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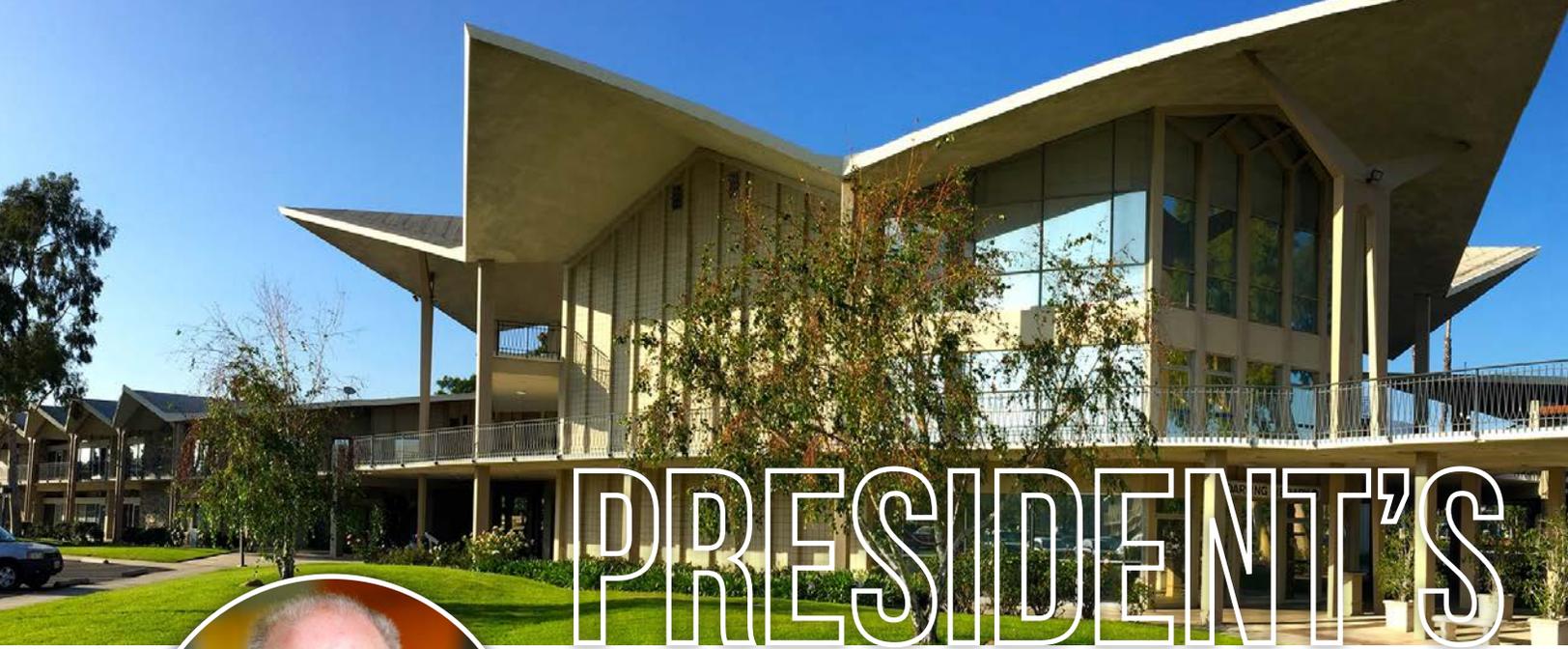
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Founded in 1928, Hope International University is a regionally accredited Christian university that integrates faith, learning, and service. Through undergraduate, graduate, and online degree programs, with faculty and staff dedicated to student success, HIU students experience a transformative educational experience and are prepared to make an impact on the world for Christ as exceptional servant leaders.



PRESIDENT'S



I am very proud of our history at HIU. Since our founding in 1928, we have always sought to train students to serve the Church and impact the world for Christ. We are not just a Bible College, not just a Christian Liberal Arts University, but a kind of hybrid institution. Our five colleges serve a wide variety of majors and programs, but our core identity is our work in training pastors to lead the Church. Pacific Christian College of Ministry & Biblical Studies is the temporary home of future pastors. These men and women, both young and old, are learning to lead, preach, counsel, and think strategically about how to help churches be all they can be.

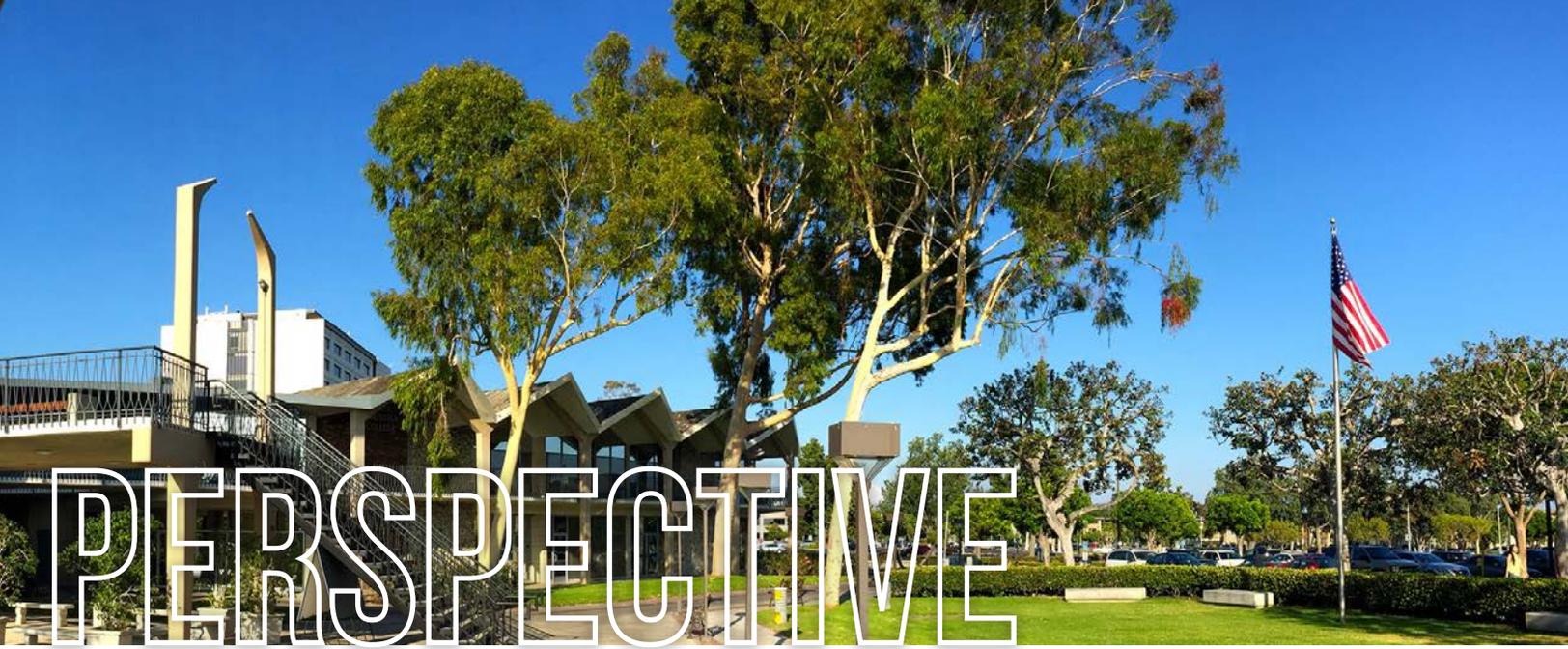
Our other four colleges serve the Church through helping students learn more about scripture, service, and their chosen field of training. The work we do is special, it is sacred, and it has never been more important than it is right now. The past year and a half shined a bright spotlight on the fact that we all need to be more servant-minded than we have been. As the pandemic picked up steam, so did some of the most self-serving thinking and behaviors we've seen, not only on an individual basis, but at a societal level.

