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PRESIDENT'S

In August, I shared some thoughts with our employees about a concept I call **"Here, Now & Close,"** and I've had several say that this simple framework has really helped them personally and spiritually.

I've been doing some research on grief and the brain. Now that I have a deeper understanding of how our brain works, especially after loss, I believe there's a battle going on every day for us around *here, now, and close*.

God wants us to feel Him here, now, and close. So much so that he gave his Son, then the Father and the Son gave us the Spirit so that we would know we're loved. We're not alone. We're cared for, we're worthy of being loved, we're worthy of being liked. God desperately wants us to know and believe and experience Him here, now, and close.

On the other side of this battle going on every day is a lion prowling in the grass just outside of our vision, ready to pounce on us at every turn so that we have no here, we have no now, and we have no close; not just with our friends, colleagues, people in our church or our college or business, but also with our Heavenly Father.

It doesn't have to be some terrible belief that we're tricked into by the devil, by the adversary, by this lion that wants to rip us to shreds. Sometimes it's the subtle nudge to just isolate. You convince yourself you'll be better, you'll get more energy, you'll have better study time. You'll be more recharged if you go sharpen the saw. So take off a week or two or a year or a decade and just kind of be alone. Be insulated because your spouse would probably appreciate it if you took better care of yourself anyway.

There are variations of variations of lies that tell us not to be in connected relationships, I know it's hard to lead, especially the highest positions in an organization, and maintain a good group of friendships. It is. The power imbalance inherent in any leadership setting gets in the way.

There are these protective and normal, understandable issues and dynamics going on in any organization. I know it's tough to have friends as a leader, but you don't have to have your closest friends at work.

What I have come to believe and know in my heart is that the Holy Spirit was given to us to remind us every day, every moment, that in addition to friends and family, Emmanuel is ALWAYS here, now, and close.



PERSPECTIVE

In our tradition, we had a view that the Holy Spirit would help us from time to time. We did not have a tradition of signs and wonders and speaking in tongues. And so it got murky for a while, and I wasn't really sure what He does do for believers.

But one thing I believe is that we have underappreciated the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives. And in the last few months, my friends, I have been overwhelmed by the hereness and the nowness and the closeness of God. Yes, in my family, yes, in friend groups, but at least as much if not more, by the presence of the Holy Spirit in my life.

If you're lonely, if you've been struggling, I want right now to take just a minute and remind you that the literal name for Jesus is Emmanuel: God with us. And one of the names for the Holy Spirit is Paraclete, the One wearing cleats on the hill right next to us.

Jesus, in the middle of a long sermon, talks about the role of the Spirit. He says, "I will ask the Father and he will give you another helper, that the helper may be with you always and forever."

God wants to be in this with you and give you so much joy and so much power and so much confidence that you begin to engage other people and take some risks and start some groups and send out some connections and some offers to be with people. You spend less time alone and spend less time on your phone.

May God remind you that you are loved with an infinite love, and that love is so deep and so strong that it can withstand losses and criticism and critique and separations.

That love is so strong!

It propels us toward connecting with people so that we can restore

relationships. So strong that we can get through periods where we are alone, when we are lonely.

God, we need your strength and we need the lion to take a hike!

Today I ask that we would engage in new behaviors, that we would be more connective and less escape oriented, that we would be more initiating and less retreating.

God, thank you for your Word. Thank you for your Spirit. Thank you for being Emmanuel. We love you. We thank you. We need you, Jesus!

Paul H. Alexander, Ph.D.
University President



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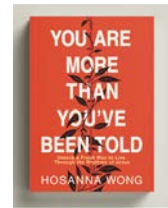
More Than You've Been Told



Hosanna Wong ('11) is an international speaker, best-selling author, and spoken word artist helping everyday people know Jesus for real. Widely known for her spoken word piece, "I Have A New Name," Hosanna shares in churches, conferences, prisons, and other events around the world, reaching across various denominations, backgrounds, and cultures.

Born and raised in an urban ministry on the streets of San Francisco, Hosanna later packed her life into suitcases and traveled to churches and other ministries throughout the United States to share about Jesus through spoken word poetry. During those years without a permanent home, she began speaking and creating resources to serve the local and global Church.

She currently travels and speaks year-round, and serves on teaching teams at churches throughout the United States.



Hosanna never meant to attend a private, Christian university. She was raised by a father who had struggled with a heroin addiction and the gang lifestyle. When a man introduced him to Jesus, he turned from gang activity and addiction, and then raised Hosanna in a church that looked very different from those that most HIU students experience. They served in the streets and worshipped outdoors, with no stained glass or comfortable seats, and it was in those streets that Hosanna built the foundation for her current ministry, through which she preaches, teaches, and helps others know Jesus "for real."

"I learned spoken word poetry and hip-hop on the streets, and I never realized that those art forms could serve Jesus," Hosanna said.

Her non-traditional childhood meant that school was a struggle, because she didn't quite fit the model of a scholar. Still, her grades were sufficient to lead to multiple scholarship offers when it was time for college. She chose Hope International University, the only faith-based institution among her options, not because of the faith base, but because it offered her the biggest scholarship package.

Shortly prior to her freshman year, her father was diagnosed with cancer, and Hosanna did not want to leave him, but his desire for his daughter to earn a college degree persuaded her to move to Fullerton. Once she arrived, she planned to stay for a year and then leave, but her father lost his battle with cancer during her first year and, not really feeling like she had a place to return, she continued in her pursuit of higher education, ultimately declaring an English major. She struggled with her faith, feeling deeply wounded and confused by the church, but she found a stronger spiritual connection midway through her college years.

"I had met Jesus when I was very young," she said, "but, when I was about 20 years old, I realized that I needed my own relationship with Jesus, not connected to my father's relationship with Jesus."

That fresh relationship with God, combined with her English major, led Wong into mentorships with two professors who supported her in ways that profoundly impacted her life:

Professor Cora Alley, now retired as Chair of the English Department, and Dr. Natalie Hewitt, currently Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. She said they always allowed her to be raw and honest, but demanded her best; she remembers that the “A” she earned in a grammar class with Dr. Hewitt was the hardest-earned grade ever.

“They supported my desire to use my art form to help others know Jesus,” said Wong. “They pushed me to be excellent, to learn literature and writing in their more classic forms, and to express myself in written form. I wouldn’t be a published author without them.”

