrated marketing, and social media, Robinson-Coggins previously served at top global communications agencies including Weber Shandwick, General Motors, Disney, PepsiCo, Amazon.com, Activision, Verizon where she created award-winning campaigns. She has been an adjunct professor at USC's Annenberg School of Communications for the past eight years and received her bachelor's degree in history and secondary teaching credential from UCLA.

# PAYING DIVIDENDS

BY **MELISSA PINION**  
PHOTOGRAPHY BY **JEANINE HILL**

**Professor of public administration Dr. Jack Meek reflects on the incredible growth of the College of Business and Public Management during his tenure.**

**D**r. Jack Meek knew something was off when he walked into Founders Hall the first day of class in 1985. The number of students waiting for him in his Introduction to Public Administration class was double the expected enrollment.

He discovered the classroom was double booked. “Our programs were growing faster than the facilities could keep pace,” said Meek ’74, professor of public administration.

The College of Business and Public Management (CBPM) evolved throughout its history - from La Verne College’s Department of Business to a program under the College of Graduate and Professional Studies in 1987, to a college of its own in 2003. Increasing demand prompted professors to hold classes off site to accommodate students.

“I had classes in Lutheran High School,” said Ibrahim “Abe” Helou, CBPM’s dean since 2008. He started in 1993 as an assistant professor of business administration. The Masters of Public Management program launched off campus in 1974. Larry Schroeder ’86, ’08, now a Claremont city councilman and interim chief financial

officer for Placentia, worked as a police dispatcher in the San Gabriel Valley when he started taking classes off campus. Schroeder and numerous other law enforcement employees took 10-week classes in management and organizational theory back in the 1980s in West Covina, part of an on-site degree program. “After work, we’d jump in the car and head on down to West Covina,” he said. Chino City Manager Matthew Ballantyne ’04 praised the flexibility of the college’s public administration program. “It catered to the working professional with a family. My first impression was that it was extremely manageable and would complement what I was doing in the workplace,” he said. Landis Academic Center’s 1996 opening solved much of the main campus’ space issues, but faculty and staff continued to meet changing academic needs of the growing student population. “As we expanded, we sought program quality improvements, financial support for career development, participation in national student competitions, and faculty research,” Meek said. Former Dean Gordon Badovick and



Faculty and staff in public administration and health services management pose in front of Founder's Hall in 1989.

Associate Dean Rita Thakur helped the college obtain federal grants in the 2000s to support student success, career development, and outreach programs such as the summer business camp, REACH. In 2000, Meek helped make Masters of Public Administration the first nationally-accredited program at the university. National accreditation is currently being sought in business administration, health services, and gerontology. The international relationships Helou built over the years helped grow the college's international student population. When he first came to the university, Helou said the only international business students were from Thailand. Now the college recruits from 20 to 30 different countries and international students comprise about 16 percent of CBPM's enrollment. Between the college's high-ranking online programs, corporate presence and campus programs, Helou sees a promising future for CBPM. "I'm very optimistic we will continue to build the college of choice for management education in the region," he said.

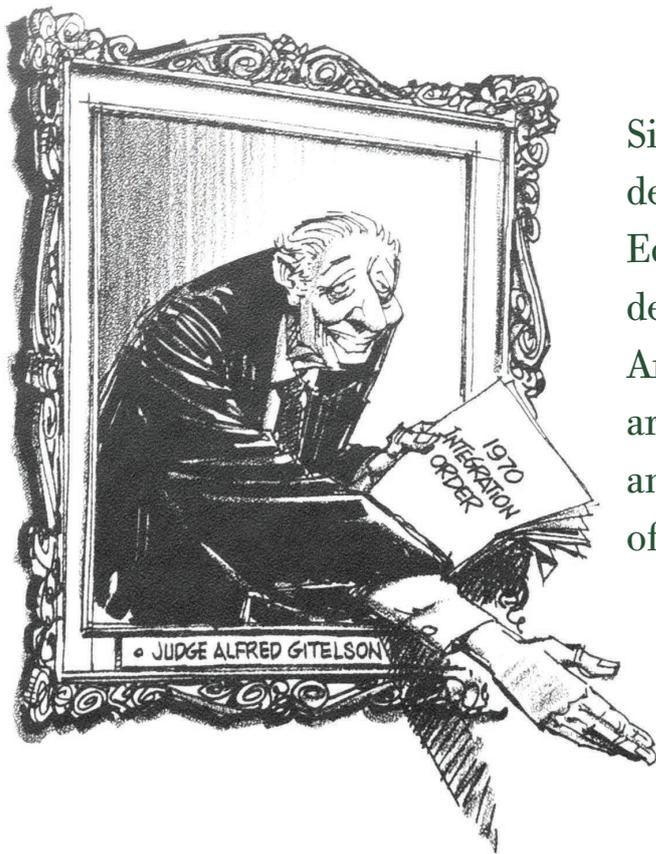


"As we expanded, we sought program quality improvements, financial support for career development, participation in national student competitions, and faculty research"

Jack Meek

# A JUDGE'S DREAM REALIZED

BY MELISSA PINION  
PHOTOGRAPHY BY JEANINE HILL



Signs of Paul Egly's days as a judge and college dean dot the décor of his Laguna Beach home. Editorial cartoons from the *Los Angeles Times* depict his 1970s fight for desegregation in Los Angeles public schools. Among his possessions are pictures of himself teaching law students and an honorary degree from the University of La Verne.



Former Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Paul Egly faced public backlash after ordering mandatory busing to end racial segregation in Los Angeles schools. The issue was illustrated in this Los Angeles Times cartoon.

"GOOD LUCK, JUDGE... YOU'RE GONNA' NEED IT!"

For Judge Paul Egly

Paul Dowd  
6/2/80

Some memories are more difficult for the 95-year-old to recollect. But his memory of wanting to bring a fully-accredited law school to Inland Southern California has never faded.

The news finally came after 46 years—The American Bar Association had granted the University of La Verne College of Law full accreditation. Egly's wife Jane received the March 14 call from Dean Gilbert Holmes: "I was thrilled," she said. Holmes felt the same way: "It was a great pleasure, personally, and professionally, to facilitate the fulfillment of Paul's dream." Today, Egly jokes the journey began as a simple exchange with then-University of La Verne President Leland Newcomer in 1969. "I went to him and asked, 'Do you want a law school?' He said, 'Yeah, I want a law school, Paul.'"

The La Verne College Law Center opened in 1970 with 84 students. It offered night classes in Miller Hall's basement, earning state accreditation a year later. Egly tried to pursue full accreditation then, but the school needed its own building and library. He raised money, even having law students pledge funds to be repaid following graduation. The school moved into the Hoover Building in 1971, holding day and evening classes out of

four classrooms. When Randy Rubin, associate dean for academic affairs and professor of law, came to the university in the 1990s, he said many students were professionals or members of law enforcement seeking a career change. "Going to the closest law school was important to them," Rubin said. The university added a second location in Woodland Hills in 1984, gaining 615 alumni in the 12 years it



existed. In 2001, the law school moved to a 60,000 square-foot building in Ontario. "Things were better," Egly said. "It looked like a law school."

Alan Blackman '01, Deputy City Attorney for Los Angeles, remembers the transition as a student. "The excitement for the potential growth of the law school was palpable," Blackman said. "The students and faculty appeared to be energized and ready to take on the world."

Holmes became dean in 2013, having just four years to work with his staff to gain full accreditation before provisional accreditation expired.

He worked closely with the College of Law Subcommittee, led by Board of Trustees member Emmett Terrell '70 and including trustees Luis Faura '89, Michael Abraham, Steve Reenders '73, Valerie Romero '00, Wendy Lau '98, William Hawkins '96, advisory member Dennis Alekel, and University of La Verne President Devorah Lieberman. The college adopted an affordable tuition model and innovative curriculum that featured academic skill building, practical training, and bar readiness. The changes, along with the law school's bar exam pass rate, convinced the ABA to fully-approve the school.

Though Egly's dream is now realized, Holmes says the College of Law's story is not over. "I see the University of La Verne's school as providing the ultimate narrative about legal education," Holmes said.





**PROFESSOR OF ANTHROPOLOGY**  
Felicia Beardsley holds the skull of a sabre-toothed cat excavated from the La Brea Tar Pits. Thanks to its relationship with naturalist J.Z. Gilbert, the University of La Verne maintains an impressive collection of bones recovered from the site, including enough pieces to reconstruct two full cat skeletons.

# COOL STORAGE

Sabretooths, sloths, and tapestries, oh my! Take a peek behind the curtain of the wide-ranging Cultural & Natural History Collections on campus.