It wasn't confined to just the U.S., but we certainly got a front row view in America. One of the things that hurt my heart as a leader of a Christian institution was seeing how

easily many Christians squared off against one another, saying and thinking very hurtful things about each other. I am not going to attempt to summarize the camps we settled into, as that would be pointless. However, I am asking if we – and I mean all of us – are happy with the things we've thought about one another and the ways we have treated one another. I, for one, am not. After one particularly uncomfortable conversation about COVID restrictions, I came away convinced that my friends were losing their minds. And then it hit me: my friends were thinking the exact same thing about me. What did this accomplish? Nothing other than distance and judgment.

One of the prominent features of HIU's institutional seal is a graphic that features a bowl and a towel. This symbol is much more than just a design element to fill space on the seal. In my opinion, it is the second most powerful symbol for us as Christ followers, after the cross. The simple basin and towel remind us of the day that our Lord washed the feet of the disciples and created the most intense and meaningful images for all of us. We are called to serve. Serve one another: wash each other's stinky feet, help when it is inconvenient, and love even





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when we think each other's political and social views are ridiculous. We are called to love and serve even when the other person doesn't particularly like us much, either.

At Hope, we are trying to help students follow True North, and not get pulled away by Magnetic North. Being off just a few degrees can lead to disaster. When ships don't adjust for the magnet pull away from True North, bad things happen. When we get pulled away by

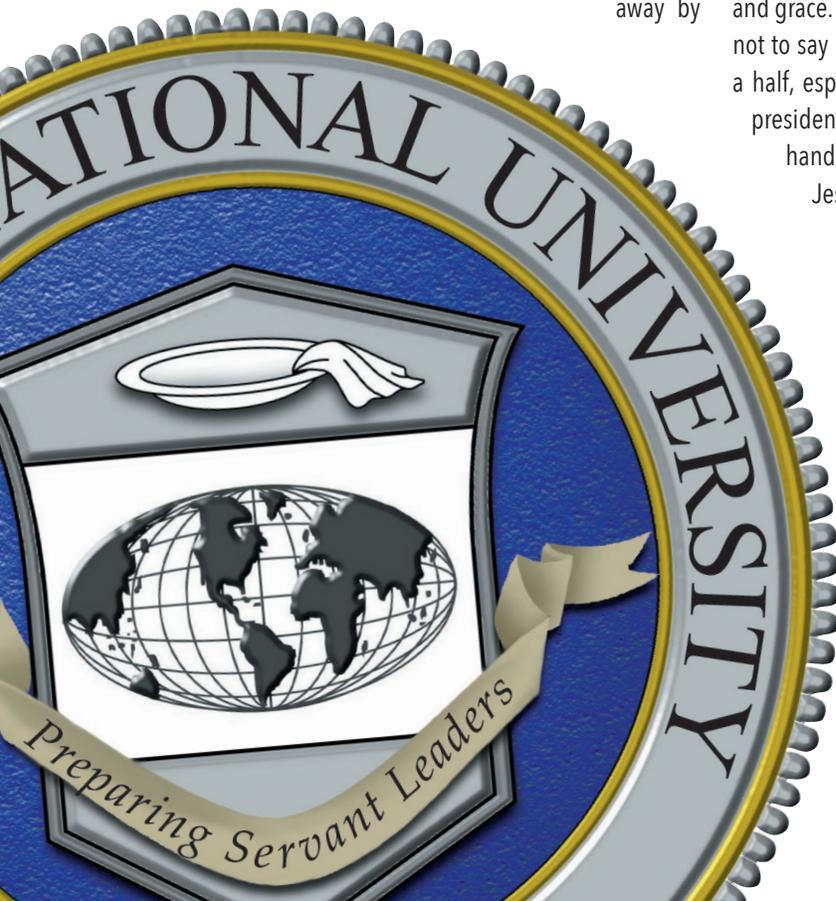
the powerful pull of partisanship or any other force aside from the good news of the gospel, we are in trouble.

The pandemic has reminded me over and over again that I am called to serve no matter another person's views, behaviors, or status. All of us are reminded that True North is Jesus, no one and nothing less or more than that. When Jesus is our True North, everything else falls into place. I no longer am undone by someone's views or behavior, because my attitude has shifted toward acceptance, love, and grace. I remember to look through Jesus' eyes. That is not to say I have always done this well the past year and a half, especially when I, like many pastors and college presidents, have taken heat for how people think we've handled COVID. But when I focus my eyes back onto Jesus, I find peace. When I remember the bowl and the towel, I remember my calling.

So, here's to foot washing, setting our eyes on Jesus, and loving people all the time.

Thank you for partnering with us to help train the next generation of servant leaders and helping them to always set True North on Jesus.

Paul H. Alexander, Ph.D.
University President



A FITTING TRIBUTE

HONORING AN EXEMPLARY SERVANT LEADER



During the Fall 2021 Opening Convocation chapel, President Paul Alexander revealed that the HIU auditorium has been named "**The Dr. Joseph C. Grana Chapel**," unveiling new 3D LED-lit signage, much to Dr. Grana's surprise. The naming honors Dr. Grana's exemplary life of servant leadership and career in Christian ministry, which has left an indelible mark on countless lives around the globe.

For more than 30 years, Dr. Grana served faithfully at HIU in roles that included Professor and Dean of Pacific Christian College of Ministry & Biblical Studies. Dr. Grana transitioned into semi-retirement in 2020, and now serves pastors and alumni as the Special Assistant to the President. He also preaches/teaches at Refinery Christian Church in Goodyear, AZ, 8-10 Sundays out of the year.



AMPLIFYING VOICES THAT TOO OFTEN GO UNHEARD



Many Christian leaders successfully build their ministries by creating something brand new, such as planting a church or starting a faith-based organization. As a student, **Kevin Mo-Wong ('02)** and his HIU friends believed God was calling them to establish a local outreach more organically.

That initial prompting has since grown into the Orange County, CA, non-profit organization, Solidarity, where Kevin now serves as Executive Director. Solidarity's mission focuses on equipping and empowering Latino immigrant families in under-resourced neighborhoods to help transform their communities.

Kevin and his classmate, Steve Carter ('02), were leading a Wednesday evening small group at HIU that routinely performed random acts of kindness as a way to bless others. But the group, believing it could have a greater impact, began to look for other ways to serve more effectively. That desire turned outward after Carter returned from a mission trip in Santiago, Chile, where he worked with a local pastor and was surprised by how connected the pastor was with everyone in the community.

When they discovered that a Community Center in the Garnet neighborhood of nearby Placentia needed help with an after-school program, they jumped at the opportunity, along with another HIU student, Tommy Nixon ('01).

"We went into it thinking we would save the community," explained Kevin, "and, after a while, we felt like God was reminding us that He had already been loving that community for a very long time, and that we needed to listen to Him, rather than building our own thing."

Mo-Wong says God taught them to listen to people, instead of prescribing fixes for the primarily Latino community in which they served. As a result, they developed a growing desire to meet the challenges of youth violence, a broken immigration system, financial and food insecurity, and the community's lack of representation in places of influence.

"We wanted them to experience shalom (God's peace)," said Kevin. "It became clear that following Christ's example of empathy, compassion and dignity, not 'fixing' people, effectively broke down any existing barriers. The ministry grew as we asked ourselves and God how best to love people."

While they were still students at Hope, these friends pondered such questions as how to re-envision what the Church could look, in light of their new understanding. Kevin remembers faculty members meeting those questions with open minds.

"Instead of doubting our calling, they encouraged us to dream," he said. "They gave us freedom to explore, and didn't put up any barriers."

Kevin is especially grateful to his faculty mentors, including Dr. Kelly Dagley, Dr. Joe Grana, Dr. Curtis Holtzen, and Dr. Paul Alexander, now President of HIU, for nurturing the ideas and inspirations that grew



**EQUIPPING
LATINO, IMMIGRANT FAMILIES
IN UNDER-RESOURCED NEIGHBORHOODS
FOR COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION**



2003: The original leadership team



2019: Kevin with "Rise Above" Youth Scholarship winners



2020: Congressman Gil Cisneros (second from right) recognizes Solidarity for its work during the pandemic

into Solidarity. The non-profit organization was formally established by Kevin, Tim Anderson ('06), Randy Choi, Lori Coshow ('04), Chelle Deloof ('05), Marcy (Hebzyński) Jensen ('03), Rachael Nixon, and Tommy Nixon ('01).

