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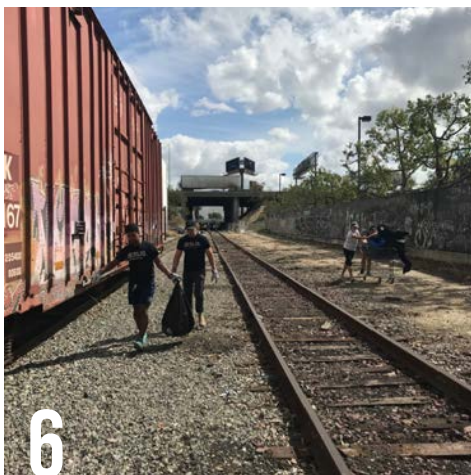
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Hope International University is a regionally accredited Christian university founded in 1928 that integrates faith, service and learning. Through undergraduate, graduate, and online degree programs with faculty and staff dedicated to student success, our students experience a transformative educational experience and are prepared to make an impact with their lives. Our diverse student body represents over 35 states and 40 countries around the world.



President's

Earlier this year, my father passed away just one week short of his 90th birthday. He was born the same year Hope International University was founded. To God, ninety years compared with eternity is but a grain of sand on the beach. But to us, it's a lifetime filled with joys and sorrows, blessings and trials, experiences and relationships, and countless changes in our world.

Many professionals in higher education consider present times to be the most disruptive in the history of higher education in the United

States. unemployment skyrocketed, poverty levels increased, and thousands stood in lines for bread or at soup kitchens.

When I think of what it must have been like in 1928-29 when Pacific Bible Seminary began to offer classes, I am struck with what I consider to be remarkable determination and visionary faith. In just the first few years trustees faced the challenges of trying to find the right president (there were two brief attempts before **Dr. James Hurst** accepted the position), a good location (they moved three times – once due to an earthquake that destroyed the church where classes were held), and sufficient financial resources (at the end of the first semester the Seminary was \$1,294.50 in debt).

I remember attending a birthday celebration for former president Medford Jones and he was asked what he thought was his major contribution to the school. He answered in a single word, "Survival." HIU continues to persevere because we have a mission and purpose that is timeless and eternal.

We have faced countless challenges throughout the history of HIU. I am reminded of James 1:2-4 which reads, "Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."

I doubt the early founders of the university envisioned that nine decades later we would have a branch campus in Omaha, Nebraska. Or, that we would be offering online programs to thousands of students all over the world. They may not have envisioned a school with

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States. We are in a period of transition and contraction brought on by technology, cost, and demographics.

These may be challenging times, but looking back to our beginning, it is difficult to imagine what it would have been like to establish a new institution when during the first year of operation our country entered the Great Depression. The stock market crashed,



Perspective

seventeen athletic teams, expanded majors, and a main campus in Fullerton, California. The total number of graduates during our first twenty-five years combined was fewer than 150. They might be surprised to know that we now graduate more than that each semester.

Dr. Gary Tiffin, a former academic dean, wrote a history of our first twenty-five years. In it he asked this question, “Can a college which exists in a rapidly changing world and which itself has changed environments continue to function according to its original purpose?” The answer to his question is an emphatic, “Yes, a university can remain faithful to its purpose when the world around it is changing... and there are **three foundational commitments** we must make as we re-cast our vision for the next ninety years, and they are as relevant today as they were in 1928.

First, we must remain committed to **the authority of the Bible as the Word of God** and its relevance to our time. At HIU students take courses in history, science, psychology, literature, and math. But they also are required to take courses that introduce them to the greatest book in history – the Bible. However, it is not just another textbook. It is the foundation of our curriculum and influences every program of study.

Second, to maintain our purpose as a Christian university for the next ninety years, we must remain committed to **the centrality and Lordship of Christ**. He is the main focus of all we do and the cornerstone of our mission to empower students through Christian higher education to serve the church and impact the world for Christ. Our ultimate objective is for every graduate to make an eternal difference. Christ is central to our existence as a University. Without Him, we are just another school with roots in Southern California.

Third, we must continue to honor and fulfill the calling expressed in the words incorporated into the University seal - **Preparing Servant Leaders**.

YES, A UNIVERSITY CAN REMAIN FAITHFUL TO ITS PURPOSE IN AN EVER-CHANGING WORLD.

There is a strong emphasis today on student outcomes assessment and educational effectiveness. That's why every course we teach has learning objectives and ways to evaluate if students are achieving what we intend. But even with all the e-portfolios and reports that are generated to demonstrate success, accrediting associations still miss what to me is the most important measurement. And that is the impact our graduates make throughout their lives. You can't put that on a chart or graph. It's not something that can be summarized statistically. It is a Kingdom of God perspective that is reflected in the lives of people who are touched by our alumni around the world – they are truly making a remarkable difference.

Please join me in praying for HIU and supporting our school to ensure we are here for another ninety years—and beyond!

John Derry

WHEN THE MESSAGE TRANSFORMS THE MESS



A group of current HIU students has teamed up to serve a local homeless community, offering food, friendship, music, and the Gospel each Sunday afternoon. The following is a first-hand account of "Messy Church" from one of its co-founders, Alexio Gomes.

This all started when my friend Devin offered to buy a Subway meal for [Ray], one of the about 40 people that live under the 57 overpass off of Placentia and Crowther. They struck up a conversation in which Ray told Devin, "I'm homeless, not phoneless." They exchanged numbers and for about a month nothing happened.

Until last December.

Devin and I were leaving Costco and Devin said, "Ray is probably hungry; I'm sure he would like some pizza," and he bought an extra pie and called Ray. When I met Ray for the first time, I was surprised how put together he was. He seemed "normal" and well connected with everyone else underneath the 57 freeway.

We made several trips after that just to meet with Ray and a couple of his friends, John and Don. We got them Bibles, had open discussions about their backgrounds and who God is, and that's how it started. There were times when we would come and no one would show up, but we would pull out our guitar and sing songs for everyone in their tents to hear under the bridge.

Now we show up each Sunday at 1:30PM, and everyone in the community knows to expect food and music. The whole thing is centered around food. We eat together and have church like this. Perhaps the greatest impact we have noticed is how the community is now caring for each other like never before.

I have met over 30 individuals who all live under the bridge and have different stories and situations...

[Ricuco] is an illegal immigrant who works Monday-Saturday from 7AM-4PM cleaning pools to make 250 dollars a week and gives all the money to his daughter who currently attends Fullerton College. He and his wife both live outside under the freeway and work to pay for their daughter's college.

[**Margaux**] and [**James**] are married and faithfully come to Messy Church each week. They tell everyone they know about it, and I personally baptized them as they confessed Jesus' Lordship over their lives.

[**Brenda**] came the weekend before Easter, broke into tears at hearing the Gospel, and gave her life to Christ. She has a background of prostitution and being a mule for drug runners.