Hosanna also had a small group of friends who, like her, also found it difficult to relate to many other HIU students. She and her group of friends drove to Los Angeles on weekends, so that she could perform her work at slam poetry gatherings and other types of events. A lifelong friendship with her best friend, Kasey Martin-Lau (2011), thrived when they played tennis doubles in their senior year, and Wong is privileged to have performed Martin-Lau’s wedding ceremony this past summer.

During college, she began ministering through spoken word, feeling convicted that she didn’t want to wait until after graduation to start serving. Her friendships and L.A. experiences, in addition to the guidance of faculty members who helped her through a dark time of loss

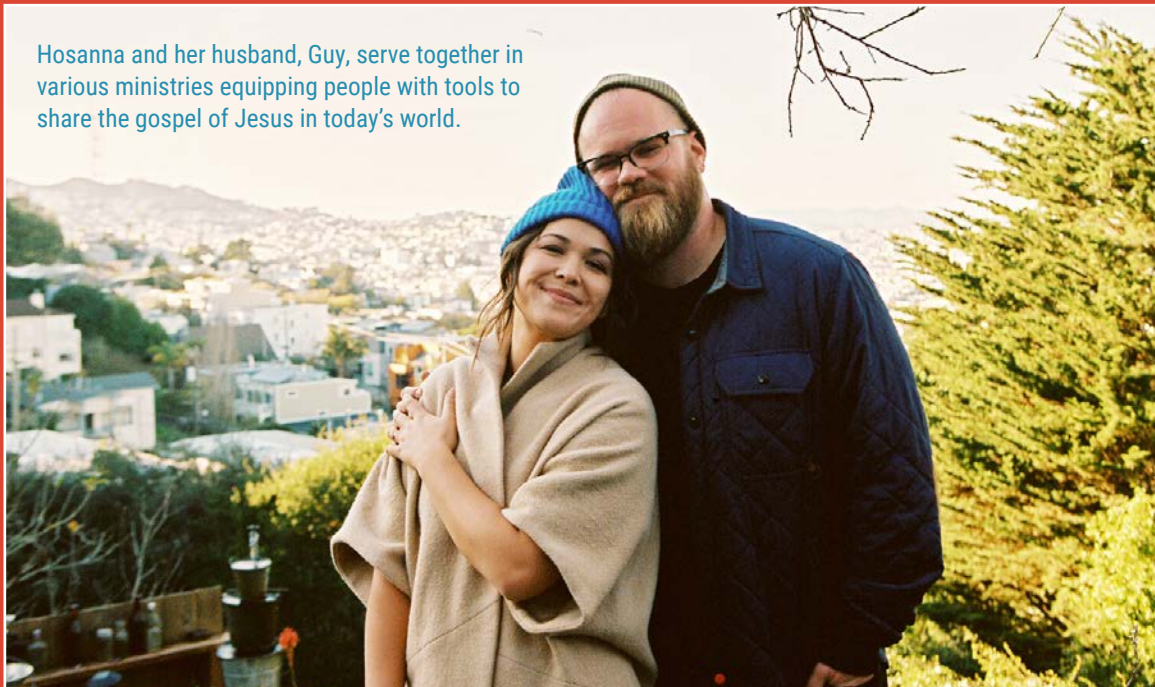
and discovery, were all part of the growing realization that she really could use her talents to minister, but it took some time for her heart to soften toward the church as an institution.

She was prepared to teach English after graduation but was beset by invitations to work at local churches that summer, sharing her unique spoken word poetry. The girl who didn’t feel like she fit in with typical congregations found herself living with pastors’ families and that work grew into more than four years of traveling and ministering. Early in her travels, she met her husband, Guy Johnson, and they married two years later.

Hosanna has written two books, *How Not to Save the World: The Truth about Revealing God’s Love to the People Right Next to You*, and the recently-published *You Are More Than You’ve Been Told (Unlock a Fresh Way to Live Through the Rhythms of Jesus)*. Her husband, Guy, is a pastor and president of their nonprofit, Word on the Street Global. The themes of sharing the gospel with everyday people and authenticity in faith feature prominently in all of her words and work, and she continues to travel extensively, spending about 42 weekends per year, ministering in churches, conferences, and prisons.

To learn more about Hosanna and her ministry, go to HosannaWong.com.

Hosanna and her husband, Guy, serve together in various ministries equipping people with tools to share the gospel of Jesus in today’s world.



HOPE EMPOWERS WOMEN

Royals Bring Hope to Uganda

Alumni **Sam Samanda (MA '21)** and **De Angela Smith (MA '19)** went on a mission trip to Uganda, Africa, with their non-profit organization, *Hope Women Empowerment (HWEO)*. Before the trip, HIU's Marriage & Family Therapy program faculty and staff worked tirelessly to gain monetary donations and sponsorships to supply essential resources such as food, housing, and education to the local community of Luweero, Uganda, along with the homestead villages for refugees. This extraordinary collaboration and cultural exchange fostered hope and

positive change by contributing to the betterment of young female children and families in Uganda.

Poverty and inequality are persistent issues in many developing countries, often due to limited access to resources and opportunities. To eradicate poverty and promote sustainable development, it is crucial to empower women and girls through education and skill development and provide them with the necessary resources and supportive ecosystems.

HWEO works to provide a safe and supportive environment for young and adolescent girls in Uganda. HWEO focuses on reducing poverty and promoting sustainable development by addressing these girls' physical, educational, health, emotional, and spiritual needs.

To address the physical and financial needs of young girls, HWEO sports programs help exceptionally talented girls secure half-bursaries in schools with sports programs. Games and sports activities are also used to





communicate key messages and raise awareness of girls' rights and aspirations.

HWEU goes beyond traditional approaches of securing donations. It involves universities, local schools, private donors, and social service organizations. Through these partnerships, the organization can address the needs of young girls.

For example, a summer mission trip included the Hope International University soccer team donating equipment and uniforms to the HWEU sports program.

In their efforts to serve the community through their nonprofit organization, Sam and De Angela continue to demonstrate the value of interdisciplinary collaboration. With the dependence on donations from the community and HWEU Uganda team volunteers, the organization strives to maintain a comprehensive and holistic approach at the residential home in Uganda.