Kevin shared that the Solidarity founders and staff do encounter other Christians who don't understand the organization's commitment to immigrants, and that those people may ask challenging questions, such as, "Why are you helping law-breakers?"

"People who ask those questions frequently have never

known people who live in the margins and suffer from a broken system," he said. "I didn't understand, either, until I got to know them in the context of relationships."

When asked what advice he would offer to HIU's future ministers and community leaders, Kevin said: "Listen well and learn to view the world through God's eyes, not through the eyes of your parents' church, and remember that God often reveals his character through voices that are overlooked."

Kevin and his wife, Crystal, have two young daughters, Kai and Liana, and they are part of A Place For Worship in Orange County.

LETTING THE CAT OUT OF THE BAG

Vonda Bland Hamilton (MA '15) has worked with the deaf community for decades, and has longed to be able to convey the meaning behind English idioms through American Sign Language (ASL). A word-for-word translation does not make sense, which creates another barrier between deaf people and those who can hear. Vonda recently tackled this issue, while fulfilling her longtime dream of being an author.

"My mother always encouraged me to write," Vonda remembered, "but I thought I should wait until I had more experience."



After decades with that thought in the back of her mind, her years of experience connecting and ministering with the deaf community led to the 2020 publication of *Letting the Cat out of the Bag: Teaching ABC Idioms through ASL*, with illustrations by Samantha Smith.

Those years included ministry with the deaf across the nation and around the globe, but she didn't learn ASL until she was in college. Vonda grew up in a family that advocated for the disabled, because her sister had disabilities. Her family believed that everyone has challenges and everyone is special, but deaf people were not part of her environment. Her only exposure to deafness had been the Helen Keller story, which sparked an interest in the work of Keller's groundbreaking teacher, Annie Sullivan.

Vonda was leading a Vacation Bible School, at the young age of 16 when she first saw people communicating through ASL and became very fascinated. After visiting a nearby church in Lawton, OK, that operated a deaf ministry,

her fascination increased, along with a sense of trepidation; she had always believed herself to be clumsy, and the speed of ASL communication seemed impossible to her.

"God spoke to me through that impossibility," she said. "I realized that I needed to learn sign language to highlight the power of God."

That sense of calling was confirmed when she became involved with deaf ministry education at Ozark Christian College, at about the same time her mother and sister moved into a housing complex that included some deaf residents. While she received bachelor's degrees in Biblical Literature, with an emphasis in Deaf Communications, and Christian Education, she became friends with her family's deaf neighbors, learning the culture more naturally during her weekends at home.

She found herself involved in so many different aspects of ministry, including children, prison, addiction, and the homeless, that she finally admitted she couldn't do it all. When deaf ministry continued to exert the greatest call, Vonda approached one of her professors from Ozark, and expressed her desire to find a regular place of service. The professor had just received a call from First Christian Church in Sapulpa, Oklahoma, looking for a part-time staff member.

Later, in 1990, Sandusky Christian Church, in the Tulsa area, established a deaf congregation, providing additional opportunities and experience for several years. She also worked as a Deaf Ministry instructor at Ozark Christian College, followed by three and a half years at the Happy Hands Christian Deaf Education Center, working with young kids.

During her years at Happy Hands, Vonda became convinced that even though deaf people cannot experience music the same way that hearing people do, the biblical exhortation, "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord," still applied to the children she was teaching.

"I prayed that God would help me teach them to worship with music and fun songs," she said, "and they learned to love the praise songs,

frequently requesting that we do those songs instead of the traditional children's songs."

Vonda had created a video for deaf children, "Big Bible Stories with Miss Vonda: Jonah," and she received a request from her friend, Duane King ('56, '61, NCC), founder of Deaf Missions, to create a series of videos for deaf children. Shortly thereafter, she established Expressions of Emmanuel with her husband, Steve, who has years of experience in writing, film, and television.

According to the World Health Organization, approximately 430 million people worldwide have disabling hearing loss. It is estimated that only about 2% of them are Christians. Expressions of Emmanuel ministers to deaf people around the globe through videos, written materials, and outreach programs.

"Helen Keller said, 'Blindness separates people from things; deafness separates people from each other,'" Vonda commented. "Does deafness separate people from God, too? No, but we must share the gospel with the deaf community in ways that work for them."

In 2015, Vonda earned her master's degree in Ministry and Intercultural Studies from HIU, in pursuit of her longtime desire to teach at the college level. She learned about HIU from a former minister at her church who was an alumnus, and was delighted to find that Hope was more affordable than many other graduate programs. Though she currently is too involved with Expressions of Emmanuel to return to classroom teaching, she enjoys training interns.

As Vonda continues to develop new resources for sharing the gospel effectively with the deaf community, including plans for additional books, she never wavers from her commitment.

"The body of Christ shouldn't expect people to 'get' the gospel on our terms," she said. "Hearing people can always learn a second language, if they need to, but deaf people cannot learn to hear, so we need to meet them where they are."



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Chaplain ZACH BRUENINGSEN ('10) presents the American flag at a graveside service

ALUMNI IN ACTION

SERVING MEMBERS OF THE SERVICE

Most adults have a clear memory of September 11, 2001, and will never forget the images and fear, and the sorrow of losing so many Americans to terrorism. Army National Guard Captain **Zachary Brueningsen ('10, NCC)** says his calling was born that day, and so was his Christian faith.

"It was the day God basically scared the hell out of me," he said. "I was a senior in high school, and I was in the school library when I heard about what was happening."

Zach said that he suddenly was terrified of judgment, and his close friend helped him make a profession of Christian faith. Shortly after graduating from high school, he enlisted in the Army National Guard and, by the summer of 2002, he knew that God wanted him to serve as a chaplain.



Brueningsen entered Ozark Christian College in 2004, but was soon deployed to the Middle East, where he served in Kuwait and Iraq.

Zach married the love of his life, Stephanie, a nurse, who was instrumental in helping Zach through PTSD. They married in 2007, before he transferred to Nebraska Christian College (which later merged with HIU).

Zach credits two of his mentors at NCC, former NCC President Rich Milliken and Professor David Haynes, for teaching him about leadership and ministry. After graduation, he completed his Master of Divinity degree through Liberty University.

For ten years, he served a very supportive congregation, first as Interim Pastor, then Senior Pastor, at Trumbull Christian Church in Trumbull, Nebraska, while continuing his upward trajectory with the National Guard.

Brueningen served as Lead Instructor in Suicide Prevention; then, in 2017, his unit mobilized with Joint Task Force Guantanamo Bay, where he served as the Joint Detention Group Chaplain, and still managed to deliver sermons remotely to his church in Nebraska part time.

"Some people might be surprised about the positive mission of the Task Force," said Zach. "The mission is to ensure the ethical and humane treatment of law of war detainees, and I saw that mission carried out every day I served at Guantanamo."

Following his deployment, Zach was assigned as the 209th Regional Training Institute Chaplain. He was responsible to oversee the religious lives of service members through the Nebraska National Guard at Camp Ashland.

"How do I explain how cool that job was?" asked Zach. "When you are working in a training environment like that, your job is an invaluable opportunity to influence future leaders."

In Zach's work, the word "influence" is used in its most positive connotation. A chaplain serves with service members who may not share his or her belief system, and Zach explained that the chaplaincy was actually created to support the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. It not only allows for the free exercise of religion, but also ensures that a moral element is always present on the battlefield.

"George Washington really created the chaplaincy, when he petitioned the Governor of Virginia to ensure that 'moral men' would always be on the battlefield," Zach said.

Zach further explained that the chaplaincy is more like missionary

work than pastoral work. Pastors often work with a high percentage of people who share their belief systems. Chaplains serve people whose beliefs may be very unlike their own. For example, the job of a Christian chaplain includes advocating for a Muslim service member to be excused from duty during Ramadan.

"By supporting those spiritual needs, I began to look at other beliefs with a more open mind," Zach said.

Though Zach estimates that more than 90% of chaplains are Christian, he said his own spiritual life has been enhanced and broadened through interaction with chaplains of other faiths.

"You wouldn't believe how much I've learned from the Orthodox rabbis," he laughed. "They give me so much insight, and they actually know Jesus better than we do...they just don't realize it."