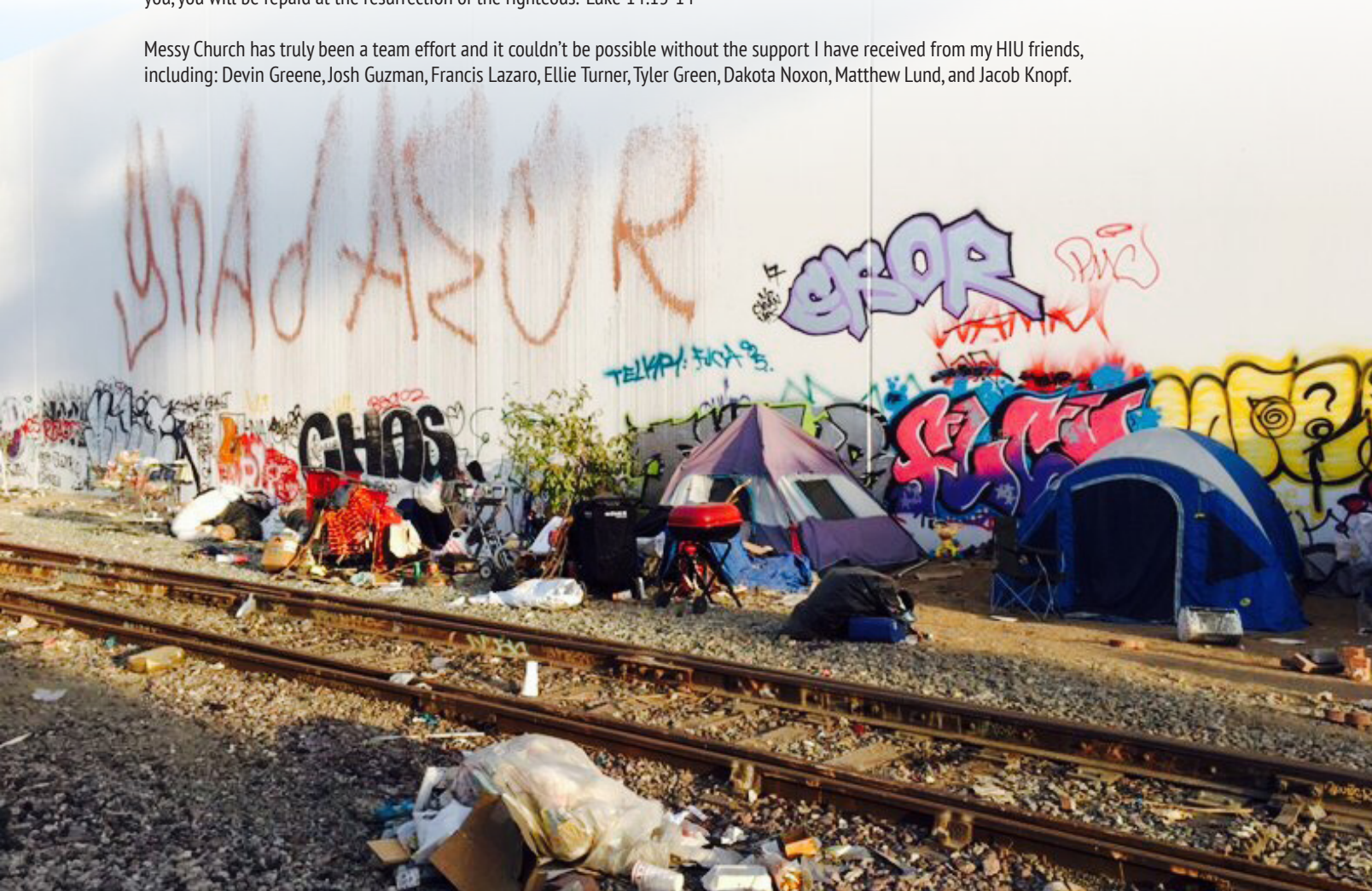
[**Nate**] is 30 years old and gets into fights all the time. Francis baptized him this Easter Sunday and now wants Nate to go to rehab for his drug addiction to heroin, what they call "black"

I understand why this is such a hard community to reach; it can be uncomfortable to talk about crime and drug abuse and endless broken relationships, but what compels us is that Christ would have been down here with the vulnerable and wounded. He spent His last moments with those that betrayed and abandoned Him. Jesus never once turned His back on me in all my years of rebellion and sin, so how can I turn my back on those whom He calls beloved?

The core team of HIU students involved in Messy Church meets on Monday nights inside the library, and as we've prayed about what we are doing, the following Bible verse has really influenced this whole thing:

"But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." Luke 14:13-14

Messy Church has truly been a team effort and it couldn't be possible without the support I have received from my HIU friends, including: Devin Greene, Josh Guzman, Francis Lazaro, Ellie Turner, Tyler Green, Dakota Noxon, Matthew Lund, and Jacob Knopf.





MINISTRY

EXCEPTIONAL TRAINING & INVALUABLE EXPERIENCE

The world has never been in greater need of young ministers who are prepared spiritually, practically, creatively, emotionally and intellectually; to meet that need head on, the University has developed a new program to help students meet the challenges of preparation for service in the 21st century. Our new **Ministry Honors Program** builds upon the legacies of HIU's Pacific Christian College of Ministry and Biblical Studies and NCC's Institute for Church Leadership.

The Ministry Honors Program empowers students to pursue their calling, experience vibrant community, be immersed in practical ministry, and receive excellent classroom instruction as they are equipped and empowered to serve the Church and impact the world for Christ.

According to Forbes, the average U.S. college graduate is carrying almost \$40,000 in student loan debt. While ministry does not necessarily relegate a person to a life of abject poverty, it also does not promise affluence. The laser focus required to enter full-time ministry often is diminished by the stress and distraction of student debt.

To confront this issue, the Ministry Honors Program assures guaranteed scholarship funding to qualified, on-campus ministry students, effectively "freezing" the tuition rate for up to four years. This is a true game-changer for the students who will lead in the coming decades, as they enter ministry positions with the freedom to concentrate fully on the people they've been called to serve.

This is real love
This is real love



HONORS PROGRAM

AT SUBSTANTIAL SAVINGS!



"We believe that leadership development is a crucial aspect of preparing for vocational ministry. The Ministry Honors Program was built with this in mind and will set you up to lead in a local church." –ANDY DYKHOUSE, Director of Leadership Development



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–DR. PHIL TOWNE, Program Chair

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Children's Ministry	Pastoral Ministry
Intercultural Studies	Sports Ministry
Music & Worship Arts	Youth & Family Ministry

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STUDENT OUTREACH SERVANT LEADERS IN ACTION



FUTURE EDUCATORS TAKE HOPE TO CHINA

Four current HIU students – Briana Gamez, Natalie Valdez, Kayla Jensen, and Ronica Dixon – taught Science, Math, Art, Robotics, and Physical Education at an 11-day STEAM Camp for a group of 75 Chinese students ranging in age from 9-16. The HIU group conducted classes from 8:30am to 5:00pm each day.

“This was a great experience for our students who were able to get real hands-on experience teaching in a cross-cultural setting in the beautiful Sichuan province of China,” says **Judy Kim**, HIU’s Director of International Student Programs (ISP) and Adjunct Assistant

Professor of Education, who served as a supervisor and teacher. “Everyone worked hard and enjoyed great interaction with the Chinese students who got to make new American friends through fun, engaging, collaborative lessons taught in English.”

HIU offers this immersive study abroad experience as a 3-unit course, “Contemporary Issues in Education,” in which the students learn about the education system and culture of China, prepare lessons, and teach classes. The trip was coordinated by Judy Kim in partnership with **Gary Surdam**, President of Bright Start Education.



A VERY SPECIAL NIGHT TO SHINE

A compassionate group of HIU undergraduate students dressed up and headed out to Crossroads Christian Church for **Night to Shine**, an unforgettable prom night experience for people with special needs ages 14 and older. **Night to Shine** volunteers spend the evening dancing, taking photos, singing karaoke, and worshipping God with their special needs “dates,” each of whom is crowned Prom King or Queen as a way of celebrating their value in God’s eyes and His Kingdom.

HIU student Julie Duda felt particularly blessed to serve at Crossroads Christian Church’s **Night to Shine**. “I’ve enjoyed opportunities to serve at similar events like the Special Olympics,” Julie says. “As soon as I heard about **Night to Shine**, I jumped at the chance to be involved!”

“**Night to Shine** was without a doubt one of the best things I have ever done!” Julie says of her experience. “I really felt the impact of this event towards the end of the evening when the worship band played *This is Amazing Grace*. Watching 300 individuals with special

needs praise their Creator was one of the coolest things I have ever witnessed. Being able to serve this population alongside my peers is something I will never forget, and something I encourage everyone I know to do as well!” HIU students Peri Goucher, James Atwood, Kristina Lutz, Jenny Rodriguez, Brianna Gamez, Natalie Valdez and Leigha Williams also volunteered.

Julie has worked with the special needs and developmentally disabled population for nearly five years. She is majoring in Psychology of Child/Adolescent Development with an emphasis on special needs. “After graduation I hope to pursue a career within the Special Education field. I’d love to work in a church setting doing ministry with this population, but I am also interested in working in a group home/day program settings.”

Sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation, **Night to Shine** is hosted by more than 500 churches in 50 states and 16 countries. Approximately 90,000 special needs guests are honored through the support of 175,000 volunteers worldwide.



HELPING LOCAL SCHOOL KIDS S.C.O.R.E.

For the third consecutive year, Hope International University participated in the Anaheim Ducks' First Flight Field Trip. The annual event provides approximately 16,000 local school children the opportunity to think about math and science in fun new ways by turning the Honda Center into the largest classroom in Southern California. 50 HIU volunteers – 45 students and 5 faculty – hosted a hands-on exhibit for the kids this year.

The First Flight Field Trip encourages students to engage and explore science, technology, engineering, arts, and math (STEAM) through a variety of activities and demonstrations. This year's theme, "Turn up the Energy," was geared to help kids explore different ways the Anaheim Ducks use energy and its properties to outplay their opponents on the ice. STEAM education is a fundamental part of the Anaheim Ducks S.C.O.R.E. program and is utilized to ignite students' interest and passion in these fields.

Recognized as an educational event for all ages by the California State Assembly and as a contributor to informal education by the National Science Teachers' Association, the First Flight Field Trip is completely free to participating schools and students, and the curriculum has been designed to meet the state's educational content standards for grades 3-6. The S.C.O.R.E. program is the primary beneficiary of the Anaheim Ducks Foundation. It was developed in 2005 with the goal of promoting and cultivating healthy living and academic excellence to all students in Southern California.

HIU alum **Jason Cooper** (MA '09) serves as the Anaheim Ducks Fan Development Coordinator and coordinates this event as well as other educational outreach events put on by the Anaheim Ducks. The entire Anaheim Ducks staff, including players and coaching staff, conduct interactive activities that teach engaging science lessons at the one-of-a-kind event.



A VERY SPECIAL DAY TO SERVE

Last Spring, a group of approximately 40 Hope International University student volunteers, organized by HIU's Psychology Club, served at the **Goodwill of Orange County Faley Special Games** hosted at Cal State University, Fullerton. This event is dedicated to fostering social development and activity for developmentally disabled children through non-competitive sporting games and interaction with other challenged children.

Thousands of special needs athletes of all ages are paired with volunteer "buddies" for a fun day of outdoor activities, including basketball, soccer, football throw, Frisbee toss, whiffle ball, volleyball, a 50-yard dash, and more.

"I've been attending the Special Games for seven years now and have been deeply impacted and touched by the resiliency of these athletes," reported **Julie Duda**, HIU student. "I have a passion for the special needs community, and I wanted my fellow HIU students to be able to experience the joy of serving at this wonderful event. This is our first year participating with the Special Games, and hopefully not our last!"

"The Psychology Club was inspired to get involved with this event because we want to expand our service to our community," stated Psychology Club President **Tori Sanchez**. "Our goal is to help in any way possible, and to better others' lives."

PARTNERS FOR LIFE



Not every college romance grows into a long marriage, but **Roger** (77) and **Joey Fletcher's** college romance grew into a long marriage and a lifelong ministry partnership. The Fletchers met at Nebraska Christian College, sang in the choir together, and married in 1973. After Roger graduated from NCC, he earned his Master of Divinity degree from Lincoln Christian Seminary, and Joey completed her degree in Speech Therapy at the University of Nebraska.

Roger and Joey felt God's call to the mission field while attending the National Missionary Convention (now International Conference on Missions – ICOM) in Louisville, Kentucky. They had never even seen an ocean before embarking on their mission to the Philippines, where they served at the Manila Bible Seminary from 1983–2013.

The Fletchers and another couple, Bill and Verna Weber, served at a time when local church missions experienced a shift in methodology. Capitol City Christian Church became one of the first "Sending Churches" in Nebraska when they sent Roger and Joey to Manila, and First Christian Church in Norfolk sent the Webers to South Africa.

While in the Philippines, the Fletchers were witnesses to, and

participants in, many life-changing experiences. One of their favorites is the story of Ronald, a young man whose village was buried when Mt. Pinatubo erupted (an eruption 10 times larger than the eruption of Mt. St. Helens, which erupted in the state of Washington a number of years ago). Ronald's family was living in a refugee camp near Clark Air Force Base when he heard about Manila Bible Seminary, where Roger was teaching. Ronald, now a graduate, serves as a preacher and educator on the Island of Mindoro, one of the more than 7,000 Philippine Islands.

Later, as Roger served as Mission Pastor at Capitol City Christian Church, he continued to do missions work through a number of short-term efforts. He also taught missions at NCC and served on the Boards of NCC and Christian Student Fellowship.

Since June, 2010, Roger has served with LivingStone International University in Mbale, Uganda, which is dedicated to preparing students, from 10 nations in East Africa to help transform Africa through their ministries (*see photo below*). His positions at the institution have included Acting Vice Chancellor, Professor, Curriculum Writer, and Fundraiser. He is now the Regional Director of Development. He travels to Uganda twice a year to help with the beginning of each new semester, and Joey often travels with him.



The relationships they have developed include their friendship with Lauren Zumbrun, who was a high school teacher in South Sudan, until it became apparent that her situation had become too dangerous to continue her work in that location. She moved to Uganda, accepted a teaching position at LivingStone University and, now, more than 20 students from South Sudan have followed her to Uganda.

“Joey and I have had the privilege of serving in churches and mission organizations that have been very supportive and encouraging, and we have undertaken each ministry together,” said Roger. “When relationships are built on Christ – and not just personalities – that makes for a healthy ministry over the long haul.”

Joey has been an active partner in every endeavor. She taught their children while the family lived in Aparri, Philippines and was very active in the missionary school while living in Manila. She also taught English classes at Manila Bible Seminary and worked with special needs children in the Lincoln Public Schools for 10 years. Roger is quick to give credit to the couple’s supporting churches and to the educational experience at NCC for the fulfilling ministry he and Joey have experienced.

“It has been humbling to see how God has used so many situations to prepare us for what was ahead, even though we did not have a clue at the time,” he said. “Churches where we served have been faithful supporters for years, and even music ministry from childhood helped build relationships for support and encouragement later. God was in control, shaping and molding us for what He had in mind.”

Roger remembered that Nebraska Christian College helped him see ministry first hand and provided a Biblical foundation to continue education and ministry.

“Professors invested in me and put me in situations so I could grow in my service to Christ,” he commented. “Thank you to NCC for lifetime friends, solid Bible teaching, opportunities to serve, mentors to follow, spiritual guidance in ministry, and a place to look for encouragement. I honestly don’t know where we would be now if we had not chosen Nebraska Christian College.”

Roger and Joey are the parents of David, in Lincoln, NE; Sarah, in Chicago, IL; Daniel, in Everett, WA and are also the grandparents of three children. >>>



FLIGHT OF FAITH

Charles "Chuck" Arnold ('54) had already experienced some of life's big milestones when he arrived at then-Pacific Bible Seminary. He was born in 1921 on a farm in Berthold, North Dakota and said that, unlike some children, he was always eager for summer to end, because school was easier than farm work. One of twelve siblings, he performed so well in school that he skipped third grade.

His family moved to Oregon in 1938, the year he graduated from high school. Arnold fought forest fires, cut railroad ties in a sawmill, picked potatoes in Idaho, and worked as a logger – often working with one or more of his brothers – earning money to help his parents build a house. He joined the U.S. Navy in 1942 and, after receiving his wings and considerable training with Oregon's Civil Pilot Training program, he went to the U.S. Naval Flight Training Station in Norman,

Oklahoma. The evening after completing that training, he met a waitress when he and his buddies went to a diner for ice cream. He and Mildred Sutton fell in love and were married in 1944, two weeks before Arnold's squadron embarked upon its mission in the Pacific Theater of World War II.

He was the official photographer of his squadron, but that duty was in addition to piloting in battle, and his stories are worthy of a movie script, including his descriptions of the terrifying process of taking off from and landing on an aircraft carrier in an "FM2-Wildcat"; a dogfight with a Japanese "Zero" fighter jet; and flying missions from a nearby crippled ship while its pilots recovered from a Kamikaze attack.