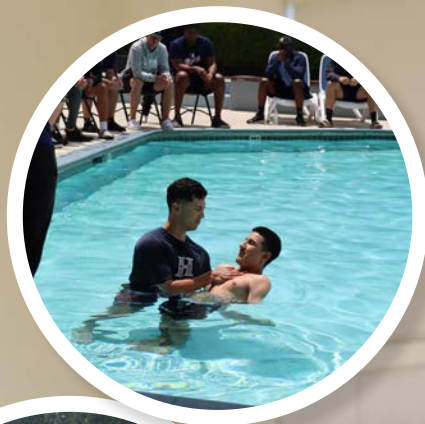
HWEU provides educational support to female children, providing school fees, scholastic materials, and a safe

environment for previously abused and vulnerable girls; as well as a comprehensive care plan that includes monitoring, assessment, and evaluation of each girl's reintegration into their respective communities.

Entrepreneurship and skill building is in early development, along with training clothing alteration, bag-making, livestock sales, facilitating spiritual development and conducting Christian devotions at the residential home daily, and providing age-appropriate, biblically-based counseling.

De Angela and Sam resonate deeply with the principles and values that guide HWEU, such as "If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it" 1 Corinthians 12:26.

Sam and De Angela are dedicated to advocating for young Ugandan girls' social and economic inclusion. Although it is challenging and the global community is aspirational and not fully realized, it is at the same time achingly beautiful to stand with God in complete agreement for social and economic justice.





ROYALS

22-23 HIGHLIGHTS

The HIU Royals were recognized as a CHAMPIONS OF CHARACTER Five Star Institution, receiving a perfect score. **Jade Philips & Jesus Vargas** were named our Cliff Hamlow Champion of Character Award winners.

13 NAIA Scholar Teams
28 NAIA Scholar Athletes
7 NAIA All Americans
5 CSCA All Americans

65 GSAC Scholar Athletes
34 All-GSAC
7 Gold Gloves

WOMEN'S SOCCER: Under third year Head Coach **Scott Dement**, the Royals finished the season in sixth place with a record of 9-7-2, 3-4-1 GSAC. They qualified for the playoffs as the sixth seed and lost in the first round to Menlo. **Sarah Ralston** and **Ryley Candelario** were named All-GSAC.

MEN'S SOCCER: Coach **Joe Lurker** was named GSAC Coach of the Year as he guided the Royals to a first place regular season finish for only the second time in program history and first since

2014. **Jesus Vargas** was named GSAC Player of the Year and **Dario Robles** was named Freshman of the Year as the Royals finished with a record of 11-3-4, 6-1-2 GSAC. **Diego Lopez** and **Willy Loreda Suarez** were also named All-GSAC but the Royals fell in the first round of the GSAC playoffs to Vanguard. Vargas was also named NAIA All American Honorable Mention for the second time.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL: The Royals finished the year in ninth place with a record

of 6-20, 5-13 GSAC. Season highlights included a sweep of fifth place OUAZ at home and a 3-1 win over third place Jessup on the road.

CROSS COUNTRY: **Emma Timmermans** qualified for the NAIA National Championships for the second time placing 78th out of 326 runners. The men's team placed sixth overall at the GSAC Championships and were led by **Diego Pineda** who recorded the sixth fastest time in school history. On the women's side, Timmermans

finished 9th at the GSAC Championships to earn All-GSAC honors as the Royals finished fifth overall.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: First year Head Coach **Jessica Case** led the Royals to their second ever GSAC Tournament Championship after they finished tied for third in the regular season with a record of 24-8, 13-5 GSAC. They got to the Championship game after upsetting Coach Case's alma mater and No. 6 ranked Westmont in the semifinals.



> > > As a result they made their third ever appearance and second in a row in the NAIA National Tournament. **Shiane Talley** and **Jeanette Fine** were named All-GSAC and NAIA All-American Honorable Mention.

MEN'S BASKETBALL: For the eighth time in program history the men's basketball team made it to the NAIA Tournament after finishing the GSAC regular season in third place with a record of 20-12, 11-7 GSAC. They made it to the GSAC Tournament finals after upsetting second seeded The Master's in the semifinals but then fell to eventual NAIA fab four team OUAZ in the final. **Jalani Horn** and **Sebastian Castro** were named All-GSAC.

GOLF: Third year Head Coach **Britney Sok** was named GSAC Coach of the Year for the women after they won the TMU Spring Invite and Ron Streck Invite with **Lily Rodriguez** winning the individual title in both. The women's team also placed fifth at the GSAC Championships with Rodriguez earning All-GSAC honors and **Day Martinez** leading the way with a 9th place finish. On the men's side **Troy Schulz** delivered the Royals only individual title with a win at the Ron Streck Invitational. The men also placed seventh at the GSAC Championships with Schulz leading the way with a 10th place overall finish to earn All-GSAC honors.

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL: The Royals finished the year in last place with a record of 3-17, 0-10 GSAC. **Coby Prowse** led the Royals with 239 kills.

TRACK & FIELD: **Teddy Ochieng** qualified for the NAIA National Champions and set a new school record in the long jump placing 11th. At the Outdoor GSAC Championships Ochieng finished second in the long and Michael Ventura finished second in the 400m hurdles as the men's team finished 8th overall. The women finished 7th at the GSAC Championships with **Emma Timmermans** leading the way with a 6th place finish in the 1500m followed by a 3rd place finish in the 5000m. Timmermans also qualified for the NAIA National Championships and placed 9th in the 5000m. Timmermans also competed at the NAIA Indoor Track and Field Championships setting a new school record.

TENNIS: **Maldini Simic** was named GSAC Freshman of the year while **Tiffany Beukes** received All-GSAC honors as they helped lead the Royals to a 7-7 record and an appearance in the GSAC Semifinals after finishing the regular season in third. Simic was also named NAIA All-American Honorable Mention and ITA Rookie of the Year. The men's team improved upon last year's performance as they finished in fourth place with a record of 7-10 and also appeared in the GSAC

semifinals. **Lucas Ibarrrondo Suarez** was named All-GSAC.

BEACH VOLLEYBALL: **Candice Palmer** was named All-GSAC for the third year in a row while **Taylor Erickson** also received All-GSAC honors as they helped lead the Royals with a record of 8-8 including helping upset No. 7 Arizona Christian. The team overall finished in fourth place with a record of 7-15, 6-6 GSAC.