BY MATT HUTAFF  
PHOTOGRAPHY BY JEANINE HILL



The University of La Verne's Jaeger House contains one of the most eclectic cultural and natural history collections in the world.

A row of cabinets dominating the eastern wall showcases exquisite Native American weaving, carved figurines, and African tribal

weaponry. Boxes containing dire wolf and giant sloth bones rest gently on top.

There is an enormous stuffed golden eagle, an Ethiopian tapestry, and a sabre-toothed cat skull nearby - all in a space with the same square footage as a mid-size bungalow.

The house, known formally as the Cultural & Natural History Collections, is the brainchild of professor of anthropology Felicia Beardsley and the result of meticulously cataloging materials donated to the University of La Verne during the past 125 years. Beardsley likens it to a miniature West Coast Wellcome Collection ([wellcomecollection.org](http://wellcomecollection.org)), and hopes its new location will lead to renewed appreciation for both cultural and natural history.

"Nobody knows we have this," she says. "Nobody knows this amazing collection exists." That may be due, in part, to the circuitous path the collection has taken during the past century. Initiated by a gift from J.Z. Gilbert, a naturalist who helped transform the La Brea

Tar Pits into a world-renowned paleontology site, the collection features one of the first five ever fully-articulated sabre-tooth cat skeletons (on display in the Campus Center) and 25,000 fossils excavated from the pits. The collection also serves as a teaching tool. Students have handled and worked with the materials for their education.

Gilbert's donation was soon bolstered by other noted academics like anthropologist Esther Funk and Harvey Nininger, father of modern-day meteoritics. The university's connections with the Church of the Brethren also assured a steady influx of artifacts and specimens shared by missionaries in the field over the years. "We have so much here I think people would go crazy over," says curator Anne Collier '12, curator.

So where has it been hiding? In an old biology lab. While the original collection had a dedicated space in the old Lordsburg Hotel and Founders Hall, the growing student body saw it moved to the lab in the 1970s. Beardsley liberated it in 2014 and was able to secure its current space in 2015. The task of documenting everything in the collection is almost complete and grants are being written to help fund efforts to digitize everything.

For now, the Jaeger House is open by appointment only. If you are on campus and interested in looking at amazing things, contact Beardsley at [fbeardsley@laverne.edu](mailto:fbeardsley@laverne.edu).



**W**hat journey into the unknown is complete without a pith helmet? This one from 1935, worn by Dr. Felicia Beardsley, is made of silk, cork, and felt.



**AFRICAN KISSI PENNY**  
Former currency of the Buzi now used in ritual ceremonies.

**AFRICAN CHIEF CHAIR**

This seat of government is made of wood, copper, iron, and twine.



**HOPI KACHINA DOLL**

Dolls like this represent the spirits that teach and guide the Hopi throughout life.



**COYOTE SKULL**

This Oklahoma canine lived a long life after taking an arrow to the eye





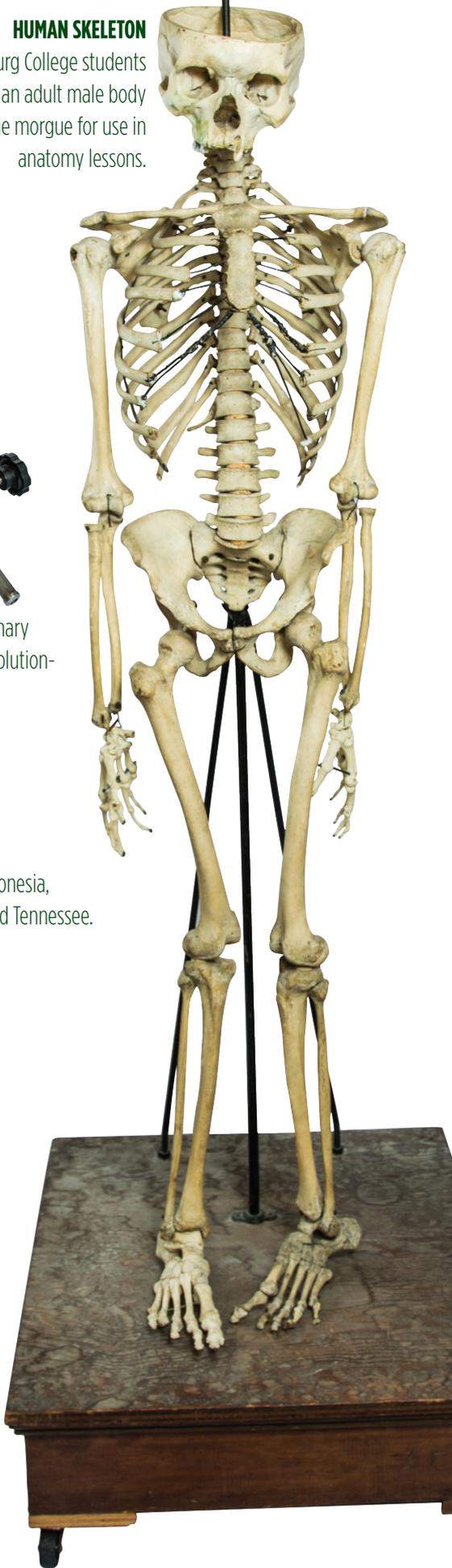
**ZUNI TURQUOISE NECKLACE**  
A gemstone mosaic of silver and turquoise inlay needlepoint.



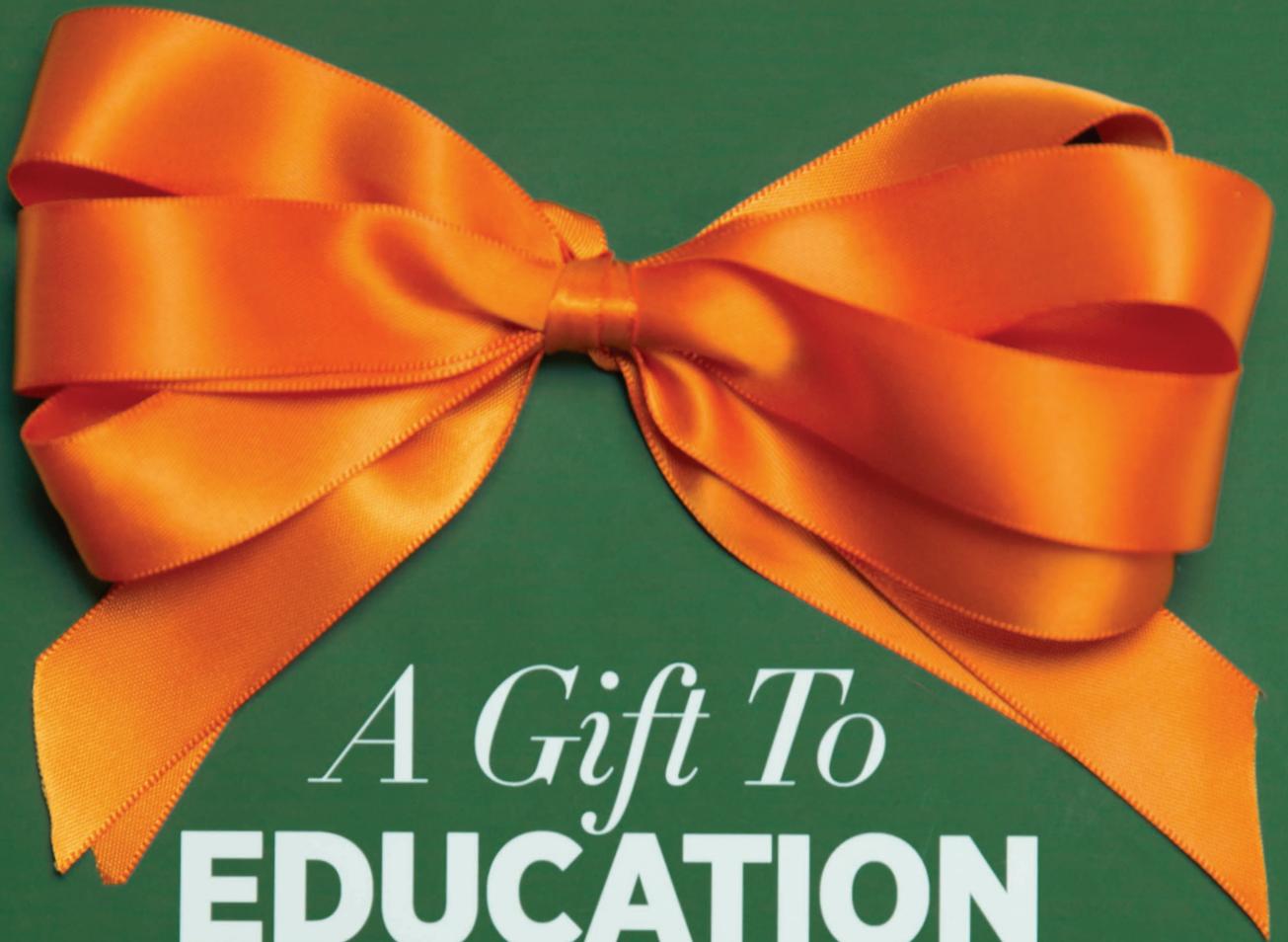
**1963 CAMERA**  
A multi-purpose stationary camera using then-revolutionary Polaroid film.

