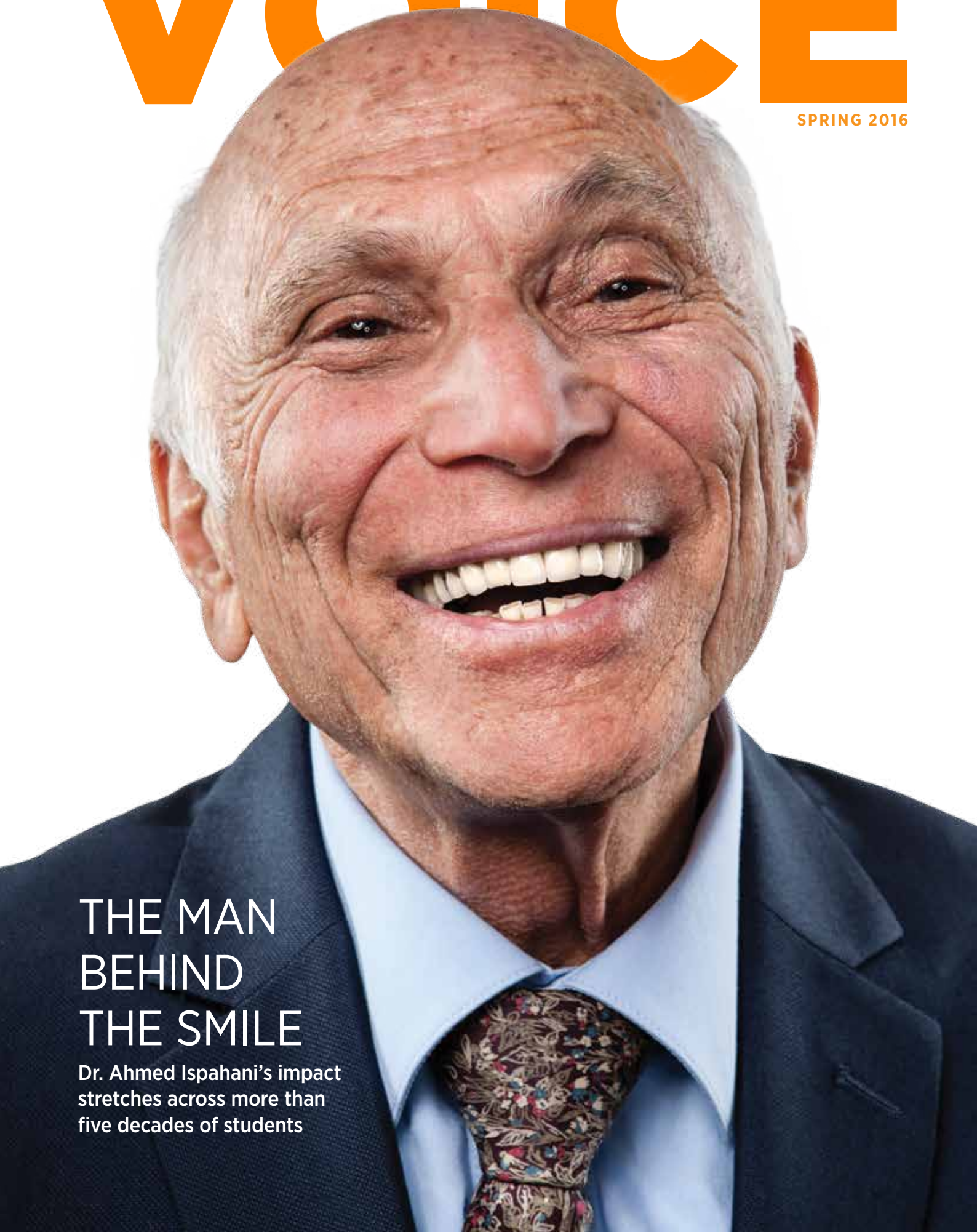


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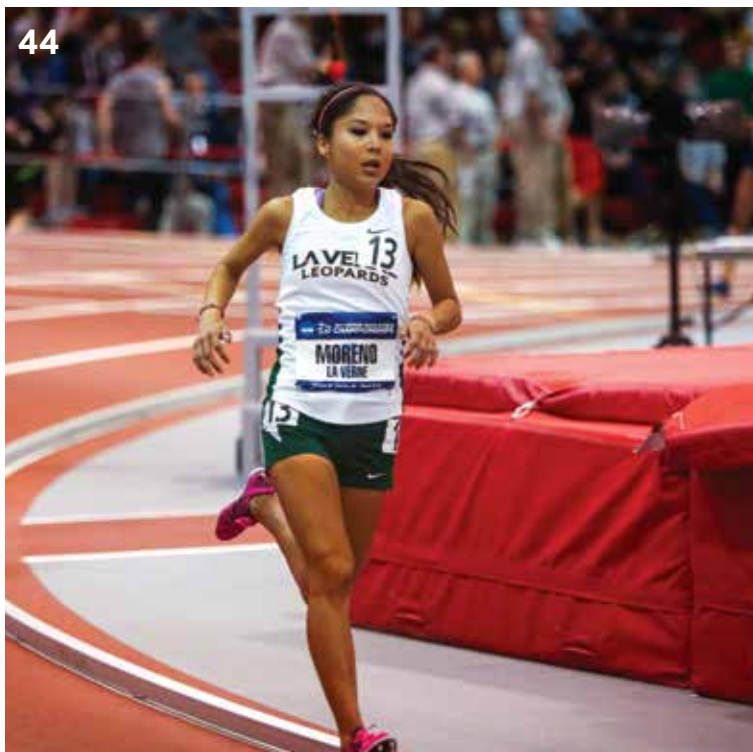
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FROM THE EDITOR



My mentor always told me “get some letters behind your name.” Van Perkins was his name, and he was the smartest man I knew. So when he gave advice, I took it to heart. More letters behind one’s name opens the door to more opportunities. It was simple advice, but profound enough to motivate me.

I earned an Associate of Arts (A.A.) degree from Citrus College in 2008, followed by a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree from the University of La Verne in 2010.

When I look back on the experiences I had working toward those letters, I am reminded of a great lesson: life begins at the end of your comfort zone. * As the first person in my family to attend college, I learned what it was like to be uncomfortable. When it seemed things were getting easy, a new challenge presented itself. When my surroundings began to look familiar, it was time to go someplace new. These experiences were scary at times, but necessary for growth and success. Higher education makes this journey possible.

The University of La Verne is a place that molds, fuels and inspires. This issue of VOICE magazine is filled with courageous stories of students, faculty and alumni who have taken the road less traveled to make significant contributions in the world. They are sharing their La Verne Experience with others and making an impact. I am thankful to be a part of this community.

In May 2016 I will graduate with my Master of Science (M.S.) degree from the University of La Verne, adding two more letters to my name. Van, I wish you were still here with me today to see this milestone. I dedicate these letters to you.

Mark Vidal, A.A., B.A., M.S., '10, '16
Editor

**Attributed to Neale Donald Walsch*

After serving as a VOICE Magazine writer five years and managing editor for two, Mark Vidal entered a new chapter in his career with another organization at the time of this issue’s printing. The Office of Strategic Communications thanks him for his outstanding work and wishes him well in his professional path.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Commencement is the bridge our graduates cross over...embracing the next chapter in their lives

As another academic year comes to a close, we look forward to experiencing the inspiring and uplifting spring commencement ceremony. Commencement is the bridge our graduates cross over, moving from University of La Verne student to University of La Verne alumni, embracing the next chapter in their lives. This commencement bridge is an opportunity for our students to reflect upon their distinctive and relevant educational experiences. Earning their degrees from the University of La Verne provides the opportunity to “sit at the table” and participate in conversations and opportunities that were never before available. This degree truly provides opportunity!

As we enter our 125th Anniversary year (2016-2017 will be filled with a variety of celebrations), this issue of VOICE magazine highlights remarkable examples of relevant and distinctive educational experiences from the perspective of professors, administrators, students, and alumni. These stories showcase how the University of La Verne prepares

students to be successful and influential leaders in their communities, nationally, and globally. The University’s core value of lifelong learning is instilled through academic and co-curricular experiences that connect theory to practice, and coursework to community.

I am confident you will find the stories in this issue of VOICE compelling and inspiring. They reinforce my unwavering belief in every member of our University community – our faculty, staff, students, Trustees, and alumni – and have inspired me for Spring Commencement 2016.

With another year comes another commencement and another highly accomplished group of graduates who will undoubtedly be Leos for Life and create incredible stories of their own.

Devorah Lieberman, Ph.D.
President

WHAT'S NEW

FAST FACTS WITH

DR. DANIEL LOERA, DIRECTOR OF
MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS WITH THE OFFICE
OF MULTICULTURAL SERVICES (OMS)



Q When was the OMS established?

Multicultural services have been a part of the University for many years, starting with the Minority Student Center in 1990. There has been an evolution of this office leading to the eventual establishment of the Office of Multicultural Services in August 2006.

Q What is the purpose of OMS?

We create and support many programs, services and resources promoting diversity. Our department advises a number of student cultural clubs, and we lead the First Generation Student Success Program and cultural graduations. The department also provides campus-wide diversity training.

Q What are the hours?

General office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., but student meetings and activities may extend beyond those hours. Our office hours are expected to expand starting in the fall.

Q Why is it important for the university to provide multicultural services?

The University's student population reflects the region and state's diverse demographics. Not only is the University considered a Hispanic Serving Institution, but students, faculty and staff also come from a wide variety of other ethnic backgrounds. And one of the University of La Verne's core values is to support a diverse and inclusive environment. There is an inherent benefit and vibrancy in engaging a diverse learning environment where we live, learn, and share the richness of our cultures and ideas with each other.