SOFTBALL: First year Head Coach **Alex Mascarenas** was named GSAC Coach of the Year after guiding the Royals to their third GSAC Regular Season Championship with a record of 41-15, 18-6 GSAC.

Allie Puente was named GSAC Pitcher of the Year as well as NAIA and NFCA All-American First Team as she led the NAIA with 394 strikeouts and an ERA of 0.60 to with a 30-5 record. Puente helped put the Royals one win away from their first even NAIA World Series appearance as they made it to the Championship game in the San Antonio bracket, falling to No. 2 ranked Our Lady of the Lake. **Makenna O'Toole, Emily Puente, Emma McCraw, Kassie Puente, Makenna Stuart** and **Jaylyn Hernandez** also earned All-GSAC honors.

BASEBALL: **Larry Mahoney**, in his second year as head coach led the Royals to a record of 33-11, 19-5 GSAC as they finished in second place behind eventual NAIA National Champions Westmont. As a

result the Royals received a berth in the NAIA National Championship for the fifth time in program history, but fell as the top seed in the Lewiston bracket. **Max Jung Goldberg** was named GSAC Player of the Year and **Hector Garcia** was named GSAC Pitcher of the Year. Garcia and Jung-Goldberg also received NAIA All-American Honorable Mention honors, while Garcia became the fourth Royal and first under coach Mahoney to be drafted when he was selected by the Minnesota Twins. **Omar Veloz, Robert Mattei, David Rivera, Matthew Pinal** and **Connor Martin** received All-GSAC honors.

COMPETITIVE DANCE: The HIU Dance program placed second at the Midland Invitational and second out of ten teams at the Southwest National Qualifier. They then competed at the NDA National Championships where they brought home the NDA National Championship in the Hip Hop category placing first out of six teams.

STUNT: In their second year led by Head Coach **Kori Johnson**, the Royals went 13-10 and advanced to the NAIA Championships where they finished as the third best team in the country. **Kamea Binnquist** and **Jasmine Rincon** received CSCA All American First Team honors, while **Nicole Contreras, Angelina Castanon** and **Jamie Goldman** received Second Team honors, and **Amaya Quintero** received Honorable Mention honors.



NSO: WELCOMING OUR NEWEST ROYALS!





IRON SHARPENING IRON

In October, HIU served as the host site of Shepherd Church's **IRON SHARPENING IRON** event for ministry leaders, featuring **Pastor Ray Johnston**.

Ray is the founding pastor and Senior Pastor of Bayside Church, which has grown to over 20,000 people in attendance with campuses throughout the Sacramento area, Northern California, and Orange County. Ray believes that the church is called to outreach, spiritual growth, and equipping Christian leaders.

The ISI Conference is a gathering for Southern California church and ministry leaders to provide an opportunity to develop new long-lasting relationships with other leaders in the area, dialogue, learn, network, and share best practices regarding aspects of ministry leadership.





**PARDON OUR DUST
RENOVATIONS IN PROGRESS**

Due to failing water pipes that were more than 60 years old, the central portion of the campus underwent a major "underhaul" as the hot and cold water pipes were dug up, dismantled, and replaced. Much of the 2022-23 school year felt like a perpetual construction zone. Everything has been updated, replaced, re-planted, and restored (including our collective sanity). Kudos to our crew who managed this major project with extraordinary patience, professionalism, and grace!



CELEBRATING OUR GLOBAL IMPACT

Nearly 400 HIU alumni and friends gathered in the Grand Ballroom of the Disneyland Resort Hotel last Spring for an elegant evening of celebration, inspiration, and philanthropy. The 2023 program highlighted HIU's global impact, and honored individuals and organizations that fulfill HIU's mission to impact the world for Christ.

HIU President, **Dr. Paul H. Alexander ('84, '88)**, delivered the keynote address and presented HIU's highest honor, The Spirit of Hope Award, to **Gene Appel**, Senior Pastor of Eastside Christian Church based in Anaheim, CA. Appel shared a moving and poignant message of the importance and urgency of HIU's mission.

Current HIU seniors **Daunte Ferguson ('23)** and **Surie Camacho ('23)** each shared personal stories of how God led them to Hope, provided the financial assistance necessary for them to attend, and how HIU has impacted their faith and prepared them for life. Ferguson, who is from the Omaha area, started his college career at Nebraska Christian College. He is a Worship Arts major and plans to pursue a graduate degree in Spiritual Formation while serving in full-time ministry. Camacho, whose family is from Nicaragua, is a Business Management major. She has been accepted

into an MBA program in Europe and plans to start her own business-as-mission. Both students thanked donors for giving to support student scholarships, making it possible for them to afford HIU.

Student emcees for the 2023 gala included **Brannan Williams ('23, '25)**, who grew up in China, and **Lisanne Siebrecht ('23)**, a native of Germany.

Distinguished Alumni Awards were presented to **Roger Fletcher ('77 NCC)**, **Jed ('99) & Renee Gourley ('99)**, **Doug Kallestad ('87)**, **Chris ('84, '86) & Carole McKinney ('83, '12)**, and **Jessica Vance ('14)**. Fletcher and the McKinneys were joined by **Dr. Joe Grana ('88)** on an "Alumni in Missions" panel. Each took turns sharing insights and reflections on their commitment to God's call on their lives, and how their Christian college experience prepared and compelled them to serve overseas.

A six-member female vocal ensemble sang "America the Beautiful" and "The Star Spangled Banner" a capella, and guests also enjoyed musical performances from the HIU Worship Team, directed by alumnus and professor **Matt Thompson**, Chair of Worship Arts at Hope.



Three individuals were inducted into the HIU Royals Athletics Hall of Fame: **Jeremy Kilgore ('14)**, **Brittany Bauman ('15)**, and **Dr. Mark Comeaux (2005-2022)**.

Prior to the program and dinner, guests gathered for a pre-event reception, enjoying hors d'oeuvres, live music, student ambassadors, and a special photo op with Mickey Mouse.

THANK YOU to all of our faithful and generous supporters whose donations make it possible for students to attend HIU. The impact of your investment reverberates around the globe, through the lives of our alumni and future alumni!