In 2021, Zach's orders ended at the regional training site and, within two weeks, he was named to a full-time state position with the Nebraska National Guard, working directly with the State Chaplain, Father Brian Kane, another of his mentors. Zach coordinates the provision of resources to ensure religious support for Nebraska's National Guard service members and provides strategic level input for Army National Guard operations.

"My journey has been amazing." said Zach. "I know God is always doing work in the background, even when I'm not aware of it!"

Zach and Stephanie live in Trumbull, NE, and are the parents of three daughters: Israel, Arielle, and Eve.



FOCUS ON



During HIU's annual Honors Convocation Awards Chapel (online), **Dr. Fay Ellwood**, Associate Professor of English, was honored with the Rose B. and Edgar B. McReynolds Faculty Excellence Award for the 2020-2021 academic year. The award is presented at the end of each academic year to one HIU faculty member who embodies teaching and learning excellence, as identified by the HIU community.

Students who nominated Dr. Ellwood described her as "immensely intelligent, genuinely interested, and kind to all of her students." One student noted, "She helps students understand and learn in creative ways." Another student shared, "She is gracious, caring, and her class was the highlight of my freshman year!"

Dr. Ellwood nearly broke into tears upon receiving the recognition. She then shared, "This is such an honor, because this is my dream job. Being able to work with colleagues who are supportive, smart, and loving, as well as students who care about their work with integrity."



Kelly Dagley, Ph.D. (Biblical Studies/Old Testament) has written a chapter entitled "Preaching Texts of Terror in the #MeToo Era" that was published in a Feischrift honoring Dr. Joe Grana entitled *Looking Both Ways; At the Intersection of the Academy and the Church – Essays in Honor of Joseph C. Grana II*.



Steve Edgington, Ph.D. (History) was appointed Vice President for Academic Affairs in February 2021. He contributed his essay entitled "Settlers Like the Rest: Christian Missionaries in Southern Rhodesia" to *Looking Both Ways; At the Intersection of the Academy and the Church – Essays in Honor of Joseph C. Grana II*.



Robin Hartman, M.A., MLIS. (Library Services) joined the Restoration Serials Index editorial board in May. She was also part of a panel presentation with other Southern California librarians on "Maintaining Service While Sheltering in Place: How SCATLA Member Libraries Thrived Under the Country's Most Stringent COVID Lockdown" at the American Theological Library Association annual conference held virtually in July.



In February of 2021, **Natalie Hewitt, Ph.D.** (English Literature), stepped into the role of Associate Dean for the College of Arts & Sciences at HIU. Dr. Hewitt is currently working on proposals for the 2022 Christianity & Literature Conference, held at BIOLA University and the Popular Culture Association National Conference, held in Seattle; she is also preparing several students to submit undergraduate-level proposals as well. With her guidance, one of the students in Dr. Hewitt's *Popular Culture & Fiction* course, Alyssa Hendrickson, presented a paper "Queer Themes in Avatar: The Last Airbender" at the 2021 Popular Culture Association National Conference, which was held virtually in June.



Wm. Curtis Holtzen, D.Th. (Philosophy & Theology) has been a guest on various podcasts discussing his book, *The God Who Trusts: A Relational Theology of Divine Faith, Hope, and Love* (IVP Academic, 2019). He co-edited (with Dr. Blair Wilgus) and contributed to the Festschrift *Looking Both Ways: At the Intersection of the Academy and the Church – Essays in Honor of Joseph C. Grana II* (Claremont Press, 2021). He also contributed essays to the books *Open and Relational Leadership: Leading with Love* (SacraSage Press, 2020) and *Partnering*

with God: Exploring Collaboration in Open and Relational Theology (SacraSage Press, 2021).



Lydia R. Knopf, Ph.D. (Business and Management) consulted CEO's of two non-profit organizations, Grace Marriage and Integrated Recovery Foundation, alongside other volunteer business leader members of The Barnabas Group (TBG) of Orange County's SWOT group consulting ministry. TBG of OC's mission is to see the time, talent, network and knowledge of marketplace and other Kingdom leaders help ministries transform lives worldwide.



Josh Luke, Ph.D., FACHE (Business and Management) associate faculty and Graduate Chair for College of Business and Management was named Healthcare Executive Mentor of the Year by Global Health & Pharma Awards in 2021 and inducted as a faculty member into the HIU Chapter of Sigma Beta Delta, International Honor Society for Business, Administration and Management.



David Matson, Ph.D. (Bible), retired this past academic year after seventeen years of teaching at HIU. He plans to

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continue to preach, teach, write, and lead Biblical study trips abroad. His latest article, “‘Put Your Sword Back into Its Place’ (Matt. 26:52): The Rationale Behind Jesus’s Sword Directive (and It Isn’t Pacifism),” appears in the current issue of the *Journal for Gospels and Acts Research*. He also contributed the chapter, “Preach the Gospel—Just Don’t Use the Word Love: Insights from Paul’s Rhetorical Strategy in Romans,” in the Festschrift honoring the retirement of Dr. Joe Grana. He is currently doing pulpits supply at First Christian Church of Carson. His sermons may be accessed at fccarson.com.



K.C. Richardson, Ph.D. (History)

presented a series of lectures on the theme of “In Essentials, Unity?” at the Christian Heritage Conference in Winema, Oregon in May. He was on the conference program alongside his father, Steve Richardson, retired HIU professor of Biblical Studies.



Roberto Sirvent, J.D., Ph.D. (Social Sciences) taught at Yale University’s Summer Bioethics Institute, which was held virtually this year. His two seminars were “Freud, Lacan, and Public Health” and “Bioethics and the Afterlives of Slavery.”



Carl Toney, Ph.D. (New Testament)

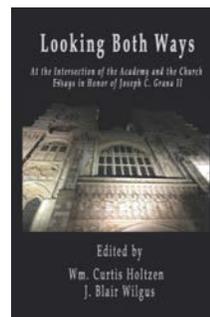
published *Ruining Christmas—Rediscovering Jesus*, a book that helps believers explore the origins of Christmas. He is serving as the Vice President for the Pacific Coast Society of Biblical Literature. He is co-chair of the section on theological pedagogy. He also helped host and coordinate the virtual conference for the region. He is currently writing an introduction to the New Testament for undergraduates and a commentary on Matthew.



Philip Towne, Ph.D. (Intercultural Studies) published an article in the journal *Evangelical Interfaith Dialogue*, and contributed a chapter in book *Looking Both Ways: At the Intersection of the Academy and the Church—Essays in Honor of Joseph C. Grana II*, compiled as a tribute to the esteemed HIU professor, now semi-retired.

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NEW RELEASES



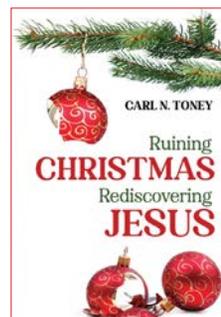
Colleagues and former students of longtime HIU professor, **Dr. Joe Grana**, have compiled a book in honor of the beloved educator and minister: *Looking Both Ways: At the Intersection of the Academy and the Church—Essays in Honor of Joseph C. Grana II*. Topics range from biblical studies (“Once More with Feeling: Communicating the Pain of Mark’s Jesus”) to ministry and pedagogy (“Taking Over for a Beloved Pastor: A Case Study” and “On the Importance of Friendship: Pedagogy for the Priesthood of All Believers”).



Sometimes life is a mess and we get overwhelmed by all sorts of conflicting, difficult emotions. We might be stressed or weary, anxious or fearful, paralyzed by insecurity or crushed by pain. Worse yet, some well-meaning people invalidate our feelings and tell us to just cheer up and forget our worries. Rather than bypass the reality of our feelings, we need to enter into them and listen to what they’re telling us.

In *Why Do I Feel Like This?: Understand Your Difficult Emotions and Find Grace to Move Through*, HIU Psychology professor and personal development

coach, **Dr. Peace Amadi** helps us navigate the complexity of our emotions, from discouragement and hurt to trauma and depression. She explains the dynamics underlying what we feel and gives practical resources for living through our emotions in healthy ways. With insights from both psychology and Scripture, this book offers you a clear plan to get your peace and freedom back and find your joy again.