LEO ON THE STREET



**Karla Rendon, Campus
Times Editor In Chief**

College protests regarding issues of race have recently been a hot button issue at campuses

across the country. What are your thoughts on the significance of having diversity among the student body, faculty and staff at La Verne (or institutions of higher learning)?

The college protests happening across the nation were sparked due to racism and lack of visibility and support. Diversity is essential to every institution. It is important everyone understands each racial community in order to have an improved society. As a Hispanic Serving Institution, it is vital the University of La Verne has more administrators, faculty and Board of Trustees members who accurately reflect what it means to be a campus with the majority of students being people of color. How else will the University truly cater to its students as an HSI with few people of color in administration?



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Generations of Transforming Lives

MY PERSPECTIVE

UNCOVERING THE INNER ENTREPRENEUR

AS SOMEONE WHO is passionate about teaching, research and community service, I came to the University of La Verne 10 years ago because I saw an opportunity to expand my involvement in all of these areas. It turned out to be the best decision I ever made.

My role as Professor of Management within the College of Business & Public Management enables me to create an environment where my students analyze various situations and perspectives. Instead of treating theory as an independent entity separated from other courses and life experiences, my goal is to expand the horizons of their thinking. If I have done this, I believe I have done my job.

I believe that human progress depends on our ability to tap into the entrepreneurial spirit that lives within each of us. We must channel the unique talents, passions, and ideas we possess toward creating “good” in the world. I teach my students that the purpose of business is not only to make money, but to help people in need.

Accordingly, I serve as the Director of the University’s REACH Summer Business Camp, providing underserved high school students an opportunity to live on campus and enjoy the college experience while working on a business plan. Now in its 10th year, the program has gained a reputation of being among the best programs in the region to motivate high school students to pursue college education.



The objective of this program is to put college within the reach of any student no matter how unattainable a goal it may seem.

I also value my time in leading our national award-winning student organization, Enactus. As part of a global nonprofit organization, Enactus brings together students, academics, and business leaders who are committed to using the power of entrepreneurship to transform lives, shape our society, and help sustain a better world. Our university team has been very successful in energizing our local community and sustaining an increased level of giving back to those in urgent need.

For nearly 125 years, the University of La Verne has been a place for those who want to exceed expectations and transform their lives. I am energized and privileged to be a part of this great mission.

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What a pleasure it was to sing with the Chamber Singers at @ULaVerne Winter Commencement. Congratulations to all the graduates!

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Jane Winer-Miller '93, '00 with husband Mike Miller '95 traveled to **Ambergris Caye in Belize** to fly fish and visit the Mayan ruin. They pose in front of the Xuantunich Mayan ruins on the boarder of Belize and Guatemala.

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NANCY PADILLA '10

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NEWS & NOTES



COLLEGE OF LAW RECEIVES FULL ACCREDITATION

The University of La Verne College of Law on March 14 received full accreditation from the American Bar Association, an accomplishment gained through the implementation of innovative programs that have increased accessibility, enrollment and success for its students. It raised the College of Law from its provisional status, which it received in March 2012. The ABA's decision positions the College of Law as the most affordable ABA-accredited law school in California.



GALA '16 RAISES \$500,000 FOR STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

On March 5, the University of La Verne hosted its annual scholarship gala event, which brought together university and community supporters for an evening of giving back and paying it forward. In addition to raising needed funds for student scholarships, the evening was dedicated to honoring Webb Family Enterprises for their many contributions to enhancing the values, economics, education and future of the Inland Southern California region.



DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION RECOGNITION

The U.S. Department of Education's report "Fulfilling the Promise, Serving the Need" cited the University of La Verne as outperforming its peer institutions in terms of enrolling and graduating Pell Grant recipients. University of La Verne President Devorah Lieberman received an invitation to discuss the University's best practices in Washington, DC during a Department of Education meeting in March. The University of La Verne was one of only 42 institutions recognized for its major strides in increasing success, retention and graduation rates for low-income students in the report.



CONVERGENCE

More than 30 higher education and corporate leaders in September 2015 announced their commitment to establishing programs that produce a larger, more diverse medical workforce to serve Inland Southern California's growing population. University of La Verne President Devorah Lieberman co-leads the initiative alongside Dr. Deborah Freund, immediate past President of Claremont Graduate University. The Convergence Group serves San Bernardino and Riverside counties, as well as the Eastern San Gabriel Valley.

DAY OF SERVICE

On Jan. 18, hundreds of students joined faculty and staff for a day of community service in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service. While previous year's projects approached sustainability from an environmental perspective, the event this year included sustainability of culture, including African American history preservation.



NEW COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES DEAN

Dr. Lawrence T. Potter was appointed to the position of Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences in fall 2015. He brings nearly 20 years' experience as an educator, having served in a variety of faculty and administrative roles at private and public institutions. He most recently held the position of Dean of the College of Liberal Arts at Jackson State University in Mississippi. A champion of diversity and inclusivity initiatives, Dr. Potter has developed several programs throughout his career that focus on intercultural advancement.

NEW REGIONAL & ONLINE CAMPUSES DEAN

Dr. David Smith, a veteran in higher education campus management, was selected to serve as the new Dean of Regional and Online Campuses (ROC) in fall 2015. He succeeds Dean Steve Lesniak, who retired from his post after serving 39 years. Smith takes the helm of managing eight regional campuses stretching from Bakersfield to Irvine. He previously worked as Vice President of Instruction and Student Affairs at Colorado Northwestern Community College.



Are to Re



Return roots

BY MELISSA PINION

PHOTOGRAPHY BY JEANINE HILL



Her love of biology stemmed from the wildlife of Guatemala.

Now Assistant Professor of Biology Dr. Heidy Contreras hopes to one day share that inspiration with her students through summer programs in the Central American nation.

Sphinx moths: Medium to large moths that have a wingspan of five inches or more.



Word that robbers were nearby spread quickly through the Guatemalan marketplace where Heidy Contreras' mother worked. It was the 1980s, and the country's long-standing civil war had caused crime to soar.

WHEN THE “LADRONES” SHOT a fellow merchant, Contreras' mother and aunt left to investigate. Contreras, then just 4-years-old, found herself alone and frightened in the store. The University of La Verne Assistant Professor of Biology remembers fear from her childhood. She also remembers inspiration. “Nature in Guatemala made enough of an impression that it eventually guided me into biology.”

Her love of science brought her home in late 2015 to find learning and research opportunities for herself and her students at Universidad del Valle in Guatemala City. And during the academic year, she thrives on helping students experiment with Madagascar hissing cockroaches, frogs and moths.

Contreras came to the U.S. at 6 years old. She graduated from Hesperia High School in 1996, took junior college classes and then enrolled at California State University Long Beach as a biology major. Between the difficult material and splitting her time between Long Beach and her Victorville home, she failed all of her classes. “It was so overwhelming. I didn't know where to go for help,” Contreras said.

She claims those struggles toughened her up for the rest of her educational career, which continues today with research collaborations at the University of Arizona – where she completed her postdoctoral work – and other institutions.

Contreras, who has taught at the University since 2012, draws from her experiences to help students. She contributes to organizations that promote diversity in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) fields, such as the Society for the Advancement of Chicanos and Native American Scientists and the American Physiological Society's Porter Development Fellowship. It is a cause aligning with President Barack Obama's 2009 “Educate to Innovate” initiative. “There is so much talent that we haven't tapped into simply because the STEM field is not very diverse,” she said.

Tree Frog: Usually found near a water source, but can go dormant if water is not available.





Heidy Contreras discusses coursework with a student in between classes.

Saloni Gupta '15, said Contreras mentored her in her pursuit of a career in medicine. She respects Contreras' willingness to give her students freedom in the lab. Gupta flourished while researching Madagascar hissing cockroaches because Contreras allowed her to take charge of her project. "I had the opportunity to really experiment with what worked and what didn't," Gupta said.

Presently, Contreras is examining the effects of humidity on the behavior and physiology of sphinx moths. It is a project she nearly abandoned until National Public Radio interviewed her about a sphinx moth spotted in Victorville in 2015. She currently collects data in California and Montana and seeks to collaborate with scientists in Mexico and Guatemala.

She hopes to continue finding opportunities for her students to learn through real-world experiences, and wants to connect with scientists across the globe. But Contreras also finds contentment at the University. "I love doing science," she said. "It's like yoga for me. I love being in the lab."

"Nature in Guatemala made enough of an impression that it eventually guided me into biology."



HOMeward BOUND

MANNERISMS AND ACCENTS vary among the people Christopher Kahn '16 encounters in his travels around the world as a captain in the U.S. Army. But something remains the same everywhere. "There's one universal quality we share: laughter," Kahn says. "It doesn't have an accent. It doesn't know diversity. Everybody laughs the same."

Kahn has been posted around the U.S., as well as Korea, Kuwait, and Iraq. But his latest assignment — a Master of Science in Leadership and Management at the University of La Verne — is more than just a chance to further Kahn's education. It is a chance to come home.

Kahn was born at March Air Force Base in Riverside, spending much of his childhood a few blocks north of Old Town La Verne. His grandmother and great-grandmother came to the city in the 1950s and built a home overlooking San Dimas Canyon. "When I played football at Bonita High School, my friend and I would bring all of our stuff and just walk on the field (at the University of La Verne) and practice. I really learned how to tackle there!"