A woman with long brown hair, wearing a blue short-sleeved top and a black skirt, stands smiling in front of a large blue sign. The sign features the HIU logo and the text 'THE INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY'. To the left of the woman is a green hedge, and in the background are trees and a building.

Dr. NATALIE HEWITT
Dean of the College
of Arts & Sciences

[COVER STORY]

HIU Enters a New Era
of Academic Leadership >>>



Dr. JOYCE YANG
Dean of the College
of Education



"I knew I was in the right place!"

Dr. Natalie Hewitt (BA '02), HIU's new Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS), arrived at then-Pacific Christian College as a freshman, absolutely confident that she belonged. A church leader from Dinuba Christian Church, in California's Central Valley, had introduced her father to Christianity, and Natalie spent her youth growing in that congregation. PCC alumnus Jon Kile (BA '92), pastor of the Dinuba church, and his wife, Tiffany (BA '92), were her mentors, and that relationship led her to PCC.

She entered college on a President's Scholarship as a member of the music group Ecclesia. The blending of her love for music and the Bible somehow led her to major in English, which makes perfect sense to Dr. Hewitt.

"Ministry touches people with the story of Jesus Christ," she explained, paraphrasing John 3:21, "and that message holds up in the Humanities, through other voices, letting the truth do its work."

She became friends with her future husband, Jay Hewitt (BA '03), when they both served as resident assistants on campus in 2000-2001. They began dating in 2001 and married in 2003; they are the parents of one daughter, Hero.

After graduating, Natalie taught freshman English at Whittier Christian High School. A born teacher, she was surprised when she resigned from Whittier to accept the Residence Life Coordinator staff position at HIU, and the high school principal asked if she'd be willing

to stay on in an administrative position.

"I was 25 years old and he said, 'Don't you know this is your gift?' she laughed. 'It was a foreshadowing of what would happen later.'"

She completed her Master's degree in English Literature at University of CA, Irvine, and began teaching Remedial English at HIU on an adjunct basis, at the invitation of longtime Department Chair Cora Alley. Just as she completed her Master's degree, she was offered a full-time faculty position. She was tasked to develop an in-house English major, as English major programs were completed through a partnership agreement with neighboring California State University, Fullerton.

HIU and Claremont Graduate University (GCU) matched tuition for Natalie to enter CGU's Ph.D. program, which she completed in 2013, the same year that Jay and Natalie planted the Friends Church in Orange.

She became Chair of the HIU English Department in 2019 and Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences in 2021, after demonstrating her administrative leadership skills as HIU's Accreditation Liaison with the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. She accepted the Dean position this year, when the former Dean, Dr. Steve Edgington, accepted the position of Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Dr. Hewitt is thrilled by the opportunity and by the caliber of her peers in the College.

"We have an incredible faculty team," she said. "I look up to them, admire, and respect them."

The University Administration is pleased to have the Dean position filled by a faculty member who has already demonstrated her value to the institution and its students.

"Dr. Hewitt has been an exemplary classroom professor, department chair, and faculty colleague in the College of Arts and Sciences," said Dr. Edgington. "She is well-respected by faculty and has already provided forward-looking leadership as Associate Dean over the last two years. No one is better qualified to lead CAS into the future."

Her journey has not been without challenges. She lost her mother to cancer, and her husband, Jay, who serves on the pastoral staff at Yorba Linda Friends Church, was diagnosed with brain cancer, for which he has received intensive treatment and regular scans.

Natalie radiates faith and hope, and is honored by the privilege of God's guidance as she mentors and teaches. She is happy with the department's progress with the in-house English major and even feels blessed when she must, on occasion, administer discipline.

"I am overwhelmed with the way the Holy Spirit has communicated and ministered through my career," she said.

"God is really funny..."

Dr. Joyce Yang, who recently stepped into the Dean's position for the Hope International University College of Education (COE), said that career change has never been difficult for her.

"When it's time to move on, I try to lay down what I want to do so I can do what God wants," she explained. "Every time I am at the point of change, I pray for just one offer, and God is really funny... I think he knows that I would struggle with the decision, so my choice becomes very clear!"

Dr. Yang was raised in Chicago, part of a strong, Korean, Christian family, in the Christian Missionary Alliance denomination, and several of her uncles are pastors. She became a Christian at the age of 16, but said that she did not actually experience the Lordship of Christ until she grappled with the concept in college.

She began her bachelor's degree with an art major, but switched to education after a spiritual gifts assessment identified teaching and administration as good options. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana; her Master of Science degree in Education and Social Policy from Northwestern University, in Evanston, IL; and her Doctor of Education degree from California State University, Fullerton.

Her broad experience includes teaching in charter and public schools, education administration, consulting, and human resources in Northern California and Minnesota.

Her work in Christian higher education began at nearby Biola University. Most recently, Dr. Yang served as Coordinator for the Teacher Induction Program for the Orange County Department of Education, and she applied for the HIU position at the recommendation of a friend who is an adjunct professor, an experience that reminded her, once again, of divine intervention in her career journey.

"I had already applied for another job that seemed perfect when I interviewed with President Paul Alexander," she said, "but I felt totally at home when we talked, and I just knew I belonged here... and I also knew that I wouldn't have learned a thing at that other job."

Dr. Steve Edgington, Vice President for Academic Affairs, expressed a great sense of anticipation regarding Dr.

Yang's ability to build upon the College of Education's advancement under the leadership of Dr. Doug Domene, who recently retired after seven years at HIU.

"She brings a wealth of experience in K-12 education as a teacher and administrator in public schools, as well as experience in teacher education and preparation at the university level," he said. "We're looking forward to Dr. Yang continuing to lead COE along that path, enlarging its influence and effectiveness in preparing outstanding classroom teachers and school administrators."

The idea of creating a teacher induction pipeline at HIU is what most excites Dr. Yang about her new position. Teacher induction is a mandated two-year process for teachers who have earned a preliminary credential. New teachers are mentored in the practical aspects of teaching and are mandated to complete two inquiry projects. These projects require the teachers to identify issues in their own classrooms and then utilize California state teaching standards to address them. They present their work to a panel, which then determines the completion of a clear teaching credential.

"HIU is the perfect place to launch a teacher induction pipeline," she said. "This environment is ideal for many teachers, and I'm especially thinking about charter schools and private schools."