Have you wondered if Christmas is really a pagan holiday? Did marketers invent Santa Claus? And what does a Christmas tree have to do with anti-slavery? Maybe you’ve asked what was the Bethlehem star? Or have you heard that there wasn’t an inn or innkeeper? Do we know if the magi were kings, astrologers, or magicians? Or could you name the oldest person that met baby Jesus?

Dr. Carl Toney’s new book, *Ruining Christmas—Rediscovering Jesus*, sheds light on these and many more questions about the origins of Christmas,

including the circumstances and cast of characters surrounding Jesus’ birth. The book reveals which traditions come from the Bible and where others derive.

*Welcome
Back*



When the student body left for Spring Break in March of 2020,
the plan was for everyone to return in two weeks...

Enter COVID-19.

Finally, after 17 months of quarantines,
vaccines, campus closure, and
remote classes, our resilient Royals
have returned to campus!

Welcome home, Royals!



EXPERIENCING HOPE IN A PANDEMIC



Kylee Olavar, a Senior Intercultural Studies major, is in her second year as HIU's Student Government Association President, but neither of those years has looked anything like she had imagined, as COVID-19 drastically altered her college experience.

"We had all these great things planned," she said, "but I had to say, 'God, I know you have a plan, and I have to let my plan go.'"

Kylee was born in Hawaii and adopted as a newborn by a large family in the small town of Waimanalo, on the island of Oahu. She considers her sister, one of 13 of Kylee's siblings, as her mom; that sister was almost grown when Kylee was born, and was most actively involved in her life, parenting her full time after the death of their mother when Kylee was just 14.

Kylee's love for student leadership began early, and she has held various leadership roles since fourth grade. Her spiritual journey began in her teens. She grew up with the idea of Hawaiian gods, and didn't really encounter Christianity until she was a freshman in high school.

"I always felt like there was more," she said. "I volunteered at a church to earn community service hours for school, and that's when I met God."

Her "sister mom," as Kylee calls her, was the first in their family to attend college, and she encouraged Kylee to experience college on the mainland. Kylee initially chose an Oregon school, because it would be such a contrast to life in Hawaii. During her time there, she encountered resistance to women in ministry, and so she began to look for a transfer option.

"The HIU Admissions team invited me to visit the campus, and I immediately fell in love with the close-knit, supportive community," she said, "so I transferred to Hope. I hit the ground running, and got involved in student government as soon I possibly could."

When COVID-19 first impacted the campus, student leaders, like many others, did not believe that it would be a long interruption. Before long, they realized they had to adjust to unprecedented guidelines and restrictions for an extended period of time.

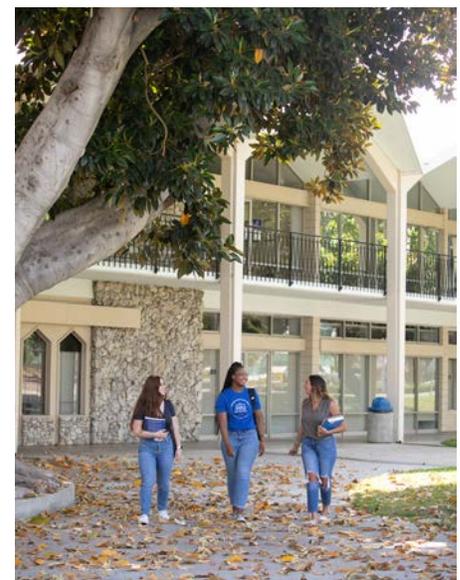
Kylee and her SGA team stayed in touch via Zoom as they worked together to figure out ways to engage the student body virtually.

"We offered all kinds of prizes to motivate our students to 'show up,' for online meetings and events, usually once or twice each month," she said. "We played trivia games and did cooking shows with staff members and students. We did everything we could to keep it flexible, fresh and fun."

"We had our doubts, but then a student would contact us and say, 'I really enjoyed that,'" she said. "We had to give ourselves some grace, and I needed to remember that I might be President of SGA... but I'm not in control!"

Kylee serves as a part-time youth coordinator with Mariner's Church in Irvine, working with about 400 junior high school students. She doesn't know exactly where God will lead her next, but she has a growing sense that the experiences of growing up in the multi-cultural state of Hawaii, HIU's supportive faculty, and her student government "family" are all signs that God is preparing her to serve diverse groups of people.

"Because I am mixed-race, I understand the search for identity," she explained. "Wherever God takes me, I want to know my audience, its history, and how to effectively share the message of God's love with whomever is around me."





2021 COMMENCEMENT

UNPRECEDENTED TIMES & MEASURES

Due to the continued regulations surrounding COVID-19, in lieu of a traditional Commencement ceremony, HIU's Student Government Association (SGA) coordinated a special **Senior Appreciation Drive-Thru**. HIU Class of 2021 (and 2020) graduates were invited to participate in this unique drive-thru celebration, which consisted of photo ops with President Paul Alexander, faculty and staff; a special video message; and graduation gifts courtesy of SGA and the Advancement Department.

"During more than a year of dealing with COVID, there was a lot we missed out on," SGA President Kylee Olaivar shared. "Our hearts went out to our 2020/2021 graduates, and we wanted to plan something special for them as they entered into their post-college years. We hope our drive-by event gave everyone a little spark of joy as we did our best to celebrate each senior and all their hard work. HIU is a big family, and we appreciate all staff and faculty who were involved and helped celebrate our students and their academic accomplishment."

"Congratulations to all of our graduates!" declared Dr. Mark Comeaux, Vice President of Student Affairs. "With the pandemic still lingering, we could not host a proper graduation. But with the ingenuity and servant leadership of our Student Government Association, led by President Kylee Olaivar and Vice President Jeremiah Craig, we were able to honor our graduates in this unprecedented appreciation experience. It was great to be able to bless the classes of 2020 and 2021 in this truly novel and memorable way."

"It was wonderful that our graduates were able to celebrate the completion of their degrees with some of their family and friends, to be congratulated by administration and faculty in person, and to commemorate this great achievement," stated Dr. Steve Edgington, Vice President for Academic Affairs.

ROYALS

2020-21 HIGHLIGHTS



WOMEN'S SOCCER: Under first-year Interim Head Coach Scott Dement, the Royals fell just short of a Regular Season GSAC title and ended with an overall record of 4-3-1. Sierra Pedroza, Jaylene Valentin, and Ofelia Sosa Cruz were named to the All-GSAC team.

MEN'S SOCCER: The Royals finished with an overall record of 4-3-1 through the shortened 2021 season. John Mejia, Angel Flores, and Jesus Vargas were awarded All-GSAC honors.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL: The Royals used the shortened season as a rebuilding year, finishing 1-12 on the season. Senior Camryn Rowell received the GSAC Cliff Hamlow Award for exceptional leadership on and off the court.

CROSS COUNTRY: Keith Williams qualified for the NAIA National Championship, the second-ever individual runner to qualify in program history. The men's team placed third overall at the GSAC Championships, with Keith Williams and Andrew Valle earning All-GSAC honors. On the women's side, Daphne Solomon finished 16th overall at the GSAC Championship, and Aurora Couto finished 17th overall as the Royals placed 6th overall as a team.

BASKETBALL: Shiane Talley was honored as All-GSAC and helped the Lady Royals upset 12th-ranked Vanguard during the season. The Women's Basketball team finished with an overall record of 1-7. Men's Basketball finished with a record of 1-5 during the shortened 2021 season.

GOLF: Britney Sok was named Interim Head Coach of both the men's and women's programs. The Royals won the fall Cal-Pac/GSAC Fall Classic tournament, the second tournament win in program history, and then won a second consecutive fall tournament at the CALPAC-GSAC Fall Invitational. During the spring season, the women's team won the William Jessup Invitational, and Ashley Fernandez took home the individual title. The Women's Team placed fourth at the GSAC Championships, with Day Martinez leading the way placing fifth overall. Ashley Fernandez also was named GSAC Golfer of the Month in April, and Day Martinez and Ashley Fernandez earned All-GSAC honors.