After graduation, Kahn enlisted in the military and served four years. One of his leaders suggested he was officer material. "But the thing about being an officer in the military is you need to have an undergraduate degree," he says. Then married with two young children, Kahn completed Fresno State's kinesiology program in 2007. During an assignment in South Korea five years later, he received another great opportunity from the Army: a chance to earn a graduate degree. "It was the one chance in my career to fulfill a dream I had as a little kid and pick the college I'd want to go to. I looked up a few schools, but only applied to the University of La Verne. This was where I really wanted to go and where I really wanted to live."

The Army's Career Satisfaction Program is intensely competitive. Roughly 300 officers in the entire branch are accepted each year. Once Kahn joined the program, he and his family moved from South Korea to Southern California. The opportunity gave his family a chance to enjoy a better life, and let him pursue a world-class education at the University of La Verne.

Apprehensions about going back to school faded when he walked into the Management 500 class taught by Professor of Management and Leadership Deborah Olson. "The leadership and management style fits how I think and what I do as a commander and officer. After that class, I knew I was supposed to be in this program."

Olson agrees. "Chris is an amazing person," she says. "With his background and experience in a wide range of leadership roles, he consistently created connections between concepts covered in class and their real-world applications. He was willing to learn, stretch himself, and approach situations in new and exciting ways."

Kahn expects to graduate in May. After commencement, his family plans to move to Kentucky. He is using his time at the University to reconnect with the region and plan for a future in Southern California upon retirement from the military. "I'd like to work in business," he says. "Use my 20-plus years in the Army to motivate and develop great leaders. Help organizations I believe in become great." He is also considering teaching business leadership at the University.

For now, he is content to take his children to school, attend class twice a week, and occasionally lace up for a run around the track. "This is what I call home," he says with a universal laugh. "I'm proud of going back to school and doing it my way."



STANDING UP FOR THE **DISABLED**

By Melissa Pinion
Photography By Jeanine Hill



Students at the Disability Rights Legal Center satellite office at the University of La Verne College of Law often find themselves buried in mounds of paperwork, drafting legal documents and confronting public entities. But if it helps a blind person receive proper braille instruction or prompts the hiring of a sign language interpreter for the deaf, the hard work is worth it.

Emeline Garcia '15, left, and Alba Melena
have helped the disabled through the
Disability Rights Legal Center.



The Disability Rights Legal Center is a national civil rights organization that advocates for people with disabilities to eliminate discrimination and other legal barriers. The University of La Verne established a satellite office at the College of Law in 2007 to provide practical experience for students while exposing them to community engagement. “You really see an evolution in the students from when they first join the clinic and don’t know about the legal process or disability issues, to students who become empowered to advocate for the rights of people with disabilities, often times remaining on a case long after they have long fulfilled their obligations within the Center,” said Elizabeth Eubanks, Inland Empire Regional Director for the center.

Low-income clients receive representation for free, a service that is badly needed given high levels of poverty in the region. “In order to best serve the community, we concentrate on cases that will benefit large groups of people with disabilities, often through class actions, administrative action, and collaborations with other legal services organizations,” Eubanks said.

Students pursuing law degrees who work in the center gain experience in advocacy and litigation while learning the value of helping others. “Not a lot of people go into law school and leave saying they had the opportunity to change someone’s life,” said Emeline Garcia ’15, who represented a blind girl along with current law student, Alba Melena.

The center helped change the life of a 6-year-old Riverside boy in February. Kenny Guerrero, who has a disability called club foot and uses a wheelchair, was denied entry onto an amusement park ride and was escorted off the property with his family. After law student Erik Bressler sent a demand letter to the park, the park implemented more sensitivity training and gave Kenny almost exclusive access to the park’s rides for several hours. Bressler called the result something that impacts more than just one child. “It is an outcome that benefits any individual living

with a disability who simply wishes to build memorable family moments while at (the park),” he said.

In another case, students filed a complaint against an Inland Empire hospital on behalf of a deaf patient and the spouse of a deaf patient who were not provided sign language interpreters. The students researched, drafted documents and attended depositions. The Department of Justice stepped in after the complaint was filed, determining the hospital was out of compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act.

Garcia and Melena helped 16-year-old Ontario girl Zoey Colinas gain access to the California School for the Blind. It was a case that began in 2014 after the teen had come home from school numerous times with injuries from running into objects during physical education or walking between classes. Her district would not provide assistance to keep her safe. “Zoey’s mom was very scared and tired and frustrated at how her child was being treated,” Melena said. Even though Zoey does not have learning disabilities and is capable of performing academically like any other student, assessments showed the high school sophomore was performing numerous subjects at a third grade level.

Meetings related to the case – some involving school board members and other district administrators – lasted as long as six hours. Tensions ran high at times. “The first time you walk into the room, they think you’re an inexperienced student and you don’t know what you’re talking about,” Garcia said. But Melena and Garcia said focusing on Zoey helped them look past that challenge and reach the finish line.

“She is very positive and bright and deserved better,” Melena said. “That’s why we went in to advocate for her.” Seeing and participating in positive life changes for people with disabilities is one of the most enjoyable parts of Eubanks’ job. Witnessing the perseverance Melena and Garcia displayed in the case was even more fulfilling. “One of the most rewarding parts is when students take ownership over a case,” Eubanks said. “That’s when their skills and confidence really bloom.”

“Not a lot of people go into law school and leave saying they had the opportunity to change someone’s life”



BALANCING TRUST AND ACTION

MAINTAINING FOCUS as a college provost is a challenge requiring a delicate balance of action and delegation, and the University of La Verne's No. 2 administrator says that is a skill he is always trying to refine. "I'm learning to delegate and trust and that's a critical skill for a successful provost," said Provost Jonathan Reed.

He leads the University's academic vision at a time of transition. Reed has been seeking a new dean for the College of Education and Organizational Leadership, the third of three deans who will have joined the campus community since summer 2015. He is working with the campus community to intensify the dialogue on diversity at the University in the wake of the national discussion on college race relations. And he tries to keep himself and his colleagues focused on what he considers most important: student success. Reed considers his overarching goals to include improving diversity, making financial decisions related to academic programs and facilities, and ensuring academic quality.

These are tremendous responsibilities, and he relies on deans and other leaders to help get the job done. Once he provides the parameters, he lets administrators work within those guidelines.

College of Law Dean Gilbert A. Holmes said that is what Reed did when Holmes and Associate Professor of Psychology Jerry Kernes co-chaired the search committee for a new College of Arts and Sciences dean in 2015.



"He wanted us to keep him advised as to where we were in the process, but at no point did he attempt to influence it," Holmes said. He also said that Reed's ability to trust showed when Holmes proposed the College of Law's True Tuition Model in 2014. He said Reed has fully supported the college's work toward gaining American Bar Association accreditation. Reed maintains focus during his day by steering clear of e-mails while in meetings. The reason? He says responding immediately to all e-mails can be detrimental to long-term goals. "It always puts the immediate concern at the forefront and there's a tendency to become reactionary," he said.

Outside of meetings, Reed has a daily ritual of wandering campus mid-afternoon to avoid feeling isolated in his office or conference rooms. It is a part of the day he particularly enjoys, because it gives him an opportunity to strike up conversations with random people from the campus community. "I like to eat at Barbara's Place and observe students and faculty and see what's happening on campus," he said.



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BRAIN MATTERS

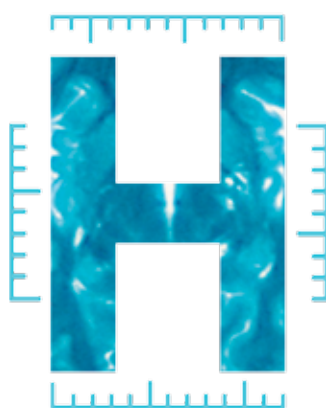
By Mark Vidal '10 '16

Photography By Jeanine Hill

Dr. Kim Burchiel *vividly* remembers the moment he decided to be a surgeon. It was a *pure adrenaline rush* simply walking into the operating room. As he scrubbed in for the first time, all he could think about was what he was soon to *experience*.



Left to Right:
(1) Dr. Burchiel and colleagues place Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS) leads for Parkinson's Disease, using an intraoperative CT scanner; (2) An MRI scan showing the position of Deep Brain Stimulation electrodes in the brain.



He had an idea of what to expect but he did not know how it would make him feel. His hands shook as he slipped on his gloves and fastened the operating gown around his waist. It all became real as he walked over to the operating table and stood before his first patient. “Surgeons will

tell you that this is the pivotal moment that determines everything. You either love it or you hate it,” Dr. Burchiel said as he recalled his first surgical experience. It was just before the start of his second year as a medical student at the University of California, San Diego, and he was looking at his first orthopedic trauma case. Seeing it was one thing. Placing his hands on the patient was a different experience altogether. “I was on cloud nine for days after that. I know it sounds odd, but the feeling I got that day confirmed I wanted to be a surgeon.”

Dr. Burchiel has come a long way since his first operating experience. As the leading neurosurgeon at Oregon Health & Science University, he is the current John Raaf Professor in the OHSU Department of Neurological Surgery where he divides his time between the operating room and the classroom. Specializing in the treatment of movement disorders, epilepsy and pain management, his practice is as influential as his research.