She knows that HIU is a place where students are supported and equipped and wants to use that to create an induction pipeline to forge an even stronger community of teachers, helping to prepare new teachers for the realities of the classroom.

"They must learn to balance," she said. "Five years after beginning their careers, 50% of teachers have left the field; we must fully prepare new teachers to persevere."

She also looks forward to the development of new programs in counseling and special education. In her personal life, Dr. Yang loves to travel and spend time with her family: her husband, Jim, her son, Payton, and her daughter, MacKenzie.

She also gives credence to the need for educators to develop a healthy work/life balance when she confesses her affection for watching Korean television dramas while walking on the treadmill.



FOCUS ON



CLASSROOM EXCELLENCE

Melissa Nuno, Kinesiology

Melissa Nuno, Assistant Professor of Kinesiology, was honored with the 2022-2023 "McReynolds Faculty Excellence Award," given each year to an HIU full-time faculty member who exemplifies teaching-learning excellence in the undergraduate classroom. Presented during the Honors Convocation Chapel each Spring, this award includes a plaque for the recipient to keep, the inscription of their name on a perpetual plaque which displays the names of each recipient year by year, and a generous cash award. Nominations were sought from faculty and students and, based on those nominations, a final choice was made by the prescribed selection committee.

Professor Nuno was commended by students and peers for her painstaking course design and class preparation, for engaging students in the classroom and getting students engaged in their own learning. "She always finds interesting ways to present and

explain material well, get students actively involved in classroom learning, and relate what is being learned to practical applications," stated one recommendation. "She fuels and honors students' curiosity and cultivates their hunger to learn."

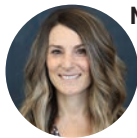
Dr. Paul McReynolds is beloved by several generations of students who learned New Testament from him at Pacific Christian College from the 1960s to the 1990s. Dr. McReynolds was famous for his patient, gracious teaching in Biblical Studies classes and his published Greek/English Interlinear New Testament, with which many of you have become familiar. He was also deeply committed to the teaching and learning process. He is commonly known to his students simply as "Dr. Paul."

When "Dr. Paul" retired, he funded the Faculty Excellence Award in the names of his parents, Rose B. and Edgar B. McReynolds.

Sport Psychology NEW MAJOR!



FACULTY



Natalie Hewitt, PhD (English) led a roundtable discussion on "How Empathy Affects the Processes of Reading, Writing, and Interpreting Fiction" at the Western Regional Conference on Christianity & Literature in March of 2023. In April, Dr. Hewitt presented a paper titled "A Message from the Ghost of Digital Purgatory: Derrida's Archive Fever and Stephen King's 'Mr. Harrigan's Phone'" at the Popular Culture Association National Conference held in San Antonio, TX.



Phil Towne, PhD (Intercultural Studies) will be presenting a paper at the annual American Academy of Religions conference in November. He is also a part-time pastor at Sunny Hills Church of Christ in Fullerton, CA.



Dr. Robbie D. Phillips (Ministry & Biblical Studies) has been serving as interim preacher at Sunny Hills Church of Christ in Fullerton California. He serves alongside fellow Hope professor, Dr. Phil Towne. In June, Dr. Phillips and his wife, Leanne, who teaches at Friends Christian school in Yorba Linda and is also a Hope alumni, co-led, along with Hope alumni Dean and Amy Mathis, a group of 136 volunteers in building five homes in Mexico, offering an eye clinic which outfitted 64 patients with new glasses. This was their 22nd year of the Phillips and Mathis families leading the trip under Amor ministries, founded by Hope alumni, Gayla and Scott Cogdon. Dr. Phillips also served as a guest preacher at Stone Creek Christian Church in Rancho Santa Margarita, California in July.



Laura Steele, PsyD (Psychology & Counseling) completed IRB and Social-Behavioral-Educational (SBE) Comprehensive training. Dr. Hastings and Dr. Brian Luhmann represented the EMDR Research Foundation at the Trauma Response Network conference in Anaheim. Dr. Steele, along with Dr. Susan Hastings and Dr. Brian Luhmann, are participating in a research study on EMDR as an early intervention.



Susan Hastings, PsyD (Psychology & Counseling), chaired 2 COAMFTE site visits this past year and served as Co-Director of Royal Family Kids Camp for the Santa Ana Chapter, taking 86 children ages 7-11 who have been in the foster care system. She served as a speaker on a Connect-OC Coalition panel. The topic was attachment theory and how it supports meaningful relationships in youth and young adults. The coalition focuses on 16-24-year-olds, and the coalition audience is a mix of young adults and those who support them (family members, clinicians, community agencies, school faculty, and government).



Robin Felix, PsyD (Psychology & Counseling), completed certification in EMDR and is currently in the process of being certified as an approved Consultatant. Along with Dr. Steele, Dr. Felix managed the Exhibit Booth at the EMDRIA Conference in Washington, DC.



Brian Luhmann, PsyD (Psychology & Counseling), completed training in Flash Technique,

an evidenced-based treatment for traumatic experiences. Voiced the Wall of Shame for an episode of *Oh, Bubba!*, an animated web series. The episode focused on overcoming shame and is scheduled to be released on YouTube and Amazon Prime. Attended Wonder Con and Comic Con as a professional for work on *Oh, Bubba!*



Jacqueline Mack-Harris, PsyD (Psychology & Counseling), facilitated the first DMFT Dissertation Proposal night at HIU. She conducted a "How We Love" seminar to the local community and offered six free couples therapy sessions with HIU MFT trainees. Dr. Mack-Harris conducted Trauma and Grief Training at the Emotional Freedom Workshop for New Life Ministries. She served as co-host on *New Life Live!*, America's #1 Christian Counseling call-in Show. She works alongside Steve Arterburn and the rest of the New Life Radio team to help identify and compassionately respond to the needs of those seeking healing and restoration through God's truth. The show addresses spiritual, emotional, and relational health issues.



Denise Wallace, PhD (Psychology & Counseling), completed training in managing executive dysfunction in academic settings and polyvagal theory.



Teresa Wilcox (Psychology & Counseling), headed to Honduras to support Ignite Missions Honduras Ministry. She took three former MFT students from HIU to care for missionaries.