He earned the Air Medal for Meritorious Achievement five times and received

the Distinguished Flying Cross in 1945. Arnold did not take lightly the repercussions of his heroic work.

"Even after years of training, it was never easy to go into combat, knowing people would die," he recalled.

Some war veterans struggle with the idea of having relationships with the citizens of enemy countries, but forgiveness is part of Arnold's faith, as evidenced by the long friendship that he and Mildred had with a couple, both Japanese nationals, who attended church with the Arnolds when they were working in the United States.

"I always thought that the fight was between the countries' leaders," he explained. "The rest of us were just doing our jobs."

Lt. Charles Arnold





Among his stories, there is one, in particular, that paints a clear picture of the faith that flew with him throughout his wartime experiences.

Shortly after the war, in 1945, the Arnolds were visiting with his family, when his mother said to him, "There was a day that you were having a lot of trouble flying, so I prayed hard – I could see you in my mind, in a burning plane."

A few weeks after her prayer experience, she received a letter, in which Arnold told the story of a harrowing flight over the China Sea, when his plane was on fire.

"It was June 14 when I had that vision," she told him, during their conversation after the war. "When was your plane on fire?"

"It was June 15," he replied, meaning that it was the same day, because of the international date line time difference. "I was ready to stall the plane and bail out with my parachute, when the smoke disappeared."

The same faith that flew with Arnold throughout his wartime missions led

him to serve as the minister of a small church in Oklahoma while he attended Southwestern State University and then led him to California. He and Mildred became longtime members of First Christian Church Huntington Beach (FCCHB) and they met the Pastor, Dr. James Hurst, who was also President of Pacific Bible Seminary. Hurst encouraged Arnold to earn a degree from the institution, which opened the door to a lifetime as an educator.

Arnold taught a Bible School class at FCCHB for 31 years, taught school in Long Beach for seven years and served as principal in the Ocean View School District for 19 years. He and Mildred raised their sons, Ron and Lynn, who are now retired educators. After his retirement, he earned his credentials to sell real estate and trade stocks and bonds.

He found great joy in teaching and, for years after he retired, former students would drive by his home and offer him status reports on their lives. He remembers one student who was determined to be a ball player but was making little effort at academics.

"I told him, 'you are too smart for this,'" Arnold said. "He wasn't very happy with me, but he stopped by a few years later to let me know that playing ball didn't work out, but he was a successful pharmacist!"

Perhaps Arnold's success in marriage, family, military, and his other careers is linked to the simple consistency of his faith.

"I trusted God a lot – you know, even before we go on a trip, I ask for safety," he explained. "Flying a plane in wartime was just the same."



EXTREME MAKEOVER CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS

This summer, we made a significant investment in several much-needed renovations and upgrades to our Fullerton campus:

- resurface/repaint parking lots
- upgrade/add new campus signage
- resurface roofs
- install smart technology in 9 classrooms
- remodel faculty offices
- renovate several restrooms
- remodel Pacific Auditorium lobby
- paint all Nutwood Complex building exteriors
- remodel dorm rooms
- convert classroom into Preaching Lab
- and much more!





SERVANT LEADERS IN THE MAKING AT NCC

RESIDENCY PROVIDES INVALUABLE MINISTRY EXPERIENCE



NCC's approach to preparing and equipping exceptional ministers is based on the belief that residency is absolutely critical. The more experience students have upon graduation, the more prepared they are to lead.

Junior year residency typically happens at a church in/near Omaha, and the senior year at a church somewhere else in the country. During both years, students complete a blend of traditional classes, online classes, and intensive classes on campus.

Ministry students **Taylor & Cassandra Williams** are currently living in the dorms

on the HIU campus in Fullerton, CA, while fulfilling their residencies in SoCal churches. Taylor is a Resident at Saddleback in Lake Forest (Rick Warren's church); Cassandra is at Parkcrest Christian Church in Long Beach.

Andy Dykhouse, NCC's Director of Leadership Development, says: "I love what Cassandra says, 'It's amazing what you can do when people are intentional with you.' Intentional development is absolutely the key to the whole program. From start to finish, the goal is to intentionally train and prepare students to be hireable and highly desired upon graduation. The residency program is an integral part of that intentional development."

Another NCC student commented about the value of his ministry residency in preparation for ministry, "Both my time in the classroom and working with local churches while on campus at NCC put me ahead of my peers from other schools when I got to my residency."

NCC Institute guest speaker **Dan Scott** remarked, "I'm still thinking about my amazing time with the students and church leaders from The Institute at NCC. Nothing I experienced in college or seminary came close to the hands-on learning opportunities they provide for their students."

CULTIVATING A CULTURE OF RESPECT AND UNITY

A new student organization called **One Body** has been created with the purpose of developing a student culture on the NCC campus that celebrates diversity and unity in Christ. Last Spring, the normal Chapel format was set aside for a panel discussion led by One Body members and two former NFL players, Dave Tollefson and Kenny Onatolu (members of Kingsway Christian Church). Known for their reconciliation work, these men shared their personal journeys – growing

up and in the NFL – and how true respect and unity only come through the power and love of Christ.

One Body's faculty advisor, **Dr. Andrew Wood**, stated "We are very thankful for the increasing diversity at NCC. This creates a rich learning environment for students as they prepare for life and ministry in their chosen field."



WORSHIP ARTS CLASS HITS THE ROAD



Last Fall, 12 NCC Worship Arts students in the "Leading a Worship Band" class, along with their professor, John Chilcote, embarked on a field trip to Chicago to visit Harvest Bible Chapel and Willow Creek Community

Church. They met with worship leaders and observed worship services over a long weekend. Both churches have had a major influence in the area of worship ministry over the years.

Students sat down with Andi Rozier and other members of the worship staff at the Elgin campus of Harvest on Friday morning

to discuss worship leadership and ministry. Many of Harvest's worship staff are also part of their traveling worship ministry – *Vertical Worship*, a prominent and influential voice in today's Christian churches.

Saturday evening the group attended worship at Rolling Meadows Campus. Paul Baloche, influential veteran worship leader and songwriter, was a guest that weekend. Paul graciously spent some time chatting with the students, sharing his wisdom on worship leading and music.

On Sunday morning, the group traveled to South Barrington to attend worship at Willow Creek's main campus. Students made their way to the front rows of the 7000-seat

auditorium and were fully immersed in the worship. The production and music were impeccable and polished. After the service, students had the chance to talk with the worship team and tour the stage, as well as the rest of the building.

Sunday evening the class traveled to Willow Creek North Shore, one of seven satellite campuses, to attend the high school gathering "Impact." **Rachel Lang**, the youth pastor, and **David Schomer**, the youth worship leader, are both NCC graduates. Members of the class were invited to lead worship with David. The NCC students also interacted with the youth. It was a great opportunity to serve.



KAYLA BLOODWORTH

NCCAA DI HONORABLE MENTION ALL-REGION

Kayla Bloodworth received NCCAA DI Honorable Mention All-Region player honors for the 2017-18 season



DJ HANES

NCCAA DI 1ST TEAM ALL-REGION

DJ Hanes received NCCAA DI 1st Team All-Region honors for the 2017-18 season

"We firmly believe that character matters most. No program, sport, or statistic is more important than the student athletes themselves, and no victory is more important than the integrity of the game or players." –John Turek, HIU Athletics Director

HIU

Royals Athletics



In May, HIU wrapped up its **best single year in department history**. Several teams qualified for the postseason at the national level, and for the first time in the history of the school, every team in the department qualified for postseason competition at the conference level or further.

In addition to their success in competition, the Royals continue to experience academic growth. Twenty student-athletes were honored as GSAC and NAIA Scholar-Athletes for their hard work in the classroom (3.50 GPA or above). Students must be a junior or higher in academic standing with a 3.50 GPA or better to qualify. Several others would have qualified had they not been transfer students – students must attend for a full year as a transfer, or two full years after beginning as a freshman, in order to qualify for academic honors at the GSAC or NAIA level. Seven Royals Teams were recognized as NAIA Scholar Teams for earning a 3.0 team GPA or higher: Women's Golf, Women's Tennis, Men's Golf, Women's Track and Field, Men's Tennis, Women's Cross Country and Women's Volleyball.