On the men's side, Carter Anderson earned the men's top individual spot at the CALPAC-GSAC Fall

Invitational in October. In the spring, the men also won the William Jessup Invitational, and Cameron Salkeld took home the individual title. The men placed fourth at the GSAC Championships, with Carter Anderson having the best finish for the men's team, placing 14th overall.

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL: Chase Larson earned All-GSAC honors, leading the team to a 4-7 overall record. The Royals earned five GSAC Player of the Week honors throughout the season and one NAIA Player of the Week honor.

TRACK & FIELD: Keith Williams and Daphne Solomon were honored as All-GSAC. At the Outdoor GSAC Championships, Daphne Solomon and Aurora Couto ran personal bests in the 1500m, placing 5th and 12th, respectively.



- 34** >> **GSAC SCHOLAR ATHLETES**
- 27** >> **ALL GSAC**
- 6** >> **ALL-AMERICANS**
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- 6** >> **NAIA SCHOLAR TEAMS**



Keith Williams set the HIU record in the 1500m with a time of 4:00.88, placing third overall. Daphne Solomon finished second overall in the 800m with a time of 2:20.53.

In a preseason meet, the quartet of Keith Williams, Andrew Valle, Anthony Ramos, and Ethan Escamilla broke the school record in the 4x800m relay. Also, a new school record was set in the 4x400m relay with Joseph Clemons, Keith Williams, Andrew Valle, and Anthony Ramos. Williams also broke the 3000m record with a time of 8:57.76. Sophia Ruesga set a school record in the 60m dash, winning her heat with a time of 8.21.

TENNIS: Samantha Paz was named All-GSAC, holding down the number one singles position all year and helped the Royals to a 4-8

record on the year. On the men's side, the Royals finished with an 0-11 record.

BEACH VOLLEYBALL: Candice Palmer was named GSAC Freshman of the Year and All-GSAC. This marked the first time in the program's brief history that a beach volleyball student-athlete has received either honor. Palmer was the top player on the Royals roster and played in the #1 pairs position.

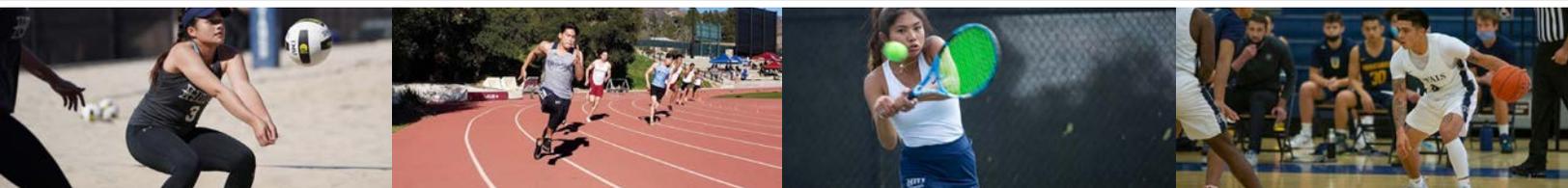
SOFTBALL: The Royals were regular season GSAC Champions with an 18-6 record in conference and a 30-11 record overall. The Royals received a berth in the NAIA National Championship Opening Round for the third consecutive year. The team made it to the Championship game in the Southern Oregon Bracket. Three Royals were named All-Americans:

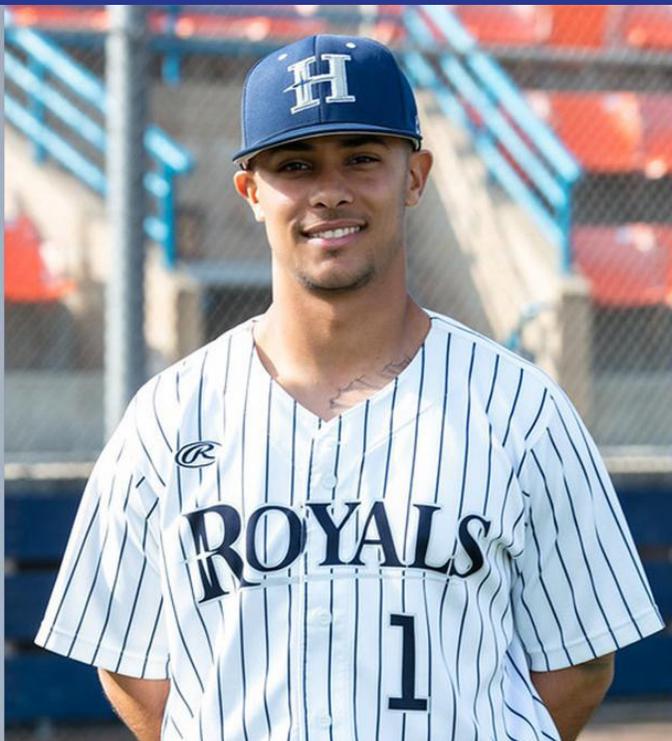
Allie Puente (2nd Team), Skyler Mao (2nd Team), and Melanie Okazaki (Honorable Mention). The Royals swept the GSAC "Of the Year" Awards: Melanie Okazaki was named Player of the Year, Allie Puente was named Pitcher of the Year & Freshman of the Year, and Coach Holly Monahan was named Coach of the Year. Melanie Okazaki, Allie Puente, Skyler Mao, Nicole Wise, Kassie Puente, Caitlyn Felina, Olivia Candelas, and Karen Creech were named All-GSAC. Emily Puente, Alena De La Torre, Karen Creech, Caitlyn Felina, and Melanie Okazaki earned Gold-Glove honors.

BASEBALL: The Royals were Regular Season GSAC Co-Champions with a 22-10 record in conference and 29-15 record overall. The Royals received a berth in the NAIA National Championship for the third time in program

history. The Royals made it to the Championship game in the Santa Barbara Bracket. Three Royals were named All Americans: Tony Monroy (2nd Team), Brennan McKenzie (Honorable Mention), and Izzy Fuentes (Honorable Mention). Tony Monroy was named GSAC Player of the Year, and Izzy Fuentes was named GSAC Pitcher of the Year, while Tony Monroy, Izzy Fuentes, and Brennan McKenzie were honored as All-GSAC. Robert Mattei received Gold-Glove honors. Jordan Achay was selected as the GSAC Cliff Hamlow Award Winner for exceptional leadership on and off the field.

COMPETITIVE DANCE: The HIU Dance program placed third overall in the open hip-hop division at the UDA Nationals.





CHAMPIONS OF CHARACTER

Senior student-athletes, **Camryn Rowell** (SR/Bakersfield, CA) and **Jordan Achay** (SR/Fullerton, CA), were named the 2021 Cliff Hamlow Champions of Character Award recipients and honored by the Golden State Athletic Conference.

The **Cliff Hamlow Champion of Character Award** is given to one male and one female student-athlete on each Golden State Athletic Conference campus who demonstrate outstanding athletic achievement, campus and community leadership, and future ambition. Recipients embrace and model the five core character values of the NAIA Champions of Character program (Respect, Responsibility, Integrity, Sportsmanship, and Servant Leadership). To qualify, student-athletes must be upperclassmen and carry a GPA of at least 3.0.

CAMRYN ROWELL // Volleyball

As a member of the Royals Women's Volleyball Team, Camryn earned All GSAC Honors. She was named to the All GSAC team in 2018, GSAC Attacker of the Week in 2019, and GSAC Scholar-Athlete in 2019.

Camryn helped elevate the women's volleyball program, leading by example for four years. During her time at HIU, she has volunteered as a teacher's assistant and was selected as an HIU Ambassador. She was one of four students chosen to visit Arizona, Oregon, and California to represent HIU in accordance with HIU's mission, vision, and values. As an ambassador, she exemplified Christian living, while bringing awareness to Hope International University. In addition, Camryn has volunteered her time as an assistant to the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Coach Jessica Walker said, "They say that a good marker for integrity is what you do when people aren't looking, and Camryn does not take shortcuts. She does her absolute best to be excellent and do the right thing at all times, even when it is not easy. I have asked a lot of her during her time at HIU. She has had to carry a lot on her shoulders, and she has not shirked that...she has risen to the challenge".

JORDAY ACHAY // Baseball

Jordan, a four-year catcher for the HIU baseball team. Playing in all twenty-three games in the shortened 2020 season, he threw out 13 runners stealing and posted a .283 batting average.