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MORE FACULTY



Kasey Philyaw, PhD (Psychology & Counseling), attended the 2022 Association for Applied Sport Psychology annual conference in Dallas, Texas. She led elite athlete, parent, and coach sport psychology sessions with 4WRD MOVEMENT, Pro Skills Academy, and Everyone Has a Story nonprofit organization. She was featured on two panels with NBA coaches on the mental side of sports, sponsored by the Lakers' assistant coach, JD DuBois. She launched KNP Performance, LLC – a mental performance consulting program for athletes.



George Garcia, PhD (Psychology & Counseling), was selected to write a chapter for a book published by the Center for Informed Grief. Participated in a panel discussion through Westminster Theological Seminary focused on the Ethics of

Biblical Counseling. Participated in a panel discussion with Cityline Church on Mental Health and the Church. Completed training on Trauma-Informed Principles as Ethical Principles and training on A Trauma-Informed Approach to Religious and Spiritual Integration in Therapy.

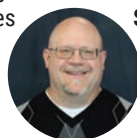


Wm. Curtis Holtzen, DTh (Theology), presented on his book *The God Who Trusts* (IVP Academic, 2019) to the faculty of the College of Arts and Sciences of HIU. In November, he attended both the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion in Denver, CO. and presented the paper "Love, Trust, and Vulnerability" at the "Power and the God of Love" conference in Napa, CA. He submitted a chapter (also called "Love, Trust, and Vulnerability") for the forthcoming book, *From Force to Persuasion* (Cascade, 2024). Finally,



he submitted the article "Open Theism" for the forthcoming T&T Clark Online Encyclopedia of Christian Theology.

J. Blair Wilgus, PhD (Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Studies) presented a paper entitled "Elisha and the Bears: Using Violent Texts in Ministry Settings" at the annual meeting of the Stone-Campbell Journal Conference held at Johnson University, April 14-15, 2023.



Steve Jung, MSLS, MDiv (Library) presented a webinar for ATLA (formerly the American Theological Library Association). The webinar covered basic information about artificial intelligence (AI) and its problem for higher education, as well as the need for newer provisions in an academic integrity policy.



NEW PROGRAM for BUSINESS MAJORS: CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNING

HIU has been approved by the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards, Inc. (CFP Board) to provide a new **financial planning baccalaureate program**. The Business & Management Major with Concentration in Financial Planning at HIU offers students an in-depth understanding of financial planning principles, investment management, risk management and insurance, tax planning, retirement planning, and estate planning. Upon completing the program, graduates will be well-positioned to pursue CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ certification.

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Students completing the financial planning program at Hope International University will meet the coursework requirement for CFP® certification® and be eligible to sit for the CFP® certification exam administered by the CFP Board.

"We are immensely proud to receive CFP Board's approval for our new program," said Dr. Lydia Knopf, Dean of the College of Business and Management. "Our team has worked diligently to develop a curriculum that not only adheres to CFP Board's high standards, but also equips our students with the skills, knowledge, and experience necessary to excel in the financial planning profession."

Dr. David Nanigian, Director of Education of CFP Board, confirmed

the approval of this innovative program at HIU. This endorsement from CFP Board recognizes the program's comprehensive curriculum, distinguished faculty, and commitment to equipping students for success in the financial planning profession.

"I congratulate Hope International University on the registration of their Business and Management Major with a Concentration in Financial Planning Program with CFP Board," said Dr. Nanigian. "By offering this CFP Board Registered degree program, Hope International University is providing its students with comprehensive and up-to-date training in personal financial planning."

CONGRATS TO OUR 2023 GRADS!



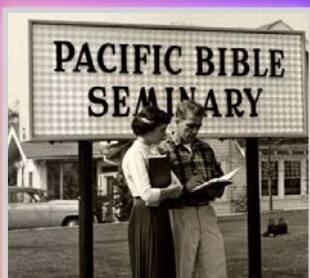
In May, HIU proudly held its 112th Commencement Ceremony in the Darling Pavilion of the Lawson-Fulton Student Center. Students earning graduate and undergraduate degrees were celebrated and cheered by the HIU faculty, staff, and an enthusiastic audience of loved ones and supporters.

HIU alumna and newly-appointed Trustee, **Megan Lemmons (BA '14, MA '17)**, delivered an enthusiastic Commencement Address on the topic of "God's Faithfulness and Your Purpose." Lemmons is the Teaching, Home Community & Rooted Pastor at Willamette Christian Church in West Linn,

Oregon, and an adjunct professor at George Fox University. Megan earned two degrees at Hope, a Bachelor's degree in Biblical Studies and a Master's degree in Spiritual Formation.

Three graduating students were selected to address the Class of 2023 and guests: **Lisanne Siebrecht** (traditional undergraduate), **Jalise McCaskill** (online undergraduate), and **Seth Hoetker** (graduate studies). Each shared their personal journey to Hope, their HIU experience, and expressed gratitude to everyone who supported them along the way.





ALUMNI NEWS



1960's >>>

Larry Niemeyer (BA '64) in October 2016, married Virginia Reczek after his first wife, Judy (BA '70) died of pancreatic cancer in January 2015. Larry and Virginia established Harvest Community Discipleship Trust - a memorial endowment fund to further discipleship mobilization. Larry also wrote a book, *- LIFE - So Easily Missed, So Desperately Needed*. He is currently the President of Harvest Heralds.

1970's >>>

Bruce Russell (BA '76) with almost 50 years of pastoral ministry and volunteer ministry in crisis management and intervention for 30+ years, was on the first team sent by the Oregon Department of Justice to New York in the immediate aftermath of 9/11. He has provided crisis intervention services to the states of New York, New Jersey, Florida, Alabama, Colorado, and Oregon. Bruce has done graduate work in Crisis Management & Intervention,

as well as hundreds of continuing education hours. After semi-retirement from pastoral ministry he started Turnaround Ministries and has done crisis management for churches. Helping churches ready to close their doors to grow, be revitalized, and able to hire a full-time minister. Bruce and his wife Kay will celebrate their 56th wedding anniversary in 2024. Bruce and Kay have three children and seven grandchildren.