**MOLLUSCA SEASHELLS**  
Shells from Japan, Indonesia, the Pacific Islands, and Tennessee.

**OLMEC FIGURINES**  
Pre-Columbian Olmec clay figurine carvings from La Venta, Tabasco, Mexico



**HUMAN SKELETON**  
Lordsburg College students claimed an adult male body from the morgue for use in anatomy lessons.

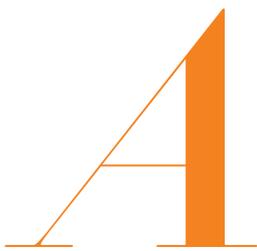


# *A Gift To* **EDUCATION**

Tony LaFetra's historic pledge to the University of La Verne transforms the College of Education in many ways.

By Melissa Pinion





Anthony “Tony” LaFetra rose slowly amid smiles and thunderous applause, surrounded by fellow community leaders and educators. He had come full circle – from a child learning from University of La Verne-trained teachers, to a Board of Trustees

member who gave back to the very institution that built his educational foundation. It was not just any gift. He bestowed \$10 million to establish the LaFetra College of Education. “I’m partial to the College of Education because of the effect it has had on my life,” LaFetra said. “The university has produced teachers that were helpful to me and I’d like to see that continue and improve. I wasn’t a great student by any means, but they got me going in the right direction academically. They thought, ‘This kid can do better than he’s doing,’ so they put extra energy into me and it worked.”

The university’s education and organizational leadership programs are already known for changing lives in classrooms and organizations. More than 125 graduates are superintendents and about 165 serve as principals in California school districts. Doctoral graduates lead in other sectors such as health and law enforcement.

### *A Brilliant Past*

The college has been training teachers since the university’s earliest days. Education Professor Emeritus Dr. Peggy Redman, who began pursuing a teaching career in 1956, remembers taking classes ranging from curriculum, to learning how to thread a projector.

As Southern California’s population grew, so did the university’s approach to preparing educators. Teachers expanded their skillsets through weekend programs starting in 1972. Three years later, the university dove into bilingual education. One program trained 24 Spanish-speaking teachers to become public school administrators. Eight became high school teachers. The \$1.4 million program was considered the largest federally-funded program in U.S. bilingual education in the 1970s.

Mainiero Hall’s second floor served as the hub of teacher training. Professors placed inspirational quotes in their windows, and many invited their entire class to their homes for end-of-semester potlucks, said Cynthia Cervantes McGuire ’75 ’87. Expectations ran high for students. “In those days you had to quit part-time jobs to student teach. You were expected to give everything you had to the classroom as if you had been hired,” she said.

John “Skip” Mainiero, chair of the education department at the time, encouraged Cervantes McGuire to pursue educational leadership. She worked 37 years for the Azusa Unified School District, including seven as superintendent. Her husband, Dr. Thomas McGuire, began leading the education department in 1987.

Former Interim Dean of the College of Education and Organizational Leadership Dr. Barbara Poling recalls that, in the 1980s, working in a classroom was the grand finale for aspiring teachers. “You didn’t really interface with students until you were almost finished with your degree program,” Poling said. That changed in the mid 1990s, with students gaining classroom experience much earlier.

Special Assistant to the Provost Mark Goor, who served as the college’s dean more than five years, helped the college gain national accreditation in 2012, and established numerous programs and partnerships. The number of people earning credentials has grown, but one thing remains the same. “We really stress the importance of teachers caring for their students and the people with whom they work,” Redman said.

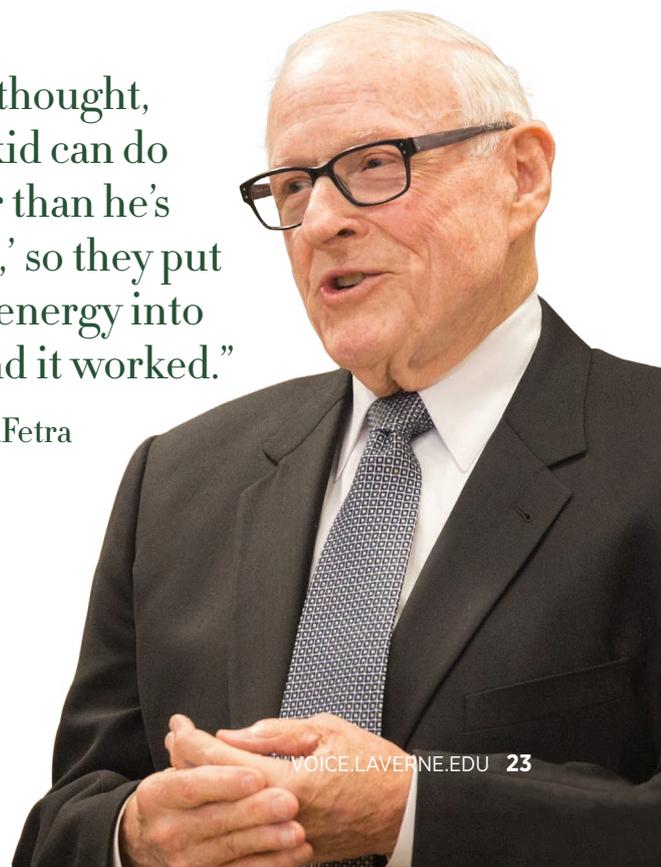
### *A Bright Future*

Dr. Kimberly White-Smith, LaFetra College of Education’s new dean, says the university is uniquely positioned to provide teachers for urban centers and lead the way for teacher success. White-Smith most recently worked as associate dean and director of the Donna Ford Attallah Educator Development Academy at Chapman University.

“I look forward to working in collaboration with LaFetra College faculty and administration to develop exceptional educators and leaders who can positively impact students, families and communities,” she said.

“They thought, ‘This kid can do better than he’s doing,’ so they put extra energy into me and it worked.”

Tony LaFetra





The Landis Scholarships are a critical vehicle to empower and nurture leadership at the University of La Verne. As evidence of this influential legacy, here are a few of the Landis Scholars out in the world today:

Patrick Lee '08

**Landis Scholar 2006-07**

Lee serves as assistant professor of accounting at Southwestern College in Winfield, Kansas.

Alex Lester '08, '11

**Landis Scholar 2006-07 and 2007-08**

Lester is an Upland attorney and an Alumni Advisory Board representative on the University Board of Trustees.

Molly Morin '08

**Landis Scholar 2006-07 and 2007-08**

Morin is a Ph.D. student affairs candidate and research assistant at the University of Maryland.

Brittany Martinez '13

**Landis Scholar 2012-13**

Martinez serves as press secretary for the House of Representatives, Office of Congressman Carlos Curbelo.

Monique Chambers '08

**Landis Scholar 2006-07**

Dr. Chambers is a medical physician and health policy and law consultant who is currently doing musculoskeletal and quality improvement research for the University of Pittsburgh, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery.

BY JUDY SMITH-ASBURY

# BUILD LEADERSHIP

## *The Dick & Beth Landis Legacy*

Richard "Dick" '42 and Beth Landis '45 were models of the philanthropic spirit, supporting the university in myriad ways. The Academic Center is named in their honor, and they established the Richard G. and Beth T. Landis Endowed Professorship in Business Leadership and Ethics. One of the greatest pillars of their legacy is the Landis Scholars, an endowed scholarship providing funds and leadership training to 15 students each year for more than \$100,000 in annual scholarships. The Landises met at the university when they were students in the 1940s. Dick went on to build a successful career with the Del Monte Corporation, from working the field to becoming chairman and CEO. He believed leadership was essential to building strong communities and good business and that the best leaders have a strong sense of ethics. His wife also tried her hand at leadership as a Camp Fire Girl and Girl Scout troop leader, as well as working as a teacher. Dick Landis passed away in 2016, and his wife joined him five months later, but their influence lives on.