Jordan exemplifies the pillar of Servant Leadership in the NAIA Champions of Character core values. Jordan has assisted in stuffing toy jars for Never Ever Give Up Foundation, which encourages kids fighting cancer. Jordan has also helped coach local little league clinics to help spread his love of baseball to the younger generation. During the summer, Jordan was named the first-ever Golden State Athletic Conference Diversity Intern and works alongside the conference office overseeing the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee as well as the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee which were in the process of being formed.

Coach Erich Pfohl said, "Jordan has been a model student-athlete for us over the past four seasons. He been a great leader on our team, and has been active in the community, always eager to give back to the town he grew up in. He has helped raise the standards of our entire program, and we are so lucky to have him become a part of it!"

ALUMNI NEWS...

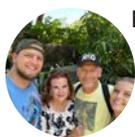
1970s

Gary Vanderet (BS '73) is retiring after being a pastor for 48 years. Gary and **Kathleen (Anderson/BA '78)** are happy parents to 3 grown sons and 2 grandchildren. Gary pastored for 40 years at Peninsula Bible Church and then 8 years at Willow Glen Bible Church. Gary and Kathleen live in San Jose, CA.

Guy Glimpse (BA '74) recently sold his Huntington Beach, CA, condo and relocated to Sedona, AZ.

Jim (BA '79) and Crystal (Lochmiller/FS '82) Davis, after long teaching careers, have both finally retired. Jim taught for 23 years in History and Photography at middle schools in Murrieta, CA. Crystal taught geometry at Temecula Valley High School for 30 years. Jim hopes to continue winning awards as a photographer, as well as writing both Christian and secular music. Crystal, continuing to stay connected to the field of mathematics, is now the Editor-in-Chief of the California Mathematics Council's quarterly magazine, "The CoMuniCator." They are members of an old-west re-eneatment group, the Old Town Temecula Gunfighters. You can see them on the group's website and on their Facebook page. Jim is currently a worship leader, elder, and part-time pastor at Anthology Church in Menifee. Crystal oversees their video projection and online church ministries. They have two sons and three grandchildren, and have resided in Murrieta, CA, for nearly 30 years.

1980s



Loralee Boe (Montgomery/BA '80) is retiring from full time Children's Ministry and now teaches part time, three classes of Bible to 7th graders at a local school. Loralee and David, married for 35 years, have two adult children, Taylor and Chelsea, and live in Vacaville, CA.

Teresa Krager (BA '80), after 27 years of teaching mostly kindergarten and first grade in the Phoenix area, began the journey of becoming a picture book author. (Thank you, Cora Alley, for your wonderful instruction all those many years ago!) In July 2020, Teresa's debut book was released. *Before Your Birth Day* is a celebration of life in the womb. Graced with delicate illustrations of pre-born babies, this picture book traces the miraculous milestones of development in lyrical rhyme as each precious child is wonderfully woven by God. This honest and amusing account, with illustrations of multi-cultural families, is a treasure that affirms the value of life, no matter how small. In July, 2021, Teresa released *ADAM PLUS ONE*, a rhyming romp of scripture and smiles as Adam's search for a compatible companion leads him beyond scales, fur, and feathers, back into the hands of his more-than-capable Creator. Check out her author website: teresakrager.com and her weekly blog devotional at pointingtheway.live.

Chris McKinney (BA '84, MA '86) was recently named Vice President of Operations at Dynamic Church Planting International's global headquarters in Oceanside, CA. **Chris and Carole (Gregory/BA '83, MFT '12) McKinney** served as church planting missionaries in the Philippines for 24 years before moving to DCPI in 2010.

1990s



Byron Burns (BA '94) served in the Naval Reserve for 5 years on the USS George Phillips, while attending HIU. He has 25 years of Music & Worship ministry experience, serving mostly at larger churches of 1,200 or more. Byron has also performed with numerous musicians, worship leaders, and groups, such as Larnelle Harris, Sandi Patty, Paul Baloche, Tommy Walker, Maranatha Music, Promise Keepers, Continentals, and Ekklesia. Byron and his wife Brenda have been married for 23 wonderful years and have two beautifully talented daughters, Anya and Alexis. He is currently serving as the full-time Worship Pastor at The Chapel.life in Akron, OH, and partners with a non-profit called FishBowl Ministries.

Lori (BA '98) and Ryan (FS '98) Morrison are now a family of 5, having welcomed an adult daughter to their home. Their journey in camp ministry continues. In May, they uprooted their native Californian selves (they've never lived north of Bakersfield in their

entire lives) and moved to Texas, where Ryan accepted a position as Special Projects Lead at Camp Eagle in the beautiful Hill Country. After 8 years of primarily being a stay-at-home mom and consultant, Lori was offered and accepted a position with the CYT (Christian Youth Theater) National Team as the first Development Lead (Director). The role is part-time and remote, allowing for flexibility to continue homeschooling and participating in the community life of being in camp ministry. Their younger two children, now 14 and 11, bring them a great deal of joy.

Tim (BA '99) and Amber (Ransberger/BA '99, MEd '03) Gooszen are living in Litchfield Park, Arizona with their two children, Tiffany (16) and Jay (13). Tim was named Sports Information Director of the Year by the (GSAC) Golden State Athletic Conference and has also added Assistant Athletic Director to his title at Arizona Christian University in Glendale, AZ. Amber just finished her first year in her position as a Speech and Language Pathology Assistant in Glendale's public schools.



2000s

Marie Mclvor (BS '00) is honored to be the mother of Julian C. Mclvor, age 27. Marie worked at the Harry & Grace Steele Children's Center at Orange Coast College for several years. She currently works from home.

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...AND NOTES



Marlene Soffera (BA '02) is employed as a full-time senior pastor, but also

volunteers as a chaplain with the Milwaukee, WI, Police Department under the auspices of the Salvation Army Wisconsin and Upper Michigan District. As chaplain, she responds to scenes of murder, suicide, accidental death, and the unexpected deaths of people of any age, in order to give comfort to the victims' family and friends. The police also call the chaplain force to be a "positive, prayerful, peaceful presence" at various community events and protest rallies. Rev. Soffera was given the "2020 Chaplain of the Year" award for her work with the public throughout the Coronavirus pandemic.

Carol Matthews (MBA '02, MA '16) earned her doctorate in Public

Administration in August 2020. Carol celebrates more than three years with her nonprofit, Bestowing Hope Ministry. The ministry has delivered nearly 1500 bibles, journals, and other items to the prison population at the California Institution for Women.



Deborah "Debbie" Vinall (BS '03, MFT '05) is the author of *Break Free From Gaslighting: A*

Step-by-Step Recovery Guide to Heal from Emotional Abuse and Build Healthy Relationships released by Rockridge Press May 4, 2021. She completed a Psychology Doctorate summa cum laude from California Southern University. She is the recipient of the 2016 Clinton E Phillips Scholarship from the California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists for community service contributions

to the field of Marriage and Family Therapy and academic excellence. Recently, Debbie was awarded the 2020 Sandra Wilson Memorial Dissertation Grant Award from the EMDR Research Foundation for her research on the unique trauma and healing processes of survivors of mass shootings. Debbie presented in her dissertation entitled "Massacre Survivor Syndrome: trauma sequelae and life adjustment in survivors of mass shootings treated with EMDR." She maintains a busy private practice specializing in the treatment of trauma in Upland, CA.



Carol Adkisson (Murarik/BS '06, MFT '08) started her private practice in 2014. Carol began a

nonprofit called the Trauma & Healing Foundation, employing anywhere between

15-25 employees within two offices. Carol has the privilege of helping students graduate with their required training hours. She is helping her community with free groups and resources. This was a dream of hers as a student, and now she is living out that dream.

Eric Sanford (MA '08) became the University Registrar at Friends University in Wichita, KS, in February of 2021.