"I certainly believe we're moving in the right direction," Athletics Director, **John Turek**, says of the 2017-18 school year. "I think it's gratifying

to see that everyone's hard work is paying off. We are a competitive entity in the GSAC now; you have to play your very best against us to get a win. I think that has shown in the way that many of our programs reached not only the postseason but the semifinals and beyond.

To that end, seven of the Royals' sixteen teams qualified for at least the GSAC Semifinals in various conference tournaments, including: men's and women's soccer, women's volleyball, men's and women's basketball, baseball, and softball. Men's volleyball reached the semifinals in its unaffiliated invitational tournament, while men's and women's tennis competed in the opening round of the GSAC tournament.

"I'd like to think that this run of success will continue – I think the bar has been raised now and I don't think we'll be going backwards anytime soon," Turek remarks.

SOFTBALL recorded its best single season in program history, finishing with a 47-11 overall record, an NAIA Opening Round appearance, and both the regular season and GSAC Tournament championship titles. Ally Painter, Taylor Pierce, Jamie Ponce, and Justice Walker were named All-GSAC and NFCA All-Region for their play,

and Coach Dennis Blas was named 2018 GSAC Coach of the Year.

Both **CROSS COUNTRY** programs finished fifth of eight programs that fielded full teams in the GSAC Championships and look to be ahead of schedule in their continued development under Dan Whittington. Daphne Salomon and Tabitha Abbey were each named All-GSAC for finishing in the top 14 individually at the GSAC Championships.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL reached the postseason for the first time as an NAIA program after earning the No. 3 seed in the inaugural GSAC Tournament and finished with a 17-10 record, the best under Jessica Walker in her six seasons at the helm. Katie Landazuri broke the all-time record for kills and was named All-GSAC, along with Shea Beeman. Beeman was named Libero of the Year and Walker was tabbed as Coach of the Year for the GSAC.

WOMEN'S SOCCER was picked to finish fourth in the conference by the GSAC. The Royals returned to the GSAC playoffs and made its deepest NAIA postseason run in the program's history. Emily Colon, Jazzmyn Esquivel, and Sara Lozoya were each named All-GSAC for

Coach Matt Sanger after a 9-8-3 overall record and a 1-1 postseason record that ended in the 2017 GSAC Semifinals.

After being picked to finish fifth by the GSAC, **MEN'S SOCCER** made its deepest playoff run to date with a trip to the GSAC Tournament Championship game and finished as runners-up in the conference tournament. Ryan Brown, John Mejia, Bacilio Hernandez, and Pedro Mendoza were each named All-GSAC for the Royals after the team finished with a 12-6-2 overall record.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL was picked to finish second-to-last by the conference but instead returned to the playoffs and qualified for the GSAC Semifinals. Emma Forel was named both All-GSAC and the Royals' first NAIA All-American since the 2013-14 season. Under Coach Beck Flanagan the Royals bounced back to a 19-13 overall record and just missed qualifying for the NAIA postseason.

MEN'S BASKETBALL made yet another appearance in the NAIA postseason after a runners-up finish in the GSAC regular season. Coach Bill Czech led the Royals to their sixth consecutive NAIA Tournament after yet another GSAC Semifinals berth, and Liam Hunt was honored as both an All-GSAC player and an NAIA All-American. Andrew Bournes was also honored by the conference for his play during the year as the Royals finished 25-6. Hunt and Deondre Bryant finished their careers as the winningest four-year seniors in program history with a 109-24 overall record (.819) and four straight NAIA Championship appearances.

BASEBALL took a step back after making the World Series in 2017, but still qualified for the GSAC Tournament after an up-and-down season. The Royals finished with a 28-26 overall record after an impressive run through the GSAC Tournament, finishing as runners-up in the tournament while knocking out three other teams on the way

to the Championship game. Frank Garriola and John Santospage were named All-GSAC for Coach Erich Pfohl, while Brandon Gonzalez was named a Gold Glove outfielder.

TENNIS continues its growth under new coach Michael Longanecker. Kyle Rae was named All-GSAC and an NAIA All-American for the Royals after a stellar junior campaign. Both the Royals' programs competed in the GSAC Championships and will continue to improve.

GOLF made its appearance in the postseason once again, this time at the Association of Independent Institutions (A.I.I.) Tournament. The men finished seventh of 17 teams in attendance, and the women placed third of eight teams. Keilee Bessho placed seventh individually for the women at the championship tourney and Clarence De Vera tied with Erick Liscio at 22nd overall for the men. The Royals say goodbye to several founding members of the men's program after the 2017-18 season

as the two teams improve from year to year.

TRACK & FIELD continues to make dramatic improvements under Dan Whittington. The Royals were able to claim three individual championships in the 800m – Pablo Perez and Salina Garcia – and in the 10K – Joe Tobin – to go with five All-GSAC performances for top-three finishes at the Championships. In addition to Garcia, Perez, and Tobin, the Royals got an All-GSAC finish from Tabitha Abbey in the 5000m.

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL rounded out the department after making its return to the postseason in 2018. The Royals finished 15-11, their best mark to date under Coach Henry Valiente Jr., and three players were honored as All-Conference. Daniel Bilinski, Nicolas Bilinski, and Chase Larson were honored for their play and are all returning for the 2018-2019 campaign.



HIU's Athletics Director **John Turek** was named the 2017-18 **Athletics Director of the Year for the Golden State Athletic Conference.**

"John has been one of the key voices in our conference this year," GSAC Commissioner Mike Daniels said of the award. "He is looked to quite often by others for advice and he has the big picture in mind when it comes to league decisions."

The Athletics Director of the Year award is presented annually by the GSAC in recognition of accomplishments during the previous year

in the areas of athletics administration and service to the conference and the NAIA. The recipient is also put forward for consideration by the NAIA for the national Athletics Director of the Year award.

"John's leadership has transformed inter-collegiate athletics at HIU," President Dr. John Derry remarked after Mr. Turek was selected by the GSAC for the award. "He is a role model to both coaches and athletes challenging them to give their best effort in competition and most important, to becoming men and women of Christian character."

Dr. R. Mark Comeaux, Vice President of Student Affairs at HIU, also recognized Mr. Turek's

leadership and influence on the continued upward trajectory of the department. "I appreciate and am thankful for the work our coaches have done to lift HIU to the level of excellence and success on both the courts and fields. This does not happen by chance.

"Along with the coaches' success, much of this is done through the leadership of the Athletics Director by facilitating the needs for both the coaches' success and the University's success. John understands the needs of the students, coaches, and the University. He has led his department strategically to accomplish these achievements in the athletic contests and in the lives of the athletes. We are proud of John and his leadership here at HIU."

FOCUS ON THE FACULTY



Lynne Baab, Ph.D., (Ministry & Biblical Studies) has a new book out from Fortress Press, *Nurturing*

Hope: Christian Pastoral Care in the Twenty-first Century. Here's a reviewer's description: "This is a book about people (not just pastors) caring for people (not just church members) and bringing hope in all kinds of ways (healing, sustaining, guiding, reconciling, nurturing, liberating, and empowering)."

Troy Backhuus, Ph.D., (Psychology & Counseling) has taught in higher education for 16 years. He began teaching part-time at HIU in June (counseling). He is deeply involved in missionary care. He and his wife were in Honduras in May working with several missionaries.



Shannon Bates, Ph.D., (Communication) successfully defended her doctoral

dissertation in August at Regent University in Virginia Beach, VA. The title of her study is *During the Week: An Ethnographic Study of Pastoral Communication*.



Amanda Boyd, Ph.D., (English) published a monograph, *Staging Memory and Materiality*

in *Eighteenth-Century Theatrical Biography*, in December 2017 through Anthem Press. In June, she presented at the world's first conference on the comedian Charles Macklin in London. Recently, Boyd has contributed book reviews to *The Huntington Quarterly* and *The Scriblerian and the Kit-Cats*.