Jan (Hassoldt/BA '76) Tamble has been on mission teams to Africa, China and Mexico over the past 25 years. Jan has also been involved with training teachers and building safe houses for teen girls; part of a disaster relief team and crisis management network, and "Sharing Hope in Crisis" chaplain. She taught middle school for 17 years and retired from full-time teaching in 2015 to spend a month in Kenya training teachers in "best practices" in an all-boys high school, while living in the remote village of Kipkaren. After the loss of her youngest

daughter Megan in 2013 from cancer, she has been involved in grief support and leads the Orange County group of Umbrella Ministries for moms who have lost a child, paying it forward in support to broken-hearted parents as others did through her loss.

1980's >>>

Stephen (BA '82) and Deborah (Brown/ BA '81) Bixler have been living in SE Asia for 19 years. The Bixlers serve with nationals bringing life and hope to the majority population. Debbie consults for a local anti-human trafficking organization. Steve and Debbie have four amazing adult "kids" and eight amazing grandkids.

Ernest "Jay" (BA '09, MA '00) and Kathleen (Poseley/ AA '89, BA '91) Jones have moved to Greenacres, WA, where Jay is the Executive Pastor at Valley Real Life Church.

Teresa Krager (BA '80) was led to write faith-based picture books after teaching kindergarten and first grade

for 26 years. Teresa's third book came out in September 2023. Written as a Bible trailer in rhythm and rhyme, *THE GREATEST BOOK EVER! A Little Book about the Greatest Book* spotlights incredible characters, dramatic events, and amazing miracles, all to spike curiosity and motivate children to check out God's Word.

Dustin Parker (FS '86) just completed his Ph.D. at Liberty University, with a dissertation focusing on the relationship between worship and pastoral care/counseling and spiritual formation. He has served at Concordia for 15 years, and 6 years as a District Vice President, with a region covering Long Beach to Mammoth, CA. The Parker family has relocated to Fullerton where Dustin's wife is a Special Needs teacher in Brea and his 16-year-old son is a junior at CSUF.

1990's >>>

Robert Bruce (BA '92) is currently living in the Twin Cities serving the American Red Cross as the Bio-Med Regional

After receiving a devastating brain cancer diagnosis, **Jay Hewitt (BA '03)** had a huge decision to make: should he give up on his faith or practice what he preached and trust that with God all things are possible? In *I Am Weak, I Am Strong*, Jay chronicles his journey of turning toward Jesus even when circumstances urged him to turn away. Jay trained for and completed an IRONMAN triathlon while undergoing cancer treatment. His race was a powerful demonstration of love for his young daughter, and a call to resilience for all of us. Anyone who is searching for hope in anxiety and grief, needs validation and compassion in times of doubt, is curious about faith in the face of death, or longs for a more authentic relationship with God, *I Am Weak, I Am Strong* vividly illustrates that faith can grow and flourish in the soil of doubt. (Forward by **Steve Carter, BA '02**)



& NOTES

Executive. The region is the largest blood collecting region of the 35-region Red Cross system. Bob is proud of the many lives that the Red Cross touches and saves through this important mission.

Byron Burns (BA '94), while attending HIU, served in the Naval Reserve for five years on the USS George Phillips. He has over 20 years of music and worship ministry experience. Byron has also performed with numerous CCM and Gospel musicians, worship leaders, and groups. Byron and his wife Brenda married since 1998, have two beautifully talented daughters, Anya and Alexis. He is currently serving as the full-time Worship Pastor at The Chapel in Akron, OH and partners with a non-profit ministry called FishBowl Ministries and a church search firm called The Shepherds Staff.

2000's >>>

Christine (Soner/BA '03) Davison illustrated the children's book, *Kelly's First Rainstorm*, available at Barnes & Noble.

Lesby Flores-Castro (BS '03, MFT '05) is currently serving as Deputy Director for Integrated Behavioral Health Services & Coordination - Treatment Levels of Care & Other Populations in Fresno County Department of Behavioral Health. Lesby is honored to serve her community in this capacity.

Jason (BA '05) and Elizabeth (Creech/ BA '05) Shafer are in a season of helping and shepherding many individuals and organizations around Southern California, often in the form of worship leading or worship consulting, but also in the form of personal coaching of organizations and high performing individuals. The Shafers are in the process of adopting their third official child, with two other "unofficial" children having recently moved out into adulthood. Jason and Elizabeth are so proud of each of them and grateful for this season of life.

Dr. Gabriella Van Breda (MA '04) is currently serving as the co-founder and Chief Academic Officer at The New International University, serving underrepresented pastors and leaders globally.

2010's >>>

Randy (BA '18) and SaraJane "SJ" (Steele/BA '19, MSC '21) Aufrecht announced the birth of their daughter, Evangeline Joy, born on December 7, 2022.

Ashley (Brouillette/BA '10) Holden and her family have moved to Florida where she is a teacher at The Condrad Academy in Orlando FL.

Adam Luke (BA '13, MFT '15) and wife, Jill, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Lorelai Catherine Luke born on April 28, 2023.

Lacey Ontiveros (BA '19, MED '23) has always dreamed of working in a low income school. Her dream has been fulfilled by teaching AP Lit and Shakespeare in Los Angeles.

Lorena Sanchez (BS '12) is a mother of four and a grandmother of four. She continues to be a Head Start teacher as well as a real estate agent. Lorena and her husband of 33 years live in Banning, CA.

Emily (Walczak/BA '11) and Jake Thompson are ecstatic to introduce Evelyn Ruth Thompson after struggling with infertility for eight years. Their IVG miracle baby was born on November 17, 2022.

2020's >>>

Caleb Henry (BA '22) accepted his first vocational ministry position as the Director of Youth Ministries at Trabuco Presbyterian Church. Caleb is currently enrolled in HIU's M.Div program.

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HIU hosted its 17th Annual HIU GOLF CHALLENGE at the Western Hills Country Club to help fund student scholarships and departmental programs. Our generous donors and sponsors teamed up to give nearly \$50,000. Over the past 17 years, HIU's tournament has raised nearly \$900,000 to benefit students and programs.

Thank You for Giving HOPE!



The entire HIU community expresses our heartfelt gratitude to all who came out to support the University and our students. Special thanks to our faithful sponsors whose contributions helped make this year's fundraiser such a great success! To inquire about our 2024 event (in Aug), contact Ashley Fernandez in our Advancement Office: alfernandez@hiu.edu.

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