# LEADING LEADERS

## *Lewis Family Legacy of Support*

The Lewis Family has supported many strategic initiatives of the university including college readiness and college retention programs through the Office of Civic and Community Engagement and the breakthrough regional healthcare initiative Convergence.

The legacy of the Lewis Family is clearly embodied in Afame Ooceph (pronounced "O.C."), as the pioneer Fellow of the Randall Lewis Convergence Fellowship. Serving as staff coordinator 20 hours per week for Convergence, Ooceph is also pursuing a Master of Healthcare Administration at the University of La Verne.

"At Convergence, we are working to ensure that the Inland Southern California region has a pipeline of skilled, educated clinical providers to meet the growing health needs of everyone who resides in the region."

Ooceph came to the United States in the spring of 2010 from Nigeria with no formal education. His biological mother abandoned him on the sidewalk in northeastern Nigeria when he was two days old. He escaped a life of slavery at age 15 and was, in his own words, "homeless, helpless, and hopeless." He started working as a laborer on building construction sites and slept on a bare mud floor at night. Driven to do more with his life, each night, Ooceph deciphered texts from first-grade books by kerosene light, and with time, he taught himself how to read and write.

He immigrated to the U.S. with the help of friends and enrolled at Oral Roberts University, earning a bachelor's degree in pre-medicine and psychology. He came to California in 2014 to teach introductory chemistry and subsequently enrolled in the MHA degree program.



A  
**RIVER RUNS**  
Through Them

**By Barbara Goen**

# Corlan Ortmayer Harrison '79 has more than blood flowing through her veins. She also has gallons of river water.

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As the daughters of iconic University of La Verne Coach Roland “Ort” Ortmayer, Harrison and her sister, Susie, were the first of the university’s famous “Floaters.” What began as a family tradition has grown into a university staple, with hundreds of participants

joining throughout the years. But adventures began under devastating circumstances. In 1952, Roland and Cornelia Ortmayer were university “dorm parents,” living in Woody Hall and overseeing its male students. During Easter break, their 5-year-old son, David, drowned at Puddingstone Reservoir. The Ortmayers planned a camping and hiking trip to escape the painful memories on the one-year anniversary of his death.

The residents of Woody Hall and others would not let them grieve alone. Nearly a dozen Woody Hall students announced, “We’re coming with you!”

The iconic Easter trips with students started with just hiking, but in the late 1960s, the floating began. The Ortmayer sisters remember their first float.

“I thought it was awful, slow and monotonous,” Harrison recalled. But as the rivers became more challenging and the float became more exciting, she was hooked.

As the years went by, the number of University of La Verne students, families, friends, and alumni grew. One was Rugere De Partee ’74, who has run the program with his wife, Joannie ’73 since 1996.

“I started hearing about Easter trips when I was still in high school,” De Partee said. “I had friends enrolled in La Verne and they were going on an Easter hiking trip that sounded so exciting.”

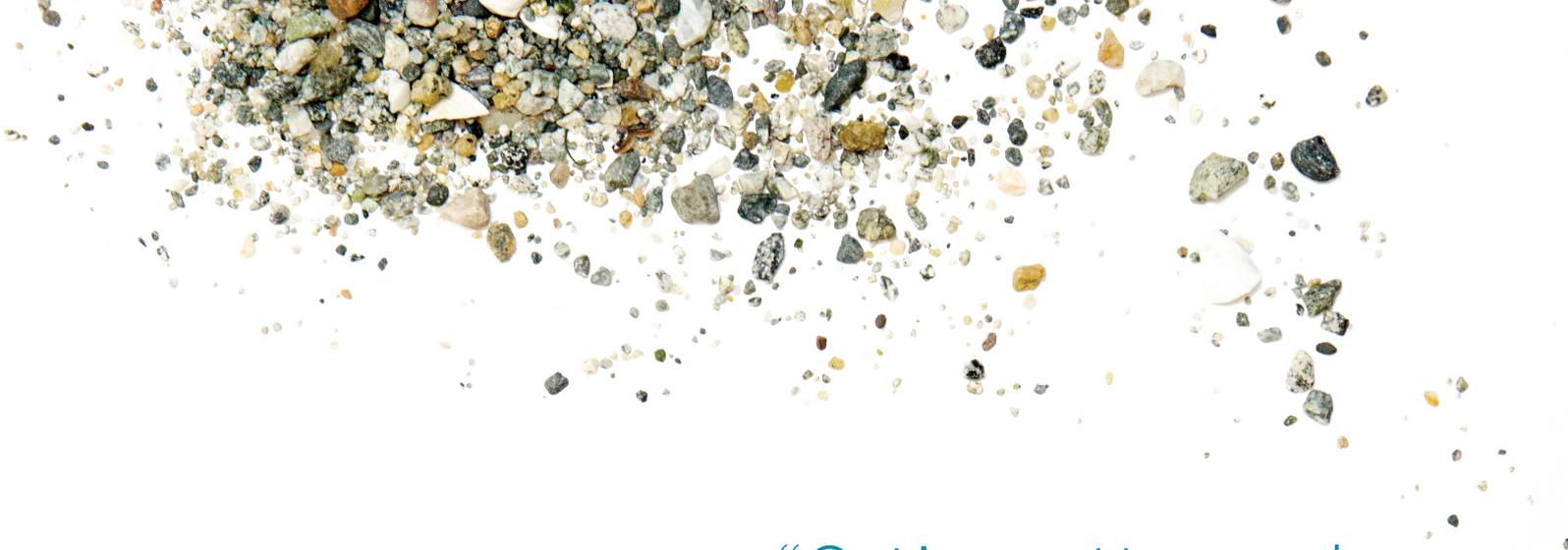
A recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award for Service to Alma Mater, De Partee, along with Tim Morrison ’77 and Mike Riggs ’85, assisted Ort in leading most of the alumni float trips up until the coach handed over the program.

Hauling rafting gear and camping equipment, the “Floaters” hit the wilds of Montana and Idaho year after year. The July 2016 trip included nearly 80 Floaters who visited such picturesque rivers as the Yellowstone, Jefferson, and Henry’s Fork of the Snake River, as well as camps including Indian Fort and Pine Creek. Previous trips have drawn adventurers as young as one month old to more than 90 years old.

Chris Brookhart ’87 joined the Floaters after taking one of Ort’s summer courses called, “Where Lewis and Clark Met the Mountains.”

“It was kind of a present to myself,” he said. “The daytime was kayaking and the evening was history around the campfire. It was a month in Montana and Idaho; a great experience, and wet!”





Brookhart said the alumni who had been gathering for Easter trips decided they wanted something with the flavor of the class, so Ort extended Lewis and Clark by two weeks to include alumni. The less-formal version of the class focused on fellowship and time on the water. Brookhart, now a busy firefighter with the Upland Fire Department, has only missed three trips since.

Experts and novices make up the multiple generations who are now Floaters, taking on a mix of calm and challenging rivers. Sometimes the weather is gorgeous, sometimes thunderstorms rattle the skies and there has even been snow. But the code of camaraderie and support for everyone is well understood.

“Ort’s motto, and really the mission of the program, is ‘those who can help those who can’t, so that those who can’t become those who can,’” Brookhart said.

Nancy Newman ’89 remembers taking her 2- and 4-year-old boys when she was a newly-single mother.

“They don’t let people be afraid or feel isolated. Nobody is excluded,” Newman said. “La Verne has always been about creating a sense of family, and the Floaters embody everything La Verne is.”

If it floats, it is welcome. Participants bring inflatable kayaks, 20-foot long ocean kayaks, canoes, paddleboards, and rafts. Dogs often tag along with their owners.

“I remember Mom and Dad on a raft with our dog, Charity,” Harrison recalls. “Charity could hear rapids way ahead before the people could. On one trip, they hit some rapids and Mom was knocked out of the boat. Dad grabbed her by the foot, which unfortunately kept her under water. She always had a lot of fun telling that story!”

Ort and his wife, Corni, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on a Floaters trip, with hundreds of alumni as guests.

The 30th year anniversary of Floaters was marked in 2009, one year after its beloved founder died. De Partee, Newman, Brookhart, and others say that despite his fame

“Ort’s motto, and really the mission of the program, is ‘those who can help those who can’t, so that those who can’t become those who can.’”