With more than 300 peer-reviewed articles published under his name, his work is nationally recognized and respected. In 2015, he was invited to be an honored guest lecturer at the Congress of Neurological Surgeons and later that year was awarded the Distinguished Service Award,

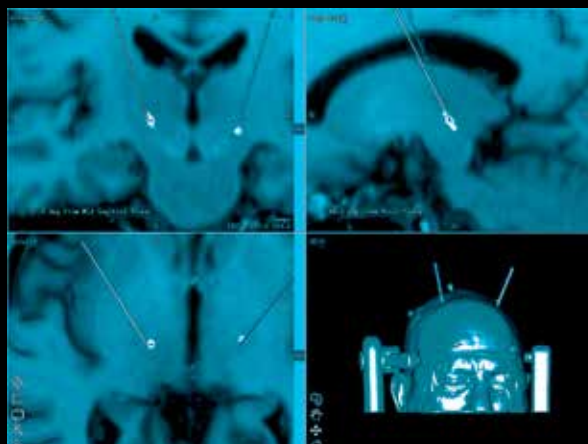
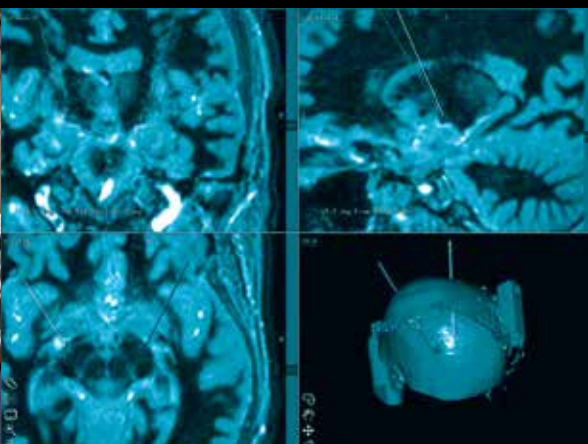
one of the highest honors granted by the American Association of Neurological Surgeons for exemplary service in the field of neurosurgery.

But it is his commitment to education and community service that fuels his passion and it is one of the reasons he was drawn to serve on the University of La Verne Board of Trustees and the President’s Health Advisory Council. “The University of La Verne is in a perfect position to be a leader regionally and nationally in serving the medical and educational needs of its community. With President Lieberman’s leadership, the University has hit an inflection point that is positioning itself to meet a great need. I want to be a part of that,” Dr. Burchiel said. Since joining the board in 2012, Dr. Burchiel has played an influential role in the University’s development of several new healthcare initiatives, one of its top priorities.

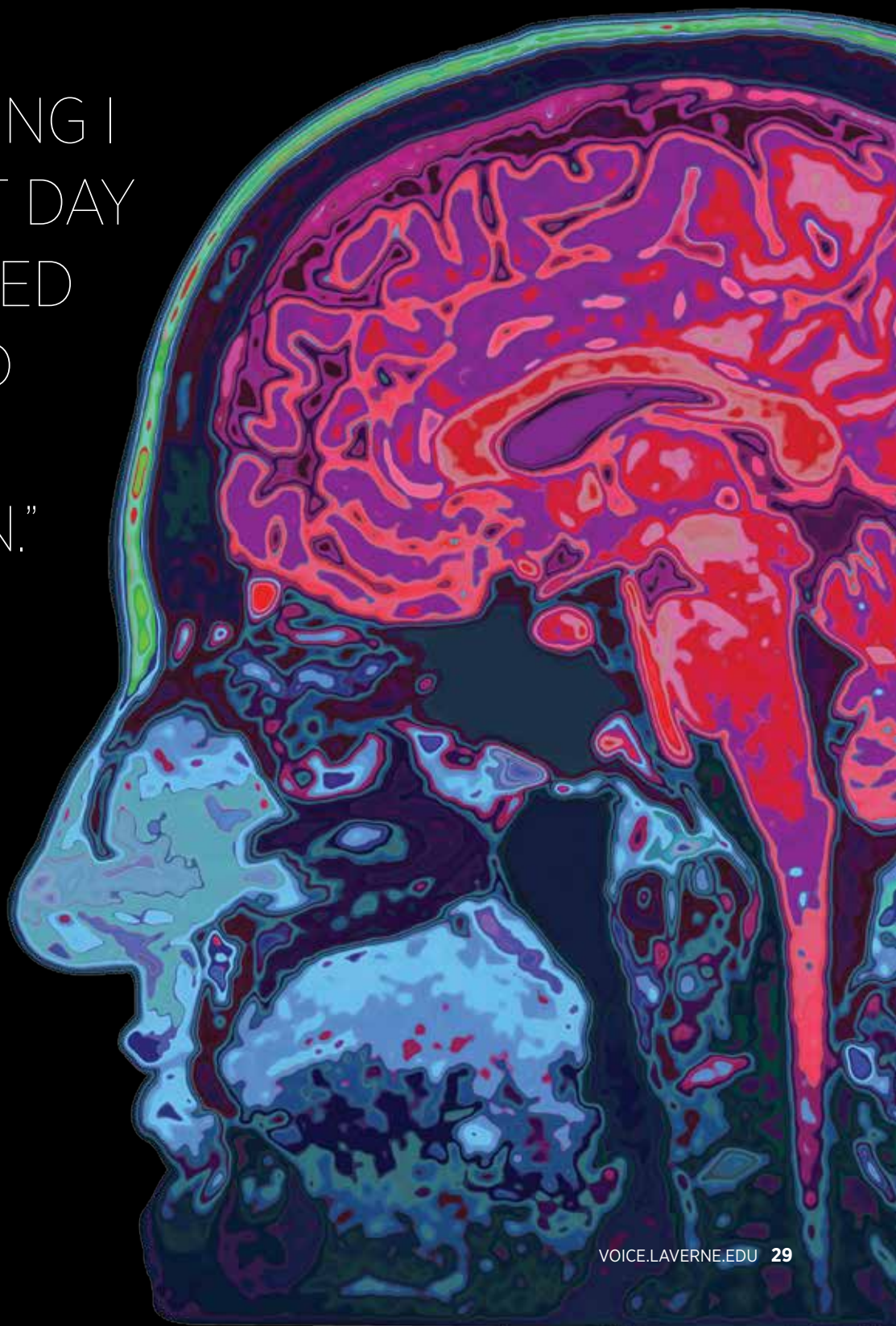
One initiative is the University’s leadership with the Convergence Group, a community of higher education and corporate leaders who are working together to produce programs that will pave the way for a more diversified medical workforce to serve the growing population within Inland Southern California.

“He brings unparalleled commitment to the University of La Verne, helping to move forward both our mission and healthcare initiatives,” President Devorah Lieberman said. “When he is on campus, he engages with our students and faculty, sharing his knowledge and wisdom in a way that promotes innovative ideas.”

Dr. Burchiel said the University of La Verne’s vision has resonated with him since day one, and he is looking forward to the future. “I believe the salvation of civilization is through education,” he said. “Not all problems in the world would be remedied by education, but most of them can.”



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The Three Sisters

SET IN PRE-REVOLUTIONARY Russia in the late 1800s, Anton Chekhov's "The Three Sisters" follows the story of three young educated women and their brother who were raised in upper-class society in Moscow.

"Sometimes it seems as if they are people simply sitting at a table eating dinner or playing cards, but at the same time, their future happiness is being created or their lives are being torn apart," said Director Steven Kent.

Chekhov's unique way of portraying the lives of his characters was not only in the hands of the University of La Verne's talented student actors, but in those of the dedicated faculty in the University's Department of Theatre. The production, which played March 1–6, was an example of the brilliant theatrical experience that La Verne's community has come to expect over the decades.

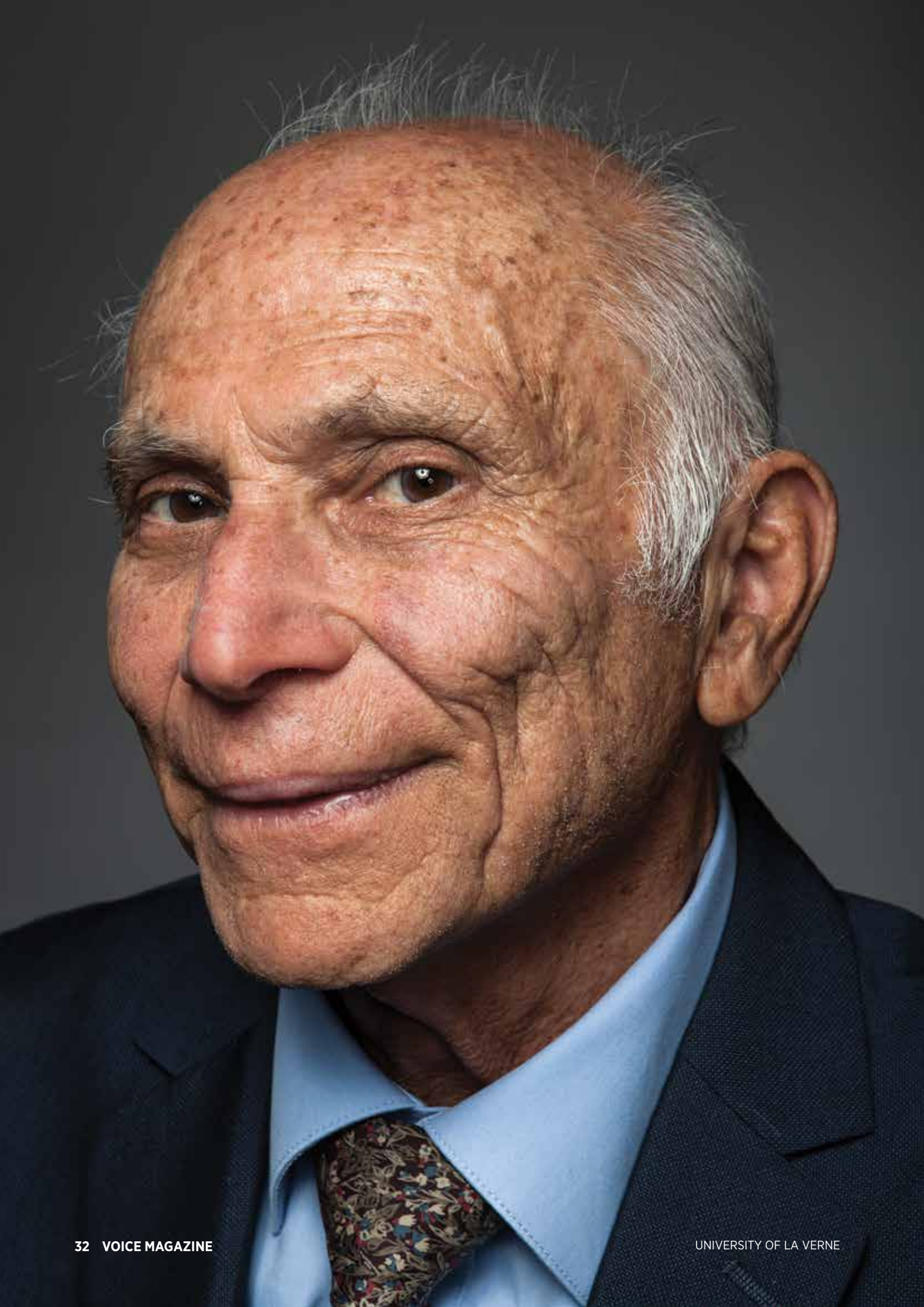
Kent, a three-time Drama Critics Circle Award winner and the University's Director of Theatre, spent years developing and adapting the play to make it modern and compelling for today's audience. It is a job he does well.