Carol Davidson, M.A. LMFT (Psychology & Counseling) is now a licensed marriage and

family therapist and is an adjunct professor for the online undergraduate and graduate programs in the College of Psychology and Counseling.



Joseph C. Grana II, D. Min., (Dean, Ministry & Biblical Studies) spoke at the graduation for

Mexico Christian University June 2. There were 42 graduates receiving degrees from MCU and Certificates of

Ministry from HIU. Almost 700 people attended the ceremony at a theater in downtown Queretaro, Mexico. In March, Joe taught a Leadership class and spoke at a Certificate Graduation in Guayaquil, Ecuador.

Rick Gramer, M.P.A., (Arts & Sciences) is currently assigned as a School Resource Officer for 10 middle schools throughout the city of Irvine. In addition, he is an active member of the Irvine Police SWAT Team as a Crisis Negotiator. In the Spring, Professor Gramer flew to Reno, Nevada to meet with professionals in the fields of law enforcement, education, and mental health as part of the National Conference on Bullying.



Lydia R. Knopf, Ph.D., (Chair of the College of Business and Management) was published in the

Fall 2017 *Journal of Biblical Integration in Business*, "Profiles of Entrepreneurs: Discriminant and Cluster Analyses of the Romans 12 Motivational Gifts and Locus of Control as Predictors of Entrepreneurs."



Mark S. Krause, Ph.D., (Dean of NCC) completed an interim ministry for the

Acts 2 Church of Gretna, NE in August. He chaired an accreditation team for Heritage Christian University in Florence, Alabama and served as a judge for the student paper competition (grad level) at the Stone Campbell Journal Conference at Milligan College, TN (both in April). In February, he spoke at Journey Christian Church in Apopka, FL.



Bob Kuest, D. Min., (Biblical Studies) just returned from his 21st trip to

conduct leadership training in the country of Myanmar. He and his wife, Peggy (BA '95), worked with James Khong Sar Ong (MA '90). For the first time, the government allowed westerners to go to the northern city of Putao to teach. 130 pastors and church leaders attended the three-day conference.



David Matson, Ph.D., (Biblical Studies), recently published "Double-Edged: The Meaning of

STUDY ABROAD EXPLORING ENGLAND



A bright and inquisitive group of adventurous Hope International University students, accompanied by Drs. **Steve Edgington** & **Fay Ellwood**, explored many of Great Britain's literary landmarks as part of HIU's 3-unit, study-abroad course, "Literature in the British Setting." Prior to the trip, the class spent the spring semester researching, discussing, and presenting on great works of English literature. Then, the day after our Spring 2018 Commencement, the group flew to London for three and a half weeks of experiential learning.

Their travels included visits to numerous historical, literary landmarks, such as Charles Dickens' House, Shakespeare's Globe, Winchester Cathedral, the 13th century Salisbury Cathedral, Highclere Castle (AKA Downton Abbey), and Stonehenge. Students also toured St. Julian's Church where Julian of Norwich lived as an anchoress in the 1300s. Julian's book, *Revelations of Divine Love*, is the first English book authored by a woman. The students studied excerpts from this powerful Christian work, which centers on the great love of God, and took time to pray in the very cell where St. Julian lived more than twenty years.

the Two Swords in Luke 22:35-38" in the *Journal of Biblical Literature*, the most prestigious academic journal in his field. Matson taught two nine-week courses at University Christian Church in Los Angeles on "How to Study the Bible" and "How to Conduct a Greek Word Study" as well as a series on 1 Corinthians at Fullerton First Christian Church. He also moderated a panel discussion of "Christian Faith in the Public Sector" at Ambassador High School in Torrance and participated in a Protestant-Catholic Dialogue in recognition of the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation.



Bob Milliken, Ph.D., (English Literature, Humanities), taught Isaiah on Leadership

for Jamaica Bible Seminary, May 28-June 1; Restoration History for the high school week at Kootenai Christian Service Camp in Montana July 15-29; led a climbing trip in Colorado for Iranian graduate students at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln July 25-28 (climbed four 14,000-foot peaks and discussed connections between Islam and Christianity); and led NCC's Intro

to Mountaineering class in the Colorado Rockies August 12-18. The students studied the Gospel of Luke together and climbed eleven 14,000-foot peaks, and the Sawtooth (13,786), part of a class-3 traverse between two other peaks. He also completed a 5-year exegetical sermon series through all the Psalms at the church he serves, Sidney Church of Christ.



James Price, Th.M. (Biblical Studies) taught in the Leadership Training Institute in Battambang

Cambodia to 250 pastors and church workers with the Hope For Cambodia organization led by HIU alumnus Christopher LaPel (MA '94). He also led a group of 14 to climb Kilimanjaro in East Africa to raise money for Wild Hope International Ministries and raised \$50,000.



Robb Ring, D.Min., (Psychology & Counseling) received his Doctor of Ministry degree from Concordia

Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne Indiana.



Michael Shepherd, M.A., (Intercultural Studies and Political Science, Adjunct) presented a paper entitled "Spirituality of Resistance" at the annual ethnic studies conference at Fullerton College. He also led a community seminar on "Multifaith Spirituality" at First Christian Church of Fullerton.



Roberto Sirvent, JD, Ph.D., (Political and Social Ethics) co-edited a book with Silas Morgan called Kierkegaard

and Political Theology (Wipf & Stock, 2018), featuring essays from many of the top Søren Kierkegaard scholars in the world.



William H. (Bill) Thornton, M.Min. (Pastoral Ministry)

served as a guest preacher recently at the following churches: First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Ashland, NE; F Street Neighborhood Church, Lincoln, NE; CrossBridge Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Lincoln, NE; Stella Community Church, Stella, NE; Nemaha Christian Church, Nemaha, NE;

and Sutherland Church of Christ, Sutherland, IA. He was also one of the featured speakers for an Anti-Death Penalty Rally that took place recently on the steps of the State Capitol in Lincoln, NE.



Carl Toney, Ph.D., (Chair, Graduate Ministry Program) finished his most recent book, New Testament

Foundations: An Introduction for Students, which will be available this October. Last spring, he also published a small-group Bible study, *Philippians: Unexpected Joy*. Due to the generous support of Kent Anderson, he is beginning research for his next book project, a commentary on the Gospel of Matthew. In addition, during the summer he provided missionary training for CMF International's annual "Globalscope" gathering.



Andrew Wood, D.Min. (Intercultural Ministry), edited the book *Eat What Is Set Before You: A*

Missiology of the Congregation in Context, authored by Scott Hagley. The book will be available early in 2019 from Urban Loft Publishers.

They journeyed south to Salisbury, stopping at Max Gate, the house designed by novelist, poet, and architect Thomas Hardy. At the Hardy house, they sat in the very room where he wrote *Tess of the d'Urbervilles*, then enjoyed a spirited game of croquet in the gardens.

The group also devoted time for group prayer, personal prayer, and spiritual reflection in the striking historic settings. Tintern Abbey was one of many sacred spaces they explored, along with numerous chapels, churches, and cathedrals.