Chris Brookhart ’87

in university athletics, Coach Ort’s extraordinary guidance within the Floaters is what makes his legacy most indelible. The trips have transformed lives. Brookhart bought property in Montana, as have many other alumni, and plans to retire there. According to Harrison, relationships have begun – and ended -- on the river. “If you can go over rapids like these with your loved one, then your marriage should be solid!” she says.

And she should know. She met her husband, Rob Harrison ’83 on an Ort-mayer river float. Their daughter, Rayna, now enrolled at the University of La Verne, is destined for some river adventures of her own. Her grandfather would be proud.

Members of the Floaters  
navigate the Salmon River  
near Challis, Idaho in 2014.  
Courtesy of Chris Brookhart.





# HISTORY *of the* ARTS

By Judy Smith-Asbury

Four professors descended on the University of La Verne in the late 1970s and 1980s to reshape programs in art, music, theatre, and photography.

**P**ioneers of the arts at the University of La Verne recall wooden seats in Morgan Auditorium, tight teaching spaces and no theatrical stage equipment when they arrived in the 1970s and 80s. That same group, Reed Gratz in music; Ruth Trotter in visual/fine arts; David Flaten in theatre arts; and Gary Colby in photography, and many colleagues were the driving force in creating the University of La Verne's vibrant arts programs we know today. "We had a shell when I arrived in '83," said former Theatre Chair David Flaten. "The single tent had only 12 dimmers, six lighting instruments, and no shop equipment."



Students perform the William Shakespeare play "A Midsummer Night's Dream" in the Dailey Theatre in 1985. The production was directed by Professor of Theater Arts Dr. David Flaten and designed by Liz Fuller.

As administration discussed new building and capital projects, Colby encouraged leaders to carve out space for the arts. Each professor eventually found homes for their galleries, and performance and practice spaces.

"Gary's perseverance and wisdom led us through these years of excitement and anxiety as the physical presence of the arts on campus became a reality," Trotter said.

The group brought acclaimed artists to the university, creating opportunities for their students. These artists, inspired by the freedom to create, often stayed to teach, mentor, or assist in developing the blossoming arts program. Flaten brought in brilliant directors such as Crispin Thomas, Jane Dibbell, and Georgij Paro. Paro, of the National theatre of Croatia, came once a year to direct.

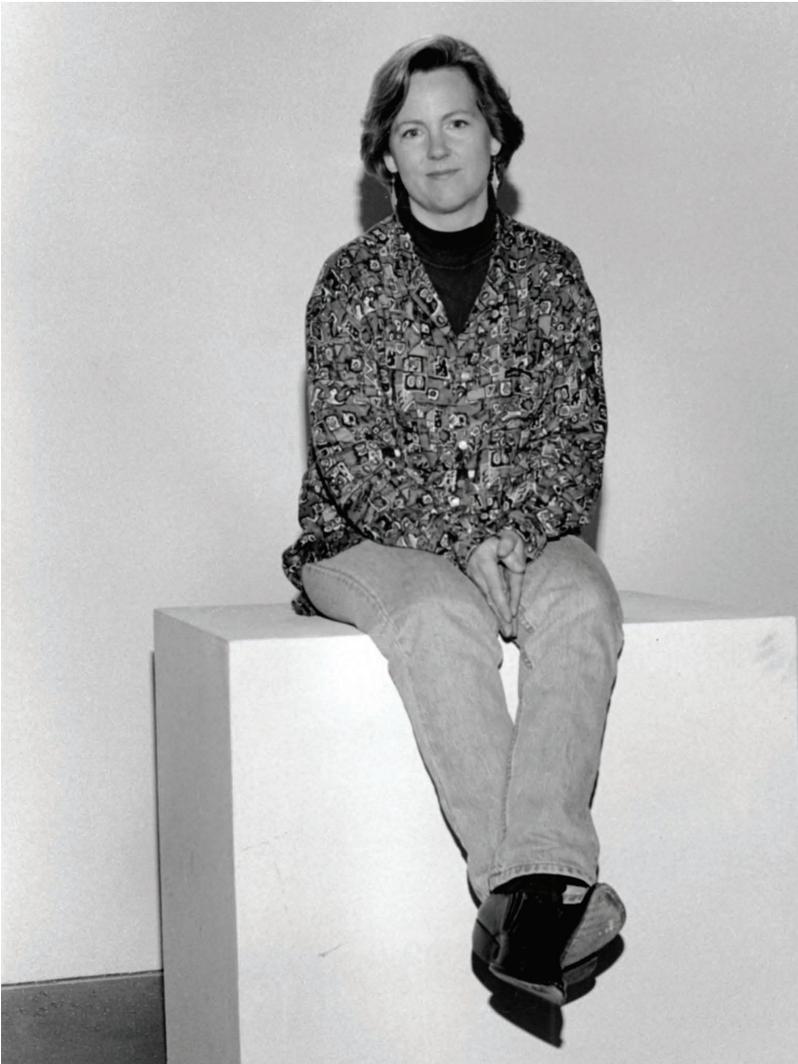
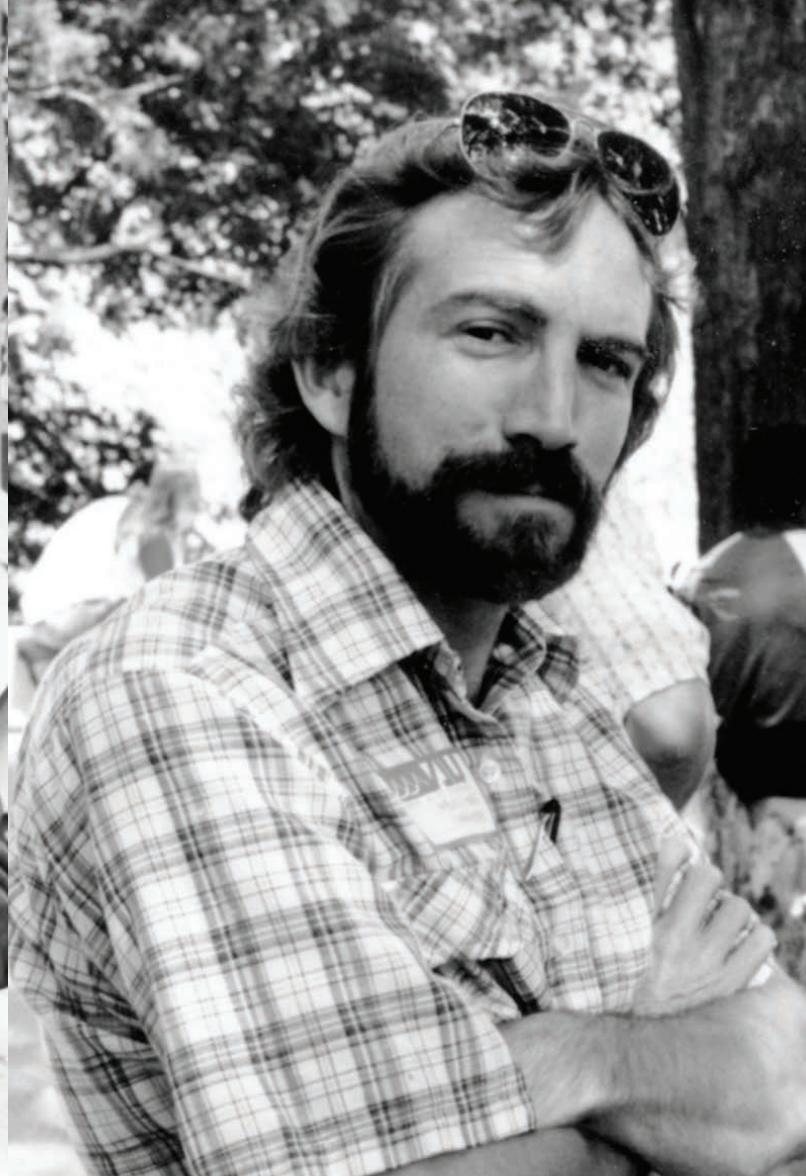
Throughout this rich period of growth, students always played a part. "Students came here with no pre-

conception of what theatre was supposed to be," Flaten remembers. "They didn't have the idea that 'it was too much work.' They were willing to roll up their sleeves. We built everything together." Many students graduated from the University and emerged as internationally recognized artists.

These four arts pioneers have their own distinct visions for the future of their departments. Art faculty are pursuing additional space to accommodate students and digital art curriculum. Theatre faculty hope to institute an Artist in Residence.

Lyceum, established by College of Arts and Sciences Dean Lawrence Potter, may well be the next catalyst to bring the group together. Hosting a collection from all the performing, speaking, fine arts, and art expression activities on campus throughout the year, Lyceum launched Fall 2016.