Professor of Theatre Arts David Flaten built an imaginative stage setting which included 18-foot birch trees and ghostly transparent walls. A great deal of time, sweat and energy goes into producing a show in the Dailey Theatre, but it is the only way to portray the many faces of the human condition.

For upcoming shows and information on the University's Department of Theatre Arts, visit laverne.edu/theatre.









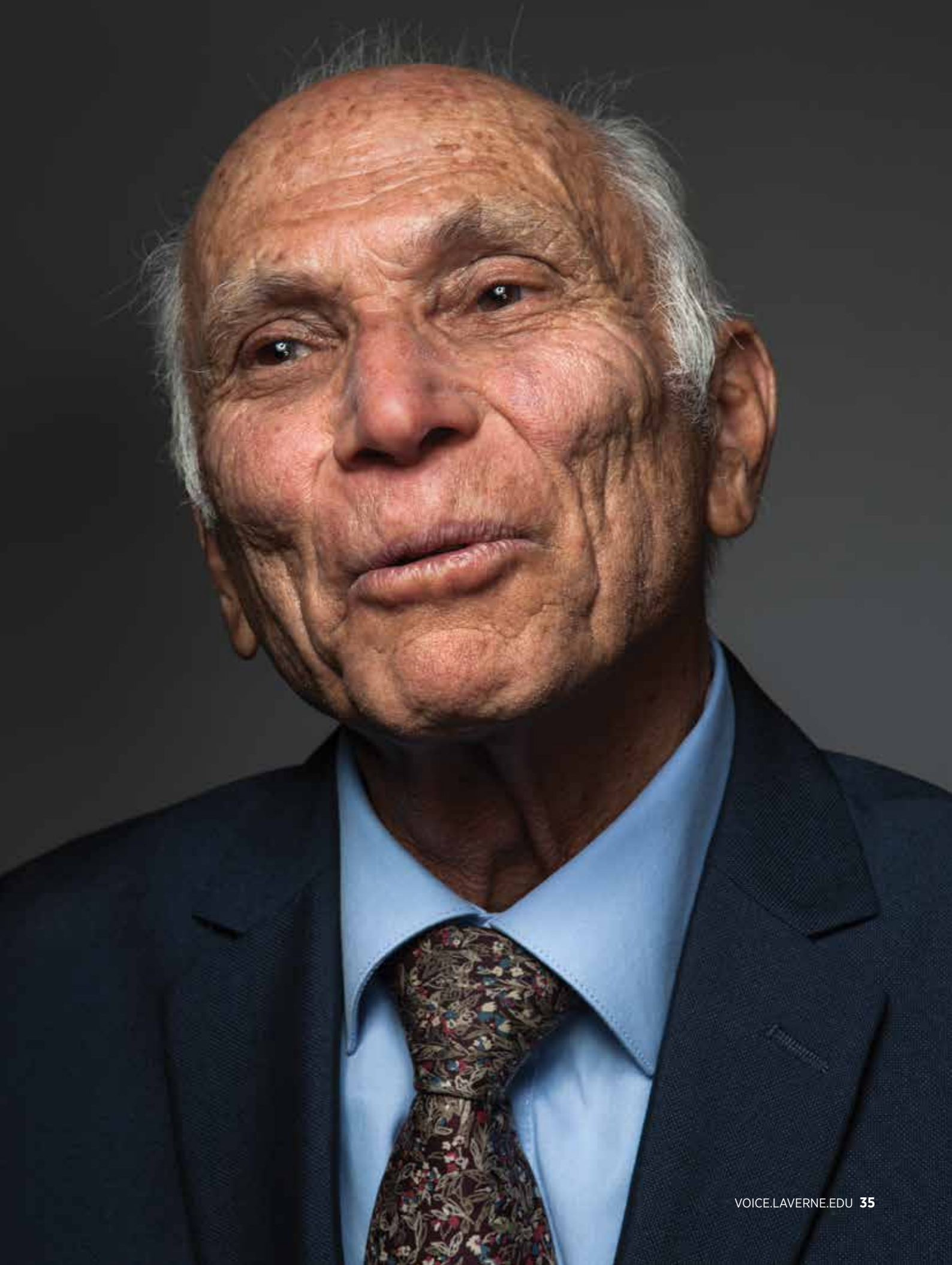
THE MAN BEHIND THE SMILE

His international influence on business and economics has taken him across the globe over the last half century. Yet his heart and his home remain in La Verne, where generations of students have been inspired by his unparalleled devotion.

Dr. Ahmed Ispahani's philosophy on life has made him University of La Verne's icon.

BY **MARK VIDAL '10 '16**
PHOTOGRAPHY BY **MAX S. GERBER**

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ROAR OF APPLAUSE surrounded Dr. Ahmed Ispahani as he rose from his seat. Every eye was on him. Every shout out, every hand clap in the room was for him. As he made his way to the stage, he boasted his trademark smile that students and colleagues have adored for the last five decades. *It was his moment.*

On May 1, 2015 the University of La Verne honored Ispahani for more than 50 years of dedicated service at the annual faculty and staff achievement ceremony. A celebration that highlights career milestones and accomplishments, many in the audience expected to hear about Ispahani's plans to retire as he accepted his award.

INSTEAD, THE 81-YEAR-OLD PROFESSOR of business and economics took to the microphone to put to rest such rumors. "I am not ready to retire," he said with the same smile. "As long as I am healthy and relevant I will continue to teach. Teaching is not work for me; teaching is fun for me."

Laughter and praise filled the room as colleagues and friends admired the man who has brought stories, knowledge, wisdom and influence to campus every day since he first set foot on the steps of Founders Hall back in 1964.

UNSUSPECTING PROFESSOR

Ispahani got lost on his way to interview for the assistant professor of business and economics position at what was then La Verne College. Driving through what seemed like never-ending orange groves, he pulled into a Texaco gas station to ask for directions. He encountered Frank Johnson, owner of the gas station and future Mayor of La Verne.

"I asked him, 'Do you know where La Verne College is?' He answered me back with a puzzled look on his face and said 'It is right behind you,'" Ispahani recalled with a chuckle. He did not realize that beyond the masses of orange trees stood Founders Hall, the center of the La Verne College campus and the location of his interview.

After discussing his qualifications for the position with President Harold D. Fasnacht, Ispahani felt confident his interview went well. Little did he realize that he would be hired that same day and offered an annual salary of \$7,200. He accepted.