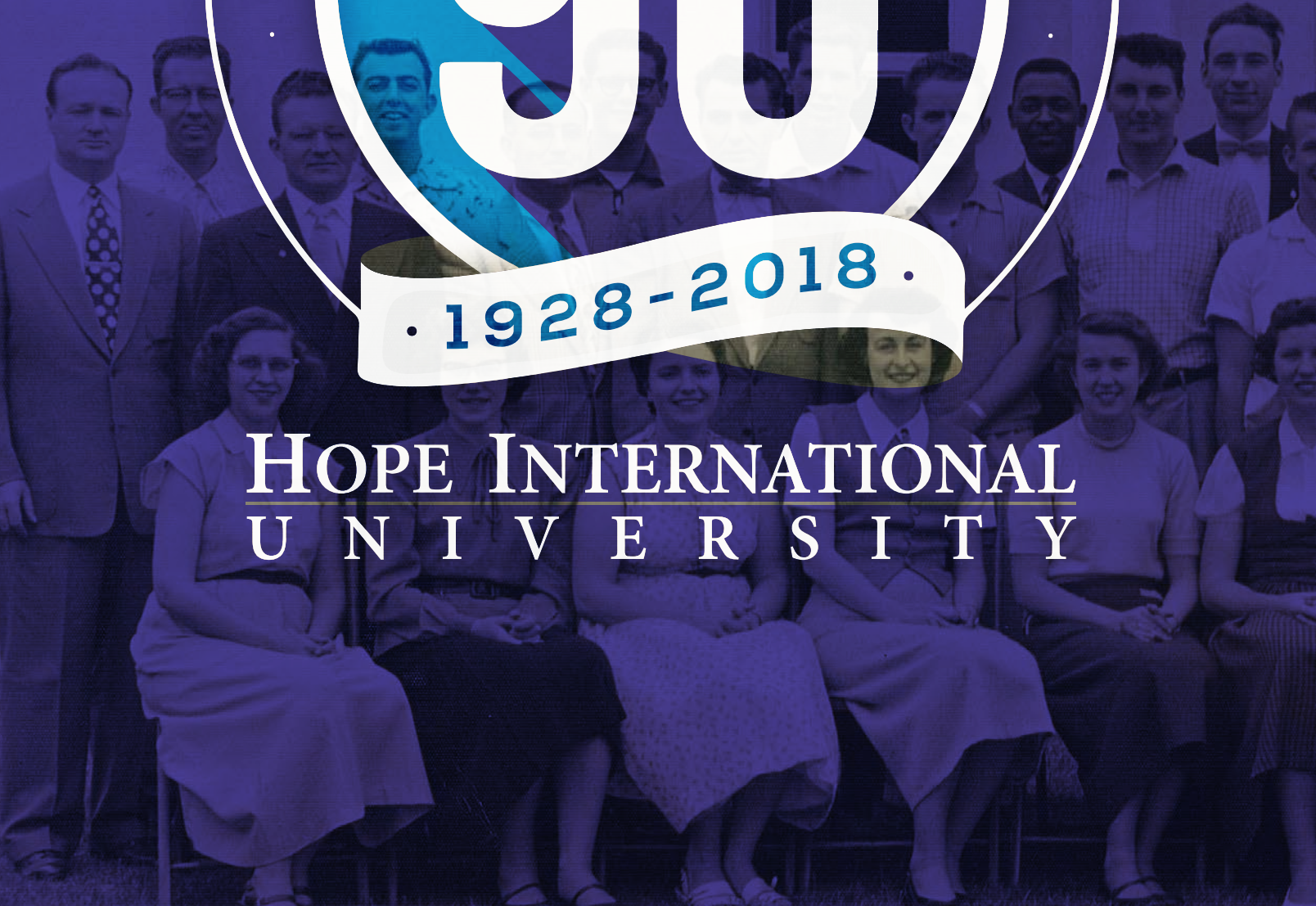
"We returned to Los Angeles happy and tired after our whirlwind tour of literary and other historical sites. This trip afforded little down time with so much to be explored. Our students were engaged and thoughtful, and added much to the experience with their playful insights and passion for the literature that inspired the trip in the first place," Dr. Ellwood reported of the group's time abroad.

HIU offers this uniquely rich study abroad opportunity for credit every other summer. Student sign up and begin preparing themselves (and their finances) 18 months in advance of the memorable excursion.



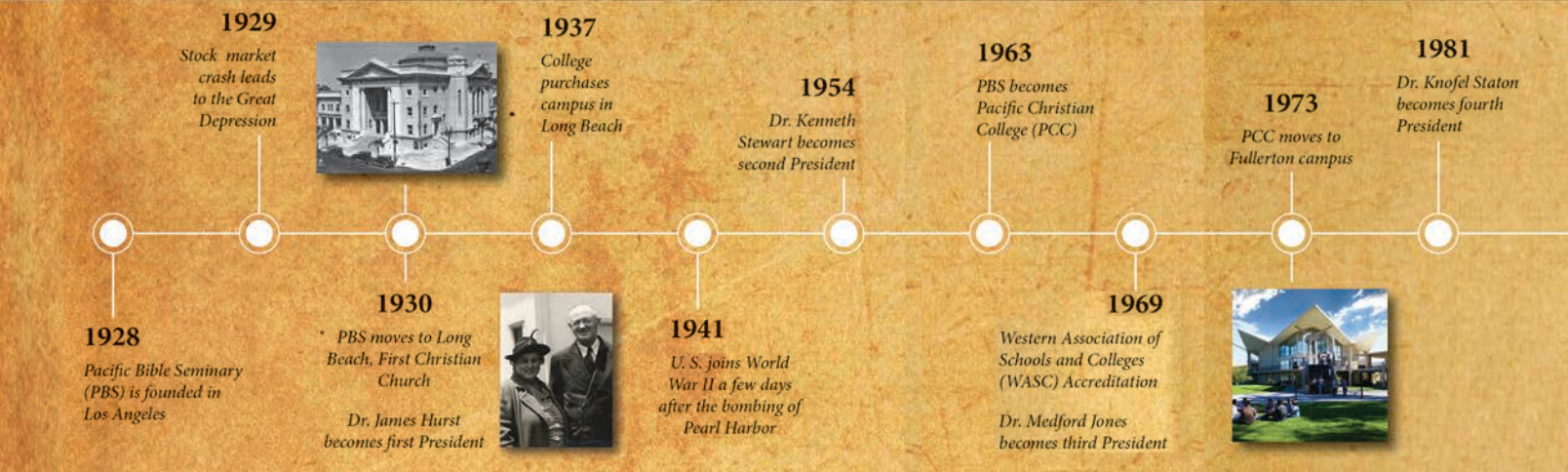


HOPE INTERNATIONAL
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HONORING OUR HERITAGE
ENSURING OUR LEGACY



HIU was incorporated on October 9, 1928 as **Pacific Bible Seminary**. The Alvarado Church of Christ in Los Angeles served as the campus, where the first classes were held the following January. As the school's founders recruited a president, the task of hiring faculty and establishing the curriculum was handled by **Robert Elmore**, the first Dean.

The next year, a church in Long Beach invited the seminary to meet in its building, and the pastor of that church, **George Taubman**, became the new Dean. As pastor of one of the largest churches in the country, Taubman was one of the country's most well-known preachers, too.

Two attempts to hire the first president derailed after disputes over several issues, and it wasn't until a year after classes began that **James Hurst**, who was the

Pastor of Huntington Beach Church of Christ, agreed to assume the position. He worked part-time, while continuing his church ministry, maintaining that dual role for 23 years.

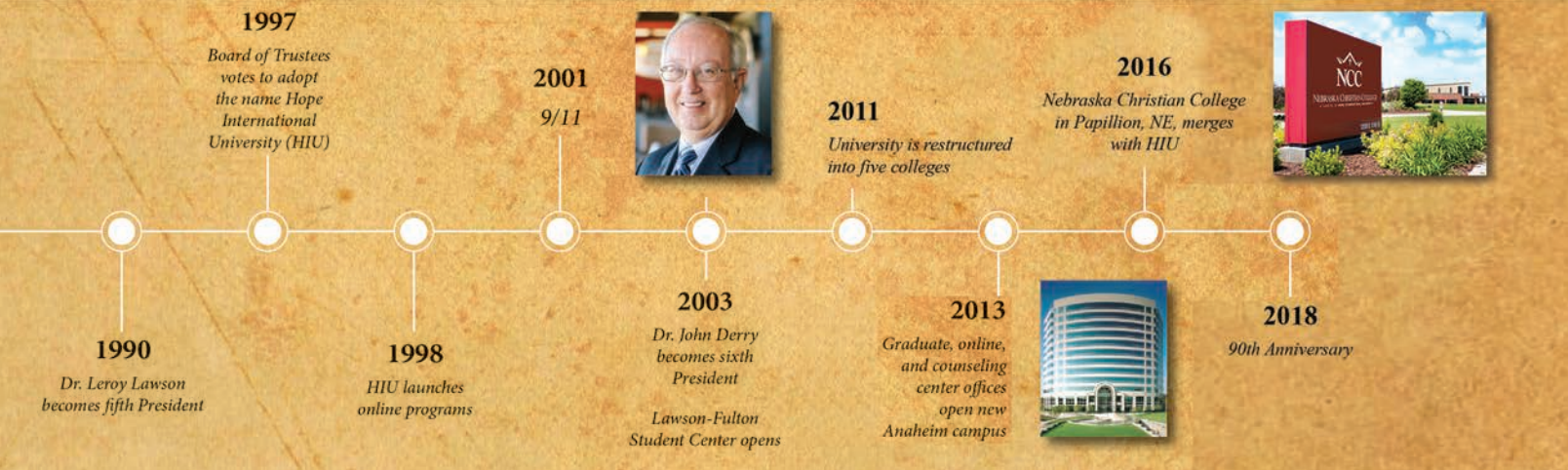
Shortly after the establishment of Pacific Bible Seminary, the stock market crashed in 1929, marking the beginning of the Great Depression. Unemployment soared as high as 50% and people lost their jobs, their savings, and their homes.