Pioneers of the arts: Clockwise from left David Flaten, Gary Colby, Reed Gratz, and Ruth Trotter.



University of La Verne's

# 125 Influential Individuals

They inspired. They led with integrity. They changed lives.

They are University of La Verne's 125 Influential Individuals. Some are our founders, others exemplified the university's values through their life's work. Nominations were gathered through an open vote by the campus community in celebration of the university's 125th anniversary.

We thank them all, and will honor them at our 2017 Scholarship Gala.







**T**he University of La Verne saw tremendous growth and change throughout its 125-year history, with dynamic leadership, new state-of-the-art buildings, as well as inspirational faculty — producing generations of transformed lives. Follow the journey through time with important milestones from the Wilson Library archives.

The  
**CITY**  
of Lordsburg is  
**ESTABLISHED**  
1887



## AGREEMENT SIGNED 1889

M.M. Eshelman, David A. Norcross, Henry Frantz, and T.J. Nair sign an agreement with the Pacific Land Improvement Company, the Lordsburg Hotel Company, and the Lordsburg Land Company to open a college under supervision of the Church of the Brethren.



## 1890 CHURCH of the BRETHREN

services begin and are held in the Lordsburg Hotel building until 1901. Nearly 100 new members were recorded.

## 1891 LORDSBURG COLLEGE OPENS

with eight teachers and an enrollment of 76 students, increasing to 136 students by year's end. It served as a preparatory school where academy or high school-level classes including ancient languages, mathematics, astronomy, commercial studies and painting were offered.



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TEACHER TRAINING CLASS 1908

1917

Lordsburg College is renamed

# LA VERNE COLLEGE

due to the city name change.

1914

Lordsburg College grants its first

# BACHELOR'S DEGREE.

1918

MILLER HALL,  
known as a ladies' dormitory, is

# BUILT.



1919

# HIGHEST INITIAL

The carving of the letter "L" in the San Gabriel Mountains is initiated by the class of 1921, and constructed by the student body. At the time, it was the highest college initial in the United States.



# AGE

1926-1927

# FOUNDERS HALL BUILT

at La Verne College.



1958

# DAVENPORT

Dining Hall built



1927

La Verne College is **ACCREDITED** by the State Board of Education on June 29.



1927

Workers tear down **LORDSBURG** hotel due to dilapidation. The grounds were purchased by the city, and made into a park.

1940

The college celebrates **50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY.** Enrollment at the time was 221.



1948

**WOODY HALL**  
a men's dormitory, is built.

1930

The current **CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN** building is dedicated.



1950

**W.I.T. HOOVER**

Memorial Library built



1962

**BRANDT HALL**  
BUILT



1962

Richard Nixon visits the university while running against Gov. Pat Brown in the California gubernatorial election.

1969

**FIRST REGIONAL CAMPUS**

The first regional campus was established at the Naval Pacific Missile Range at Point Mugu, Calif., now known as Naval Base Ventura County.



## 1970 **LAW**

La Verne College Law Center opens with Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Paul Egly as dean and an enrollment of 84 students.

1972-3

# SUPER TENTS

Super tents are built, originally housing the student center and drama lab.

1977

## RENAMED

La Verne College is renamed University of La Verne.



## 1977 **BARNABY JONES**

Buddy Ebsen, best known for his character,

Jed Clampett, in the 1960s television series, the Beverly Hillbillies, appears at the university for the filming of an episode of Barnaby Jones. Filming took place in the library for three hours. The university received \$300 for providing the location.



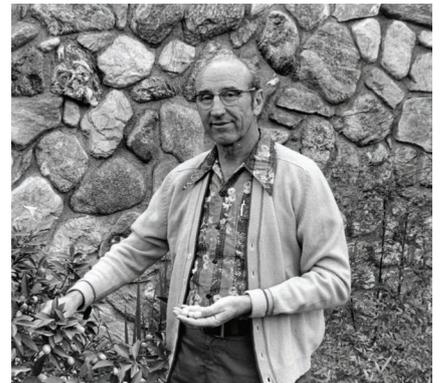
1978

## **WILSON LIBRARY**

The university acquires the Alpha Beta building on the old Lordsburg Hotel site with donations from Trustees Elvin and Betty Wilson. La Vere Flora helps raise funds to convert it into a library. The building is dedicated as Wilson Library in 1982.

## 1971 **CAPA**

The Campus Accelerated Program for Adults (CAPA) is established at La Verne College.





## 2010 GUINNESS WORLD RECORD

Carrie Swidecki '05, a Kern County campus alumna, breaks her first Guinness World Record for playing Dance Dance Revolution more than 15 hours to raise childhood obesity awareness. She has since broken her own record multiple times.

## 1991 GLADDYS MUIR

University of La Verne establishes a Peace with Justice Center based on the teachings of former history professor and Brethren member Gladdys Muir.



## 1985 STEPHEN MORGAN,

with a strong Brethren background, begins serving as president at the university.



## 1990 THE OAKS

residence hall is built.



## 1993

Renovation of the Wilson Library begins; the materials are removed from the library and held offsite in a warehouse. Staff members delivered materials to students from the library collection four times per day.

## 1996 NEW!

The new Wilson Library and Landis Academic Center open.



## 2000 & 2001 **DEBATE TEAM**

becomes the top-ranked team from the western hemisphere at the World Universities Debating Championships.



## 2009 **CAMPUS CENTER**

The Abraham Campus Center is completed.

## 2011 **ROBERT F. KENNEDY JR.**

Attorney Robert F. Kennedy Jr., nephew of the late President John F. Kennedy, serves as keynote speaker for the Benazir Bhutto/Ahmed Ispahani International Lectureship Series.



## 2012 **VISTA LA VERNE**

The residence hall Vista La Verne is completed.



## 2011 **FEMALE PRESIDENT**

Devorah Lieberman becomes the first female president of the university.

## 2016 **125<sup>th</sup>**

The university celebrates its 125th anniversary.

## 2001 The College of Law opens in Ontario.





LEO GREEN & ORANGE HISTORY

NCAA NATIONAL CHAMPIONS 1994/1995

SCIA

GLORY

# REPEATING HISTORY

**W**hen University of La Verne head football coach Chris Krich approached what would be a historic 2015 season, he encouraged his players to put others first and learn the value of sacrifice. He taught the importance of lifting up teammates rather than chasing personal glory. It turned out to be a winning strategy.

The players bought in to Krich's philosophy and completed a dream season, winning the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC) championship for the first time since 1995 and earning a berth to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III Football Championship for the first time since 1994.

Players say the common thread between 2015's team and the powerhouse teams of the 1990s is a solid team culture. Ryan Campuzano '96, quarterback of the 1994 and 1995 SCIAC championship teams, saw one big similarity between the teams of both eras.

"After speaking with Coach Krich, I realized that he had more in mind than just winning," Campuzano said. "Our coaches at the time and the current staff placed priority on molding young men into better people. The demonstration of respect and love for all of us created an environment of brotherhood."

And the winning took care of itself. The Leopards claimed three straight SCIAC championships from 1993-1995. The Leopards were undefeated in conference play (18-0) in those three seasons.

Andy Moran '97, a lynchpin on the offensive line of the 90s' teams and a 1995 All-American, takes the connection back even further. "This culture was created by Roland Ortmayer and was handed down to Rex Huigens '70 and Don Morel '87, both of whom I played for," he said. "There is definitely that closeness right now and I see that Coach Krich cares about all his guys and that's what resonated with me."

But when a team veers off from that culture, it gets side-tracked. Moran was tabbed a Preseason All-American in 1996 and he says the personal success got in the way of the bigger picture.

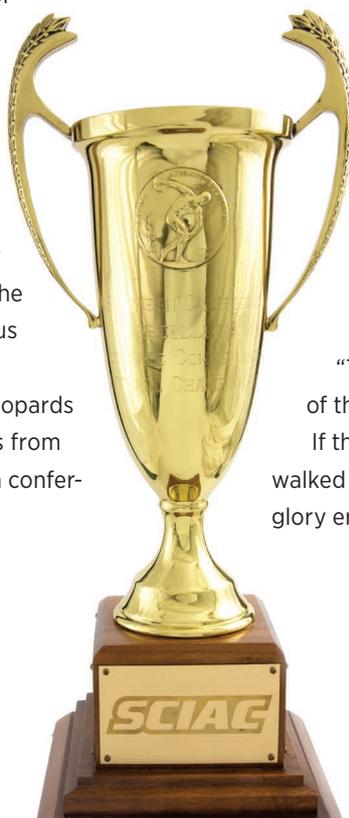
"I was much more focused on my personal glory," he said. "When the season ended against Redlands, I asked myself if there was anything I could've done differently and

I came up with a lot of 'Yeses.'" La Verne was one game shy of the SCIAC championship that year.