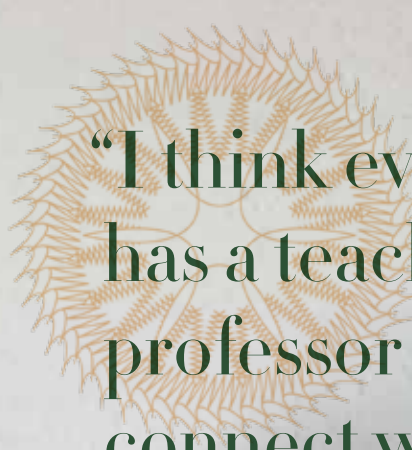
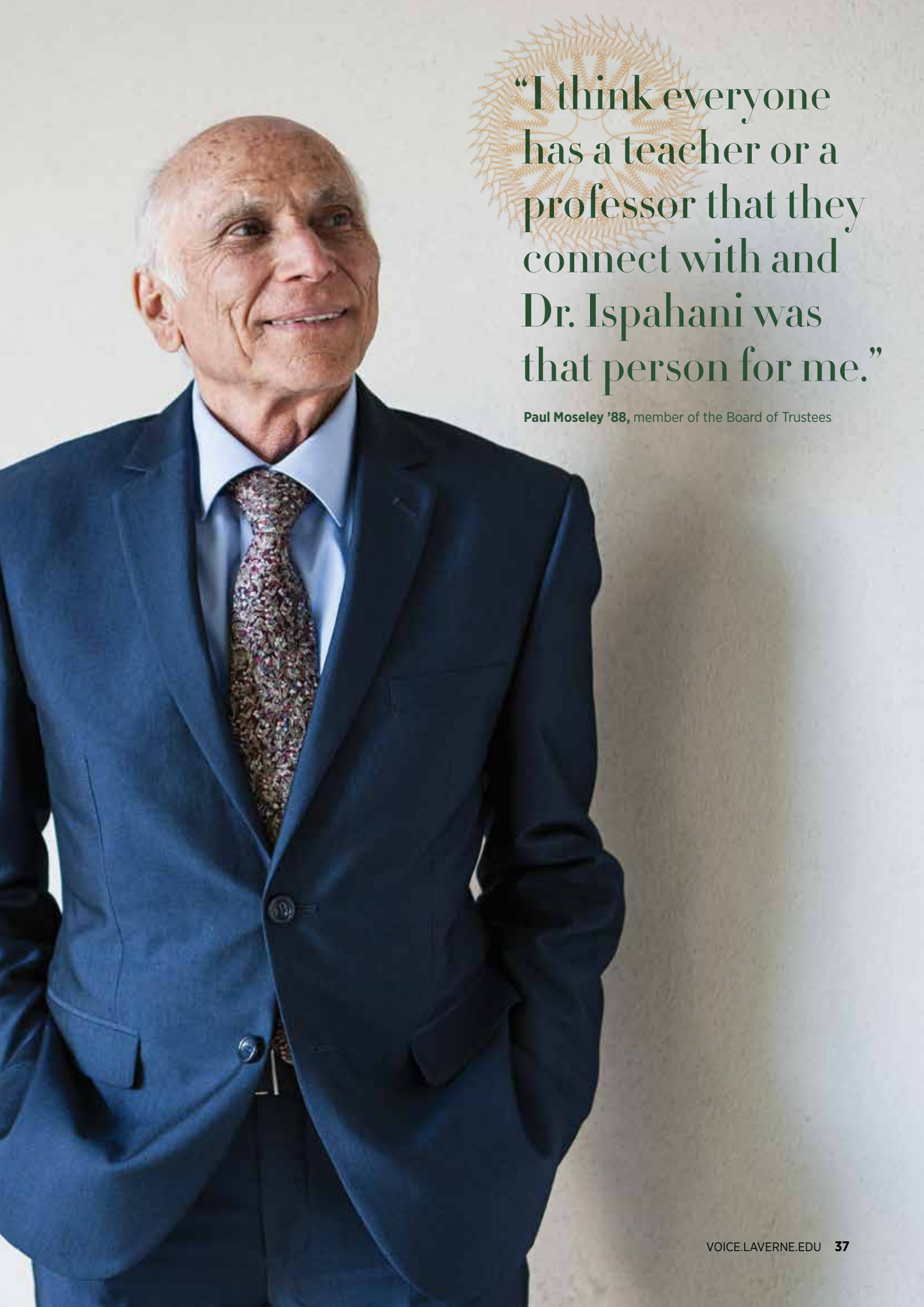
"And that was what started it all," Ispahani said. Originally from Iran, Ispahani came from a family of influential businesses owners. His father and grandfather owned a large soap manufacturing factory. Ispahani's family encouraged him at an early age to pursue his interest in business and numbers from a global perspective. And he did just that, earning a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Karachi in Pakistan as well as his master's and doctoral degrees in economics from the University of Southern California. Ispahani had aspirations of working in global finance, which prompted him to be educated in America.

Back in the 1960s, professional typing was a costly service and Ispahani needed to pay to have his entire dissertation typed before he could receive his doctorate. It was one of the reasons he applied for the faculty position at La Verne.

"I did not think I would stay at La Verne for more than a year," Ispahani said. Not only did he pay for his typing while working at La Verne, but he gained a new insight into himself: he enjoyed teaching. After receiving encouragement for a job well done from his fellow faculty, Ispahani decided to extend his contract another year. Soon, a few years became many and it became clear that the University of La Verne was where he belonged.


"What I look forward to the most is seeing my students' enthusiastic faces eager to learn. That is what has kept me here all this time," Ispahani said.

Avo Kechichian, the University's chief financial officer, remembers what it was like to be a student of Dr. Ispahani.



“I think everyone has a teacher or a professor that they connect with and Dr. Ispahani was that person for me.”

Paul Moseley '88, member of the Board of Trustees



1977: Dr. Ispahani, who enjoys the occasional outdoor classroom, teaches economics on the lawn in front of Founders Hall.

“I remember those sunny days when he gathered the class and headed outside to an open space on the University lawn to lecture. He was more than a professor to me. He was somebody I could relate to.”

GLOBAL IMPACT

By the late 1960s, Ispahani had not only established himself as one of the University’s celebrated faculty, Iran began to take notice of the success of one of its own. As the country moved toward the development of its own modern economic society, they sought out Ispahani’s expertise as a well-educated economist.

While he was happy teaching at the University, he felt compelled to pursue the experience of working for Iran’s government. It would also be his way of giving back to his country. The University encouraged this opportunity as well, but did not want to lose him. Ispahani received a leave of absence.

During his time overseas, Ispahani worked as economic advisor for the Central Bank of Iran as well as the personal economic advisor to the Shah. He also served as senior economist for Battelle Laboratories, which directly impacted several economic sectors of Iran. He traveled a great deal, meeting with both world leaders in the United Nations and citizens in developing provinces about their social economic needs.

“I was selected to lead the delegation to go to the U.N. in Geneva, Switzerland, where I served as a foreign delegate. That was one of the most rewarding experiences,” he said.

His overseas roles made Ispahani’s teaching that much richer. And he continued to bring a global perspective to his students even after he settled back at the University, particularly through his cousin, former Pakistan Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto.

She routinely came to visit Ispahani and spoke on campus to students about issues of equality and social justice. As her economic advisor and close confidant, the two were an inseparable pair and remained involved in each other’s lives until her untimely death in December 2007. At the age of 54, she was assassinated after leaving a campaign rally during parliamentary elections in Pakistan.





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Sue Searing '71, Secretary, Board of Trustees

“She cared for people. She sacrificed herself for the sake of her country,” Ispahani said. “She wanted to bring technology and education to the people of Pakistan. She wanted a more enlightened world, especially for developing countries.”

The loss of his cousin was devastating for Ispahani. But he vowed to keep her legacy alive through his dedication to education. Her legacy would continue at the University, through the Benazir Bhutto and Ahmed Ispahani International Lectureship, an honor bestowed to the dynamic duo by University of La Verne alumnus and trustee Paul Moseley '88. The lectureship, made possible by his generous gift in 2008, brings high profile international speakers to campus every year to speak on pertinent social issues affecting the world.

“I hope the lectureship series engages students and raises their level of awareness about what is happening in different parts of our world,” Moseley said. “I think everyone has a teacher or a professor that they connect with and Dr. Ispahani was that person for me.”

WHAT GOES AROUND COMES AROUND

One of Ispahani's philosophies is to practice the Golden Rule: do unto others as you would have them do unto you. It is how he was raised and how he chooses to live his life.

“If you can help someone, then help them in any way you can. That is how I live my life, and that is how I treat my students,” he said. Ispahani credits his parents with passing on their charitable values to him. He also credits his mentor, John Elliott, his professor at USC, for showering him with kindness when he was new to America.

“In the 1960s, there were few international students at USC. I didn't have friends. The culture was different. I met John Elliott and we immediately clicked. He invited me to his home for a Christmas party and included me as one of his family,” Ispahani recalls. The two remained friends throughout the years. Ispahani says he tries to emulate the character of his mentor in and outside the classroom. He believes kindness and intelligence go hand in hand.

His level of commitment has left a lasting impression on generations. Students seek out Ispahani's classes, even if

their majors do not require it. And they return some 10 or 20 years later to share the impact he has made in their lives.

Richard Searing '06 is just one example of a student who was touched by Ispahani. He only took one month-long class with Ispahani during January Interterm in 2004. “I loved his passion and enthusiasm,” Searing said. “His ability to let the class speak their mind and create an atmosphere where our opinions mattered – good and bad – helped prepare me for the real world.”

One of the happiest moments in Ispahani's career came in the fall of 2015, when the Searing family – led by Board of Trustees Secretary Sue Searing '71 and her husband Lee '70, and joined by their children Christina, Richard and Katherine – surprised him by establishing the Searing Family Endowed Chair in Honor of Dr. Ahmed Ispahani. “I was shocked. I was elated,” Ispahani said. “For the Searing family to do this in my honor so many years after I had Richard as a student, it is an incredible honor.”

An endowed chair is the greatest honor that can be bestowed upon a senior faculty member. “Our family established the Endowed Chair as our way of honoring the quality of teaching, research and service that he has brought to the University of La Verne for over 50 years,” notes Mrs. Searing. “In particular, Dr. Ispahani has transformed the lives of thousands of students and has been a role model for faculty at the University and throughout the nation.”

The gift will support the establishment of a new position in the Department of Economics within the College of Business and Public Management. In the meantime, Dr. Ispahani serves as the inaugural chair holder. The family's hope is the Endowed Chair will establish, in perpetuity, a faculty position that will carry forth the focus on students, on values, and the mission of the University of La Verne.

“That is why I say, when you help someone, sooner or later it comes around,” Ispahani said. Instead of retirement, Ispahani is focused on the present and what makes him happy. It is an ideal he hopes others can follow. “Do what you enjoy,” he said. “If you are happy with what you are doing and how you are filling your days, that, in my opinion, is a successful life.”

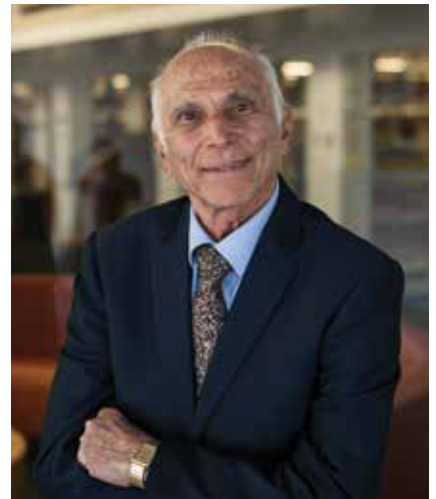


Graduation

A graduate from the University of Karachi, Pakistan, Dr. Ispahani received his bachelor's degree in economics in 1959.