2010s

Ashley (Brouillette/BA '10) Holden has expanded her role at Park Avenue Christian Church, Montebello, CA. She is now overseeing programs for newborns through 12th graders. Ashley graduated from a year-long diploma program in children's ministry from Kidmin Academy.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



YESHUA GOODMAN (FS '09) grew up on the Island of Hawaii, and ventured to Southern California in 2004 to study English at Hope International University and play volleyball as a Royal. After four years of study at HIU, Goodman returned to his home state and lives on Maui, where he has developed "the ultimate dining experience." Yeshua now curates the exclusive Fire & Wine luxury dining experience at the Four Seasons Resort Maui at Wailea.

Goodman integrates his passion for Hawaiian culture, history, and ecology into his extraordinary interactive meals as an immersive vehicle for discussing Hawaii's food systems and sustainable future. He purposefully plans and prepares each meal well in advance, based on the guests' preferences, featuring as many local ingredients as possible.

"Using these ingredients makes it more of an educational experience, where we start talking about the invasive species on the islands and how they impact the environment," said Yeshua. "We talk about the differences in hunting wild animals versus farm-raised animals and their impact on the Earth."

"I think there are multiple factors at play here that are making experiences like this more and more popular," Goodman continues. "The pandemic, for one, has people wanting to get back outside and connected with nature. Also, I think there is a generational shift happening where millennials and younger tourism consumers are very much about experiences. They are really interested in knowing where their food comes from."

We would love to hear from you!

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Justin Butorac (BS '10) has been an Associate Pastor at Pacific Hills Calvary Church in Aliso Viejo, CA since 2007. Justin is involved in various ministries and currently pastors the Jr. High ministry, oversees church communication and technology, and manages the Balanced Word radio ministry. Justin is married to Krista, and they have two children, Connor and Scarlett. Justin enjoys reading, surfing with friends, school, and spending time with his family. Justin continued his education, earning his MA from the Talbot School of Theology.

Trevor Schulte (BA '10) and Siobhan married on October 15, 2021. Trevor is excited about a new and promising ministry as a youth pastor in La Jolla, CA, at La Jolla Christian Fellowship.

Amanda Arnold (BA '12) married Joe McCarthy in June of 2018. HIU's own Dr. David Matson officiated. Amanda is the Manager at a Hyatt Hotel, and the couple lives in Scottsdale, AZ.



Michelle (BA '12) and **Gabe (FS '07) Nedwek** currently live in Sherwood, OR. In March of

2021, Michelle became a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist. The Nedwek's children are now 12, 9, and 6.



Beatrice Krause (BA '14) married NCC alumnus **Zach Jones (BA '18)** in

2015. The couple have two children, Finnley Mae (3) and Norah Wren, born last fall. Beatrice works in the marketing department

at Open Door Mission, a nonprofit. The family lives in Elkhorn, NE.

Faith (Wilson/BA '15) Schierholt completed her coursework for a Master of Divinity degree at Fuller Theological Seminary. Faith now works as a Chaplain Intern at UCLA in the pediatric unit. In addition to this internship, she works for her church as the high school ministry intern.



Vonda Hamilton (MA '15) and her husband, Steve, continue to serve

as missionaries with the Deaf through Expressions of Emmanuel (video, outreach, & writing projects). Vonda and Steve have both battled cancer and Covid, and the Lord has graciously helped them overcome. Vonda has written her first book (with

video curriculum, released in 2021), *Letting the Cat out of the Bag Learning ABC Idioms with ASL*. Vonda prays that God's Word in this book will touch both the Deaf and Hearing with Bible truths. Another book, *As Easy As 123: No Gray Area Learning Number and Color Idioms with ASL*, and video curriculum will also be released this year. Two additional children's books are in the works. You can find these at expressionsofemmanuel.com.

Natasha Walter (BA '16), upon receiving her Master in Education and Multiple Subject Teaching Credentials degree in December of 2019, was offered a teaching job at a bilingual private school in Germany. In the midst of the pandemic, Natasha moved to Germany in July 2020 where she teaches first grade.

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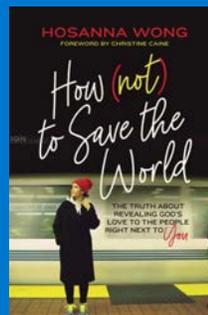


The Thing Beneath the Thing: What's Hidden Inside (and What God Helps Us Do About It) by **STEVE CARTER (BA '02)**, published by Thomas Nelson

In *The Thing Beneath the Thing*, former Willow Creek Community Church lead teaching pastor Steve Carter asks the simple question, "How is life working for you?" He knows that potholes exist and that the longer we live disconnected from answering this question, the more we will fill those holes with harmful choices. The solution?

Allow God to fill them with His grace and love so that we can discover the beauty of grace, peace, and wholeness He has for us.

For more about Steve, visit stevecarter.org



How (not) to Save the World by **HOSANNA WONG (BA '11)**, published by Thomas Nelson

Do you want to fight for the people you love and show others how valuable they are to God? There is a way, and you are more equipped than you know. Ten years ago, Hosanna Wong packed her life into suitcases and started traveling the country to talk to people about Jesus. Along the way she discovered lies she had believed that held her back from actually sharing God's love. Through faithfully studying God's Word and

fumbling through her own flawed progress, Hosanna uncovered what the Bible actually says about revealing God's love in our everyday lives.

For more about Hosanna, visit hosannawong.com



CHALLENGE ACCEPTED

Hope International University hosted its **15th Annual HIU GOLF CHALLENGE** at the Alta Vista Country Club in Placentia, CA, to help fund scholarships and departmental programs. Our donors and sponsors teamed up to give more than \$73,000, a single-year record for this event. Over the past 15 years, HIU's tournament has raised nearly \$750,000 to benefit HIU students.

This year's group of more than 50 golfers included HIU friends, supporters, alumni, trustees, administrators, faculty/staff, and local church pastors/leaders. Participants enjoyed a picture-perfect day, including a putting contest and several opportunities to win fabulous prizes. Following the round, everyone gathered in one of the onsite banquet rooms for a fun, informal awards dinner. Members of the HIU Royals Golf Team served as student ambassadors throughout the event.

The HIU community is very grateful for all who came out to support our students. Special thanks to our 2021 sponsors whose contributions helped make this year's fundraiser such a great success: Dr. Paul Alexander, Dr. Mark Comeaux, Will Mullins, The Solomon Foundation, CDF Capital, Compass Christian Church, Rizio Lipinsky Law Firm, One&All Church, Refinery Christian Church, Shepherd Church, Proline Electrical Contractors, Inc., PGA Concrete & Construction Services, Direct Print & Promotion, Peter C. Foy & Associates, Faithlife, and The Wright Image.

For more information about HIU's annual golf fundraiser, contact our Senior Director of Development & Major Gifts, Ryan McKinney, at 714-879-3901, ext. 2210, or email rfmckinney@hiu.edu.



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On behalf of the entire HIU administration, faculty, staff, and student body, THANKYOU to each and every donor. Your gifts are very much appreciated and vital to the success of our scholarship recipients, many of whom otherwise could not afford to attend HIU. You have impacted their lives, as well as countless lives that they will impact as they take Hope to their corner of the globe.

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Clora and her husband **Gray** attended Pacific Christian College’s inaugural Disneyland Dinner (now the HIU Spirit of Hope Gala) in 1971, shortly after Gray accepted Christ. They were the guests of Clora’s parents, Al and Fay Paiso. They were both inspired by the boldness of the institution’s leadership in making the decision to move the campus from Long Beach to Fullerton, and by the financial commitment of the dinner guests. Though the Farleys had little to give at the time, they prayed that they would someday be able to give significantly to this growing Christian college. Gray established Continental Air Tools in 1976, and as the business became successful, they were able to become substantial donors.

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Chuck Roberts (1958 – 2020)

Longtime HIU friend, supporter, and a humble benefactor, Chuck had a huge heart for the development of young people. He was a beloved uncle, Sunday School teacher, camp counselor, church deacon, athletics fan, friend, college/university supporter, and general encourager to countless people. Chuck was truly a servant leader, often behind the scenes. “Our decades of friendship was a true blessing in my life and in the lives of so many who his servants heart touched,” reflected Sharon Carter, former Administrative Assistant to the President. Earlier in the year, Chuck’s mother, **Mary Adell Roberts**, also passed into eternity. Together, Mary and Chuck made significant financial contributions to Hope International University

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