Past players say the task for the Leopards now is to maintain the momentum and not lose sight of what got them here. "I think the team has turned the corner and it's nice to see winning back in the program," said Doug DuBois '96, a two-time First Team All-SCIAC linebacker.

"Take this year and just remember the feeling of the championship."

If the Leopards heed the advice of those who walked before them, they just might start the new glory era of La Verne football.



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## HEART OF LA VERNE UNIQUELY LA VERNE

**LA COUNTY FAIR:** Fall brings a new academic year and changing leaves. It also means thrilling rides at the LA County Fair in nearby Pomona.

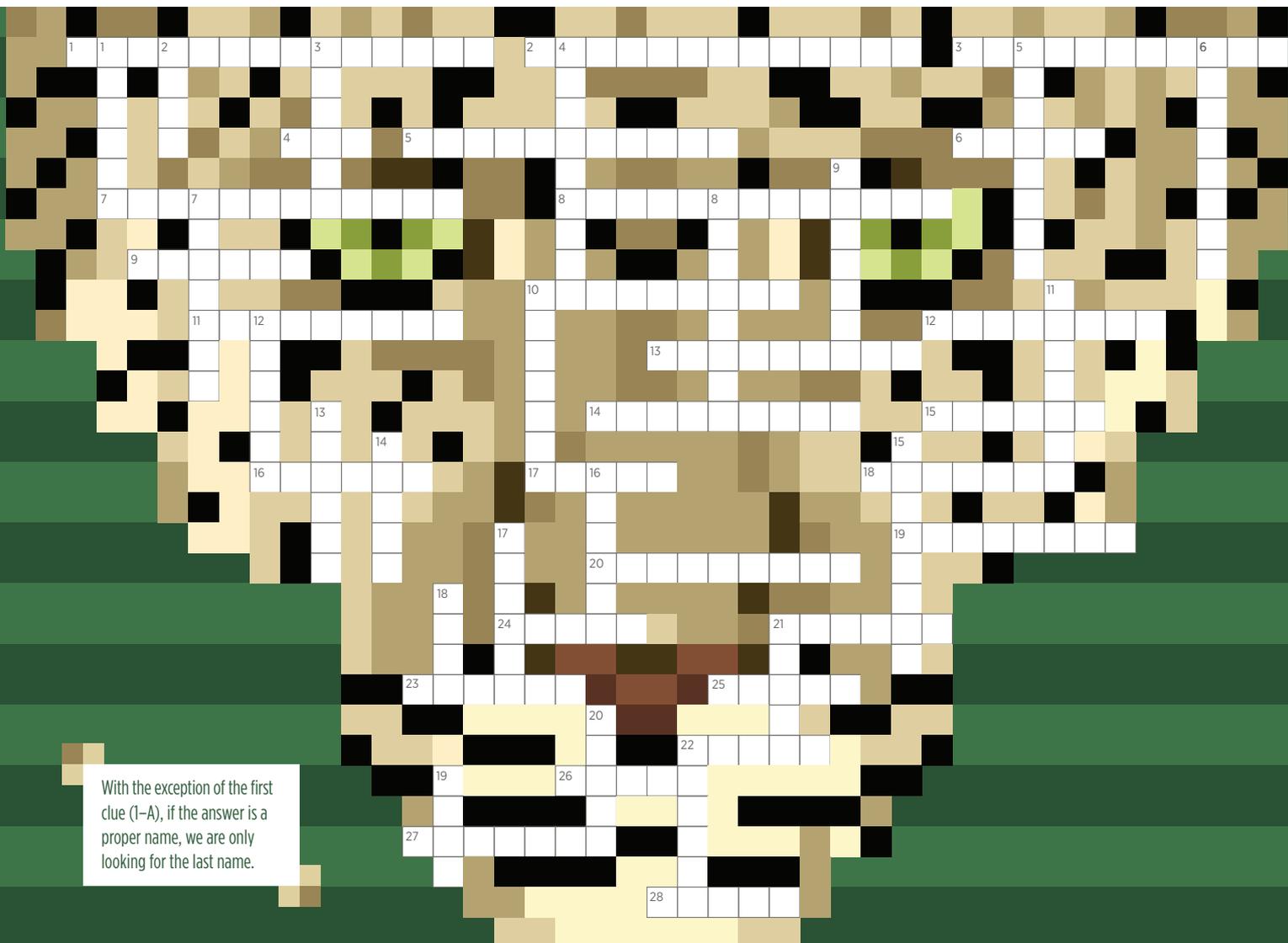


# HEART OF LA VERNE CROSSWORD PUZZLE

## Do you know your La Verne history?

Try your hand at this Leopard trivia crossword puzzle. If your answers are correct, you could win a prize.

Photograph or scan the page, and send to [voice@laverne.edu](mailto:voice@laverne.edu) or mail to **Melissa Pinion, 1950 Third St., La Verne, 91750**. The first correct puzzle wins. Answers will be revealed on our website after a winner is identified.



With the exception of the first clue (1-A), if the answer is a proper name, we are only looking for the last name.

### ACROSS

1. Actor who filmed part of a movie in the Tents
2. One of five of fully-articulated skeletons on campus
3. Alumnus who played for Kansas City Royals
4. Isaac Woody's nickname
5. Nickname of the college's old bus
6. Music chair
7. Location of remodeled music practice rooms
8. 1989 martial arts movie filmed scenes in the Tents
9. House that holds natural history collection
10. '94/'95 championship football quarterback
11. Gold medal winner's event (Clue 6D)
12. Sports Illustrated-featured Coach
13. First female president of La Verne
14. The original name of La Verne College
15. Theatre Chair

16. First permanent college building on campus

17. CBPM Dean
18. New College of Education name
19. Father of meteoritics
20. Dining hall
21. First woman to be vice president at La Verne
22. Campus literary magazine of the 1980s
23. Men's dorm
24. First president of Lordsburg
25. First separate men's dorm
26. Name of the biology skeleton
27. Sneaky Park's original name
28. Football coach

### DOWN

1. La Verne football field
2. College of Law founding dean
3. Honorary Doctorate, Western writer
4. Old library building
5. Helped create a 5-year financial plan for the Shah of Iran

6. La Verne faculty Olympic gold medalist
7. Student Center snack bar circa the 80s
8. La Verne Montana/Idaho trips
9. Campus Center
10. La Verne Rose Bowl opponent
11. The second name of La Verne College
12. New CAS initiative
13. Library
14. First woman on the Board of Trustees
15. Court
16. Spirit Award
17. Longest-serving president (26 years)
18. History prof and Brethren member
19. Call letters of the only commercial radio station on campus
20. First person to receive a B.A.
21. Name of extra student housing in San Dimas
22. CAS Dean

# WHAT'S NEW ALUMNI NOTES



**1 Raouf Ghali '82, '85**, chief operating officer of Hill International, was named company president in August 2016. He was also elected to the company's expanded board of directors. Hill International, the global leader in managing construction risk, provides various services including program, project and construction management for buildings, transportation, environmental and other markets. Ghali has been the company's chief operating officer since 2015, managing all of the organization's business operations. He has more than 30 years' experience in program, project and construction management, project cost control, financial analysis, and more. He is fluent in five languages and has worked throughout the U.S., Europe, the Far East and the Middle East.

**Jarrod McNaughton '00** was recently appointed as president of Kettering Medical Center & executive vice president of Kettering Health Network.

**Dr. Diana Minor (Brown) '90, '92** completed the requirements for a doctorate degree in educational leadership from Cal Poly Pomona in June 2016.

**Don Morel '97, '00** was promoted from offensive coordinator to head coach at Wabash College, Division III.

**Patrick Lee '08**, assistant professor of accounting at Southwestern College in Winfield, Kansas was named recipient of the Charles H. and Verda R. Kopke Award for Distinguished Teaching during Southwestern College Commencement exercises May 8th, 2016.

**Jessie Rodriguez '08** and his wife, Tina, will be starring in their own HGTV series, "Vintage Flip." In 2012, Jessie was named one of the top 30 realtors under 30 years old. "Vintage Flip" began airing the couple's real estate business "Cal American Homes" on June 2.

**George M. Saiz '93** appointed as president and chief executive officer of The Association for Manufacturing Excellence (AME) effective April 18.