Legacy Lauded

Dr. Ahmed Ispahani is the inaugural chair holder of the Searing Family Endowed Chair in Honor of Dr. Ahmed Ispahani, created to honor the more than 50 years he has taught at the University of La Verne.



Relevant Teaching

Dr. Ispahani has made it a point to incorporate emerging technological trends into the classroom throughout the years.



Class is in Session

When Dr. Ispahani began teaching in 1964, he planned to stay at University of La Verne for just one year. Today he remains, with no plans of retiring.



Family

The late former Pakistan Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, Dr. Ispahani's cousin, routinely came to campus to lecture students on issues of equality and justice.

WHAT'S NEW ALUMNI NOTES



1 Nellie Akalp JD '99 was recently selected as the Woman Business Owner of the Year by the National Association of Women Business Owners Ventura County chapter.

Erika Allen MS '10 currently serves as the Lewis-Clark State College's director of college advancement and was has been recently appointed by Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter to serve on the Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs.

2 Jeff Allred '78 was appointed as the next President and CEO of the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership and currently serves as the City Manager for Rosemead.

Sherice Bellamy MBA '07 is the new public information officer for the Ventura County Community College District. She will oversee public relations for the district, which includes Moorpark, Oxnard and Ventura colleges. She has 20 years of experience in education and public relations and taught business communication, management and small business entrepreneurship for 10 years.

3 Lourdes Duque Baron '98, singer/songwriter and author, was expected to grace the recent premiere of Butanding, directed by Ed Palmos, in Manila, Philippines. Baron obtained a dual masters degree from the University of La Verne in 1998.

Dr. Ron Carruth, Ed.D. '97 was recently awarded the Marcus Foster State Administrator of the Year Award for his inclusive management style and being a skilled manager for change. He previously served as Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services for the Whittier Union High School District and Principal of California High School. Before that, he taught and coached at the Covina Valley Unified School District and worked for Hacienda La Puente Unified School District as an administrator.

Dan Castilleja '91 was the New Mexico Senior Sports Association's "Senior Lifetime Achievement Award" recipient for 2015. This award honors senior athletes for a lifetime of distinguished participation in senior sporting activities. Previously, Castilleja was the president of DHF Technical Products.

Stefan Chacon '02 has been named a Shareholder at Montgomery & Andrews PA. Chacon's practice concentrates on health law and civil litigation.

4 Danica Crittenden JD '10 was the 2016 recipient of the Rising Star Award from the Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles, the nation's largest association of plaintiff attorneys. The award recognizes an association member who has practiced law less than 10 years, and is based on case success.

Sharon Dewar '01, a nationally recognized communications professional, has joined Public Communications Inc. as a vice president and company officer. Dewar comes to PCI from Lincoln Park Zoo, one of the nation's oldest zoos, where she served as director of public relations for nearly eight years. She brings more than two decades of experience in science communications, nonprofit communications, destination marketing, crisis management and animal welfare issues.

Curtis Frick BA '76, MAT '83 has retired after 38 years as the Bonita Unified School District Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources.

Rob Fukuzaki '88 was inducted into the Southern California Sports Broadcasters Hall of Fame. At the University of La Verne he was named Broadcaster of the Year in 1986, 1987 and 1988. Rob began working for ABC7 in 1994 and was the first male Japanese American anchor to work in Los Angeles local television news. He has gone on to cover Super Bowl, NBA championships and much more.

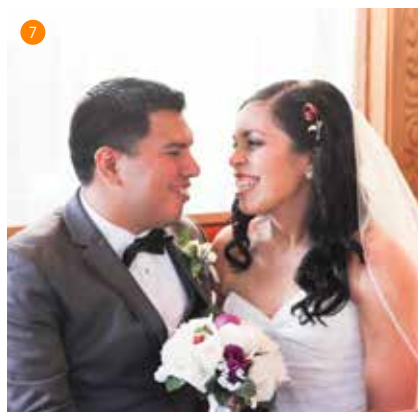
5 Michael Hernandez '12 worked as a student tutor in 2011 when he began coaching Brenda Perez '14 in accounting. After dating four years, the happy Leos tied the knot on May 6, 2016.

Lisa Morris Hibbler, Ph.D. '05 was appointed to the director of the Las Vegas Youth Development and Social Innovation Department.

Tom Van Horn '89 was appointed to the Convercent Board. As a member of the Board, Mr. Van Horn will provide guidance to the company's vision, mission and business goals as well as strategically expand the company's approach internationally.



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Amy Lopez '04 was appointed as the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District Board of Education in Santa Barbara County. Lopez is an alcohol, drug and Mental Health Services team supervisor as well as a Santa Maria Veterans Treatment Court Foundation Member.

6 Lenore Moreno '13 recently placed 13th at the Olympic marathon trials in Los Angeles after winning the Rock 'n' Roll San Diego marathon in May 2015.

7 Molly Morin '08, who graduated with Summa Cum Laude honors, along with her Bachelors in Sociology and Liberal Studies, BA '08 is a 2nd year Ph.D. student in the Student Affairs program at the University of Maryland College Park. She was the lead author of a report titled "A National Education Blueprint: Investing in Hispanics to Fulfill America's Future" in honor of celebrating the 25 year anniversary of the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics. The report can be found at: www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/docs/national_blueprint_-_latino_education.pdf. Molly also recently married Gerry Castro on December 19, 2015 in Santa Ana, California.

Chris Northup '81 is CEO of Professional Parts Group and recently elected to Certified Automotive Parts Association (CAPA) Board of Directors. Northup is active in a number of automotive industry boards and committees and is past chairman of the Collision Repair Education Foundation.

8 Eric R. Nunez '08 was appointed as the Los Alamitos Police Department Police Chief. He is also serves as an instructor at the Golden West Criminal Justice Training Center.

Venetria Patton '90 has been appointed the Head of the School of Interdisciplinary Studies in the College of Liberal Arts. She earned her B.A. in English from the University of La Verne. She was the director of African American studies and Research Center for 12 years. She is a former chair of the Purdue Black Caucus of faculty and staff and a former board member of the National Council for Black Studies and the Hanna Community Center.

Tom Perrin BA '79 and MS '80 is one of Orange County Register's 100 most influential people of 2015. After receiving his bachelors and masters in Business Management he joined the Army and was stationed in France. He is a leader in the El Nido Mobile Estates Steering Group and a member of the San Juan Capistrano Parks, Recreation, Senior and Youth Services Commission. In May of 2015, Perrin and some neighbors formed a steering committee when he got a notice that rents in El Nido mobile home park were going to double. Perrin and the committee petitioned and raised money to face off against the parks owner before the City Council and won the case.

9 Mary Suzuki MED '94 was hired by the Bear Valley Unified School District as the superintendent of schools effective December 2015. Suzuki has 24 years of experience in education as a teacher, literacy coach, principal, director of curriculum, chair of the California Technology Assistance Project, and assistant superintendent of learning support services.

Ron Walls MS '06 was promoted to Division Chief of the San Bernardino County Fire to head the North Desert Division. Beginning his career in 1988 as a firefighter/paramedic, Walls advanced through the ranks to the position of Fire Captain and transitioned to the San Bernardino County Fire Department in 2004.

Hilda Williamson MSW '10 accepted a full-time, regular position as a Social Service Practitioner for San Bernardino County Children and Family Services She is set to begin her new career opportunity by May, 2016.

In Memoriam

Larry Michael '97 passed away at the University of Southern California Medical Facility in Los Angeles. He was 64 years old. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of La Verne in 1997. He served in the Army after high school and received honors for his accomplishments. Larry was employed as an IT and Communications Engineer at ITT Federal Services Corporation on Vandenberg Air Force Base.

Bobbie C. Stahl '63 passed away on November 23, 2015. She was 103. After Bobbie's children were grown, she enrolled in the University of La Verne and earned her Bachelor of Science Degree and teaching credential. She went on to teach surgical nursing at the collegiate level. A "showgirl" to the end, Bobbie loved to entertain. She loved to play her saxophone.

Stacy Margolin MPA '09 passed away on February 16. She was an active volunteer in the City of Garden Grove where she held positions such as the Executive Director of Miss Garden Grove Scholarship Organization and Miss Garden Grove's Outstanding Teen Program.

Mary (Ellenberger) Mummert '54 passed away on January 5, 2016 at the age of 83. She resided in Orland Park, Illinois as a retired elementary school teacher. Mummert received a BA in Elementary Education in 1954 and was crowned homecoming queen in 1953.

10 Richard Landis '42, former University chancellor and trustee emeritus, passed away Feb. 14 in his sleep at the age of 95. Mr. Landis leaves behind a legacy of philanthropy, selflessness and support for lifelong learning. Mr. Landis gave magnanimously to the University of La Verne with the Landis Endowed Scholarship, which offers more than \$100,000 in scholarships to students interested in pursuing leadership or business careers, and in establishing the Landis Professorship in Leadership and Ethics through his estate.

RACING ONWARD

Lenore Moreno '13 Continues to Reach Higher

First she claimed two NCAA national championships in the indoor 5,000-meter run and the outdoor 10,000 meters as a student-athlete at the University of La Verne. Then she competed in the 2016 U.S. Olympic Marathon Team Trials on February 13. She finished 13th out of 149 runners with a time of 2 hours, 39 minutes, 38 seconds. Although she didn't make the team, the West Covina native says it was an unforgettable experience.

"I don't think I've ever experienced so many emotions at once, but the most exciting part was being able to be in the same race as all the tremendous women that have inspired me every day since I started running," Moreno said. "I have to admit I was completely star struck in the holding room prior to the race start."

Despite her incredible finish, Moreno says she thought she had closed the book on her competitive career after the NCAA National Championship in May 2014. But her instinct was rekindled when she saw an advertisement for Disneyland's Tinker Bell Half Marathon in May 2015. She signed up and did what she does best, flying by her competition in a record time to win the race. "That race completely changed my mindset and had me wondering if the 2016 trials were within my reach," Moreno said.

"I talked it over with (the University's cross country coach) Bryan George and he assured me I could make the marathon standard."

The next step was the San Diego Marathon, which took place just three weeks after the half marathon. Moreno, who had never run farther than 21 miles at one time, says she didn't think she had a shot at meeting the qualifying standard of 2:45:00, but she once again shattered her ceiling. Not only did she finish first among women at 2:41:39, but she also beat all but two men in the entire event and was so far ahead of the pack that she ran by herself almost the entire race.

Moreno went on to win the Long Beach Marathon in October before hitting the final stretch of preparation for the trials. She never thought she would outperform her seed by 117 places. "If someone had told me that prior to the race, I would have just laughed," Moreno said of her leap. "I was focusing on passing one runner at a time and wasn't aware of my place until after I was coming down the last stretch. I honestly thought it was a mistake and couldn't believe it."

Before the race, Moreno looked at the trials as her last competitive race but her outstanding finish might have her thinking twice. "It leaves me thinking of how much more I could improve," Moreno said. "Running is a huge passion of mine and it will be very hard to just delete that from my life...I haven't really made any decisions on whether I want to continue running competitively just yet." If she does give it one more go in 2020, no one will count her out.



HEART OF LA VERNE UNIQUELY LA VERNE

FARMERS MARKET: A colorful selection of fresh vegetables sits on display at the weekly La Verne Fresh Certified Farmer's Market, just a short walk from the University of La Verne campus.



WAY-BACK-WHEN TRIVIA

Tuition was raised from \$350 per semester to \$_____ per semester
in the academic year 1960-61.

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Tuition Up In '60-'61; Salaries Up, Too!

By Denny Wise

La Verne College will raise its tuition from the present \$350 per semester to _____ each semester in the academic year 1960-61. President Fasnacht made this announcement during his convocation address in chapel several weeks ago.

The reason tuition is being raised is to provide money for an increase in faculty salaries. The LVC faculty is grossly underpaid, and it is high time something was done about it. There are seven faculty members who have earned their doctor's degree and not a one of them is earning any more than their students do

when they go out to teach in the elementary schools.

Despite these financial conditions, no faculty member has asked for a raise. The increase in salary was brought about by the Board of Trustees, and not any too soon, if you ask this reporter. Naturally, the thought of having to put out more money struck a discordant sound with you, too, but if you stop to think of the way the faculty was giving of their time and getting so little compensation, you will decide they should have had a raise in salary long ago.

President Fasnacht urges any-

one who wishes to know more about the financial organization of the college and more about the tuition increase to feel free to obtain the President's annual report, which is available in the Business Office. It includes the summary of assets, indebtedness, current fund, donations, sources of income, distribution of expenditures, etc.

"La Verne has an academic excellence equivalent to other colleges which deserves to be compensated," said Dr. Fasnacht.

In addition to the tuition increase, an alumni campaign will be initiated to help raise money.

We, as students must remember that we pay for only about two-thirds of our education. The rest is paid by donations to the college by friends, which we recognize as grants and scholarships. Much of the money that comes into the college is not through the students but through donors.

Despite the increase in tuition, La Verne will remain as one of the lower priced colleges among the private colleges of Southern California. For those students who feel they simply cannot remain at La Verne with the added cost in tuition, there is a good possibility that they will be awarded a scholarship. More money is being added to the scholarship fund, and anyone who thinks he cannot afford the increase, should apply through the Scholarship Commission of which Dean Baum is chairman. See your counselor for more definite details.



Speech contest winner, Evelyn Garner, a freshman from Pomona, is shown here accepting the first prize check for twenty-five dollars from LVC Student Body President Don Holstrom. The check was awarded at the December 10th assembly presented by the Christian Association.

La Verne to Observe Religion in Life Week: Dr. John Whiteneck Will Be Campus Leader

Religion In Life Week will be observed on campus February 9-12 with Dr. John S. Whiteneck, Jr. as guest speaker.

Dr. Whiteneck, pastor of the Congregational Church, Rukers-

personal counseling opportunities will be available.

Mel Heckman and Donna Boileau have been chosen to be the student leaders for his important week.

Leos Seek Upset In Bronco Tilt Tonight

By Dave Hollinger
NCT Sports Editor

La Verne's basketball team will take on Cal Poly's Broncos tonight in an "old oaken bucket" encounter on the LVC hardwoods. Poly will be overwhelming favorites in view of their superior record thus far in the season. La Verne, on the other hand, has gained but two victories thus far (Upland, CMC).

Leopard fans will remember with relief last season's three games with Poly, as La Verne

emerged victorious on all occasions. The initial battle was held at LVC where the margin was a close 60-58. It was after this contest that general fist-cuffs erupted on the floor. The second game went 65-41, and the third 71-51.

Tonight's Leopards will be without the services of such fighters as Les Zedric, Bill Bussey and Doug Teter who sparked last year's wins over Poly. The job will be in the hands of Mel Intire, Johannsen, Colburn, Mainiero, and Wheeler, the probable starting line-up. All must come through with top performances in order for any chance of an upset tonight. Action starts at 6:30 with the JV's, varsity tilt to follow.

"Europe in the 1960's" Topic of TV Discussion

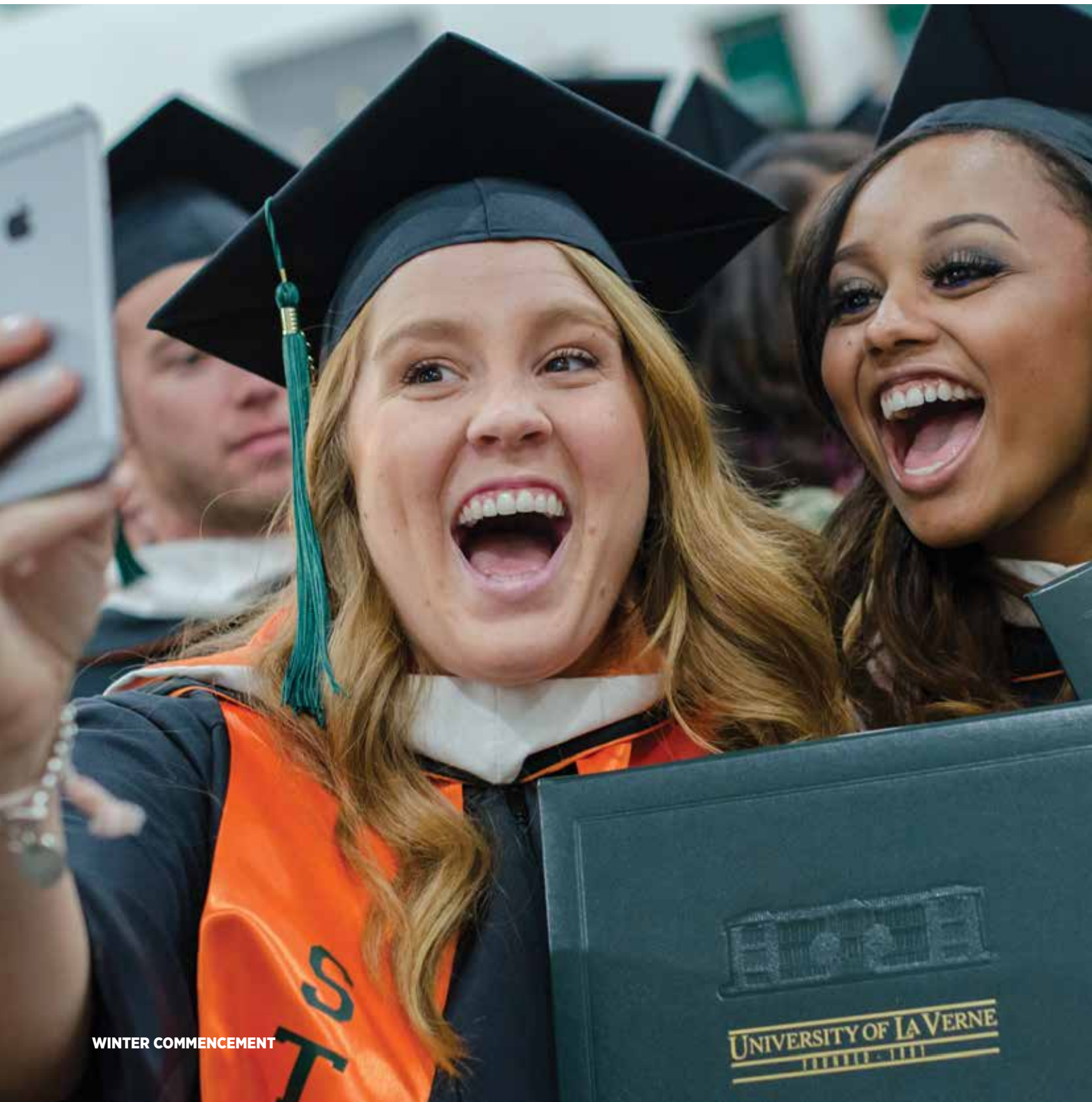


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