**Sean Smith '99, '01** was ranked 5th in his master Highland Games Class. He competed at the Scottish Masters Athletic International competition in Buffalo, NY in August. He received a B.S. in Behavioral Science in 1999 and his MBA in 2001.

**Michael "Mike" Warren '14** has been appointed to the board of directors at AppTech, a financial technology company. He is the founder of Alethia Strategic Business Solutions, an executive coaching, consulting and organizational development firm whose clients include Fortune 50 to 1000 companies, non-profit organizations, small to mid-range companies and start-ups. Warren graduated with his B.S. in organizational management in 2014.

**Mike Young '79** is a dedicated author of the Mesquite Local News online edition. He recently wrote an article regarding the Orlando shooting and its impact. [mesquitelocalnews.com/author/myoung](http://mesquitelocalnews.com/author/myoung)

**Dr. Beth Chaton '07** has been appointed to the Advisory Committee on Before and After School Programs by Governor Jerry Brown. Dr. Chaton received her doctor of education in educational leadership from University of La Verne in 2007.

**2 Aaron Colby '13** joined the staff of Assemblyman Chris Holden in August 2016 as a legislative assistant. He graduated from University of La Verne with a degree in political science and the William & Mary Law School in Virginia. Previously, Colby worked for the Washington D.C. office of Congresswoman Grace Napolitano, the U.S. Federal Election Commission, and Los Angeles County Superior Court. In his new role, based in Sacramento, Colby will work to pass legislation authored by Holden and staff him on various issue areas.

**Paul W. Allen '69** retired May 29, 2015 after teaching 32 years at Rutter Middle School in the Elk Grove Unified School District, Elk Grove, CA. This was the only school he ever taught at. He taught 20 years as a music teacher of two bands - mixed chorus, handbells, and general music. He then taught 15 overlapping years in English/language arts, then six overlapping years in computer technology. During his music teaching days, he founded The Concert Carillons, a class of more than 30 students who met daily

to learn musical notation and handbell ringing, so that by the end of the first semester they were competent enough to ring at a December concert. He was recognized with many awards from the District, as well as numerous invitations to display his talented musicians before an awing public.

**Cristina Arellano-Dueñas '15** was offered an adjunct faculty position at Irvine Valley College shortly after graduation. One month later she picked up a second adjunct position at Fullerton College. After graduating, she secured a full-time faculty position at Fullerton College in Orange County, California.

**Andrea Joubert '09** has worked for the Riverside County Department of Public Social Services the last 11 years. Upon earning a masters in leadership and management, she was promoted to office support supervisor in 2010. Since that time, she has received two additional promotions and currently serves as senior program specialist, primarily focusing on the Med-Cal program.

**Lauryl Bakke '11** married fellow **Leo Paul Bennett '11** on March 12, 2016 at Sierra La Verne Country Club in La Verne, CA. They are both part of the Greek community (Iota Delta and SAE respectively) and attended their first Greek formal together at the venue where they were eventually married.

**3 Capt. Dr. Scott Wright '85**, an Army reserve pharmacist, returned safely from his fourth deployment in September.

**Maria Brandon '14**, received a first grade teaching assignment at Palo Verde School District in Blythe, Calif.

**Randall "Randy" West '04** was named chief of the University of Hawaii Mānoa Department of Public Safety. West has over 35 years of experience in law enforcement, including two years with the Laguna Beach Police Department and over 27 years with the Anaheim Police Department. West holds a bachelor of science degree in organizational management from the University of La Verne, and a master of arts degree in criminal justice from Chapman University.



**Robert Von Kaenel '87**, a special agent/polygraph examiner with the Drug Enforcement Administration, has transferred from San Diego to the DEA office in Peru. This is Von Kaenel's second tour in Peru and he will be one of only two DEA polygraph examiners for all of South America. Von Kaenel has also had articles published which examined racial profiling and the use of covert tracking devices by law enforcement personnel.

Two of **Alice Eby Hall's '60** self-published Christian romance novels have been picked up by Touch Point Press and will be released shortly. "Warren's Women" deals with love in many forms as well as loss. "Katie's Conundrum," (Katie is Warren's widow) treats spousal abuse. Hall's other novels include "Eden Invaded," "The Way Home," "Finding Father," "Reunions," and "Revenge." Hall has published in other genres, too. Visit her at [aliceebyhall.com](http://aliceebyhall.com)

**4 Ally McKenna (Schultz) '13** married Jacob McKenna in West Covina in June 2016. Cheyenne Beard '13 supported as maid of honor.

**5** Covina police Capt. **John Curley '07** was named the department's police chief in September and is expected to start his new position Oct. 14. Curley, a 23-year veteran with the department, graduated from the University of La Verne with a Masters in Leadership and Management. He previously served as a police reserve officer in Monterey Park. He completed the public safety leadership program at the University of Southern California and graduated from the Sherman Block Supervisory Leadership Institute.

**Julie Miller-Phipps '89** was appointed president of Kaiser Foundation Hospitals and Health Plan in Southern California, effective Aug. 15. She directs hospital and health plan operations for the region's 14 hospitals and 241 medical offices. She previously served as president of Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Georgia where she was responsible for delivering health care needs to nearly 300,000 Kaiser members. She obtained a master's degree in health care administration from the University of La Verne.



**6 Dr. Christina Goennier '06** became the superintendent for the Bonita Unified School District in July. She previously served as assistant superintendent of instructional services for the Beaumont Unified School District and district curriculum director for Yucaipa-Calimesa Joint Unified School District. She has 22 years' experience in education. The Tustin native obtained a doctorate in organizational leadership from the University of La Verne.

**7 Twenty-two alumni** toured Denmark and Germany in June 2016 with members of the La Verne Church of the Brethren Choir. One of the highlights was visiting the house-museum of Alexander Mack, the founder of the Brethren Church, in Schwarzenau, Germany. Of particular significance, alumnae and sisters Marilyn Davies and Joanne Wagoner are 8th generation direct descendants of founder Mack, making Interfaith Chaplain Zandra Wagoner '89 a 9th generation direct descendant.

## In Memoriam

**Karla Faris Moberly '62** passed away in June following a battle with brain cancer.

**Stephanie Ann Todd Newlon '68**, a long-time Claremont resident, died on May 15, 2016. She was 70. She graduated from the University of La Verne with a bachelor's degree in 1968 and a teaching credential in 1970. She met her husband, Brint Newlon, in a Shakespeare class at the university in 1965. They married on November 19, 1967. They had one son, Robb, in 1968 and then twin girls, Ashley and Allison, in 1972. Stephanie launched the kindergarten program at Covina First Baptist Preschool in 1977. She taught kindergarten there for 10 years and then taught second grade at Vine Elementary School in West Covina until her retirement in 2008, collectively teaching more than 30 years.



**Jerry Cheney '69** passed away at Los Angeles County USC Medical Center on Aug. 8, 2016. He was 69 years old. He earned a bachelor of arts degree and teaching credential from La Verne College in 1969. He taught music, choir and band. He also served as a substitute teacher for several years. After his teaching career, he became a projectionist in theatres throughout the greater Los Angeles area for three decades. He directed the choir at the Glendora Church of the Brethren for a number of years.

**Nancy Hansen Fowlkes '82** passed away in March 2016. She was 80. She graduated with a bachelor of arts in child development.

**Dr. Bryan L. Boyer '80** passed away April 23, 2016. He graduated from the University of La Verne with a dual degree in history and psychology. While in college, he met Susan Stern and they were married in 1982. Boyer went on to get a master's degree in counselling from Cal State Fullerton, a master's of divinity from Bethany Theological Seminary and a Psy.D. from Illinois School of Professional Psychology. He served as a Church of the Brethren pastor, a district executive minister and an adjunct professor. The majority of his work was as a licensed clinical psychologist. He ran three different outpatient clinics in Indiana. For the last 8 years, Boyer worked for the Department of Behavioral Health in San Bernardino County. He was a clinic supervisor working with the severely and persistently mentally ill. Boyer is survived by his wife who is a senior pastor for the Church of the Brethren.

**James "Jim" Eikenberry '44** passed away on July 10, 2016. Eikenberry attended the University of La Verne in the 1940s as a part of the College of Arts and Sciences. Eikenberry and his wife Faith have been generous members of the University of La Verne Veritas Society and have supported the Fasnacht Chair, Summer Service, and Campus Ministry. In 2001, they established a charitable trust that will benefit the university in the future.

**Carol Stearns Johnson '86**, passed away May 26, 2016. She received a master of science in school counselling.



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