From a practical perspective, it would be difficult to think of a worse time to establish a new, private institution. Colleges need more than just tuition funds in order to operate. The small group embarked upon a campaign to raise \$250,000, an ambitious goal for that time. After hiring a consultant to help with the effort, initial pledges totaled \$23,075. At

the end of the first semester of operation, the school was \$1,294.50 in debt. Things looked rather bleak, but the people who served the Seminary persevered.

Disaster struck in 1933, in the depths of the Great Depression. An earthquake destroyed the church where the seminary was meeting. Some might have interpreted that as a "sign from God" to forget the dream. Instead, the school moved into a small house in Long Beach and continued its mission. A few years later, the institution bought a small property and built its first real campus.

For the first 25 years, everyone who served at the institution was a part-time employee. The school hired the first full-time president and full-time professor in 1954.



The institution became **Pacific Christian College** in 1962 and, in 1973, PCC moved to its current campus in Fullerton. The Board of Trustees voted in 1997 to change the name to **Hope International University**. (PCC of Ministry & Biblical Studies remains one of the five academic colleges within the University structure).

HIU experienced the Great Recession in 2008, along with the rest of the country and most of the world. Many of our alumni, donors, and churches experienced serious adversity, just as the institution did.

"We have a legacy of persistence through adversity and trials," current HIU President **John Derry** reflects. *"When you believe in something, you just don't give up."*

In 2016, **Nebraska Christian College** merged with HIU, establishing a presence

in the Midwest with a branch campus in Omaha, Nebraska.

"I doubt anyone would have ever anticipated that HIU would someday have a branch campus near Omaha, or that we would be offering online programs to thousands of students all over the world," says President Derry. "The total number of graduates during those first 25 years combined was fewer than 150. We now graduate more students than that each semester!"

Dr. Gary Tiffin, a former Academic Dean, wrote a history of the first 25 years of the school's existence. In it he asked this question, "Can a college which exists in a rapidly changing world continue to function according to its original purpose?" This University has certainly experienced

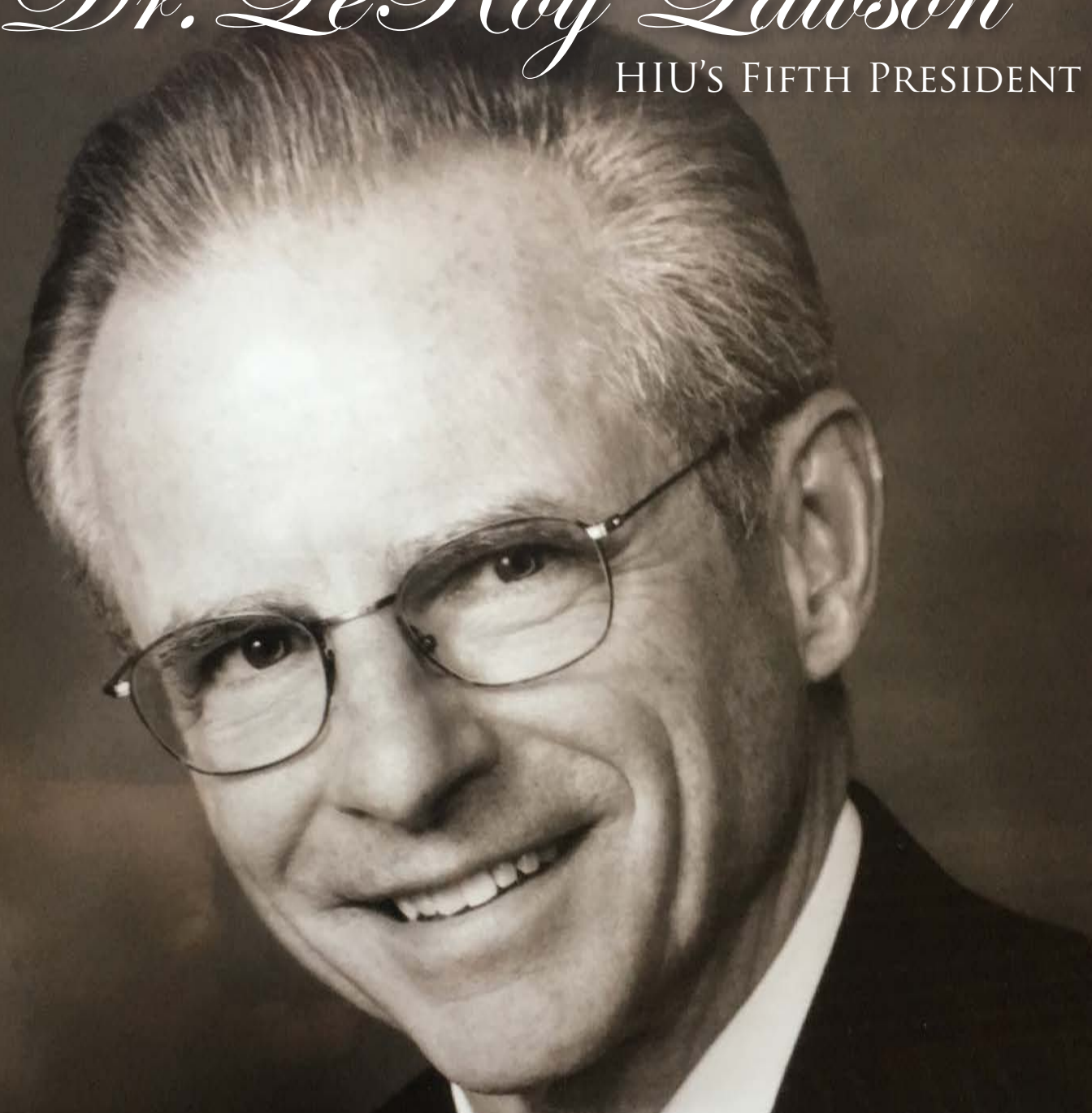
change throughout its nine decades, but President Derry firmly believes that the answer to Dr. Tiffin's question is a resounding "Yes!"

God has placed the fate and future of Hope International University in our hands, and we each have a shared responsibility to care for what has been entrusted to us. May the God who established and sustains us continue to keep us faithful to His purposes.

It is vital to keep in mind that your investment in – and commitment to – HIU does not impact just what happens next week or next semester. Those seeds of faith may have a 90-year horizon that will reap a harvest in multiple generations to come!

Dr. LeRoy Lawson

HIU'S FIFTH PRESIDENT

A black and white portrait of Dr. LeRoy Lawson, an older man with glasses, smiling. He is wearing a dark suit jacket, a white shirt, and a patterned tie. The background is a dark, neutral color.

In the summer of 1990, Dr. E. LeRoy Lawson became the fifth president of Pacific Christian College. His 13-year presidency embodied growth and development, as enrollment grew from 550 to nearly 1200.

Campus facilities were enhanced, too, as the Residence Halls and Pacific Auditorium were renovated. The Library was renovated and then renamed the Hugh and Hazel Darling Library, in honor of a grant from the Hugh and Hazel Darling Foundation. The institution purchased the Terrace Office Buildings and College Place Apartments and, in 2003, the face of the campus changed forever when the Lawson-Fulton Student Center was completed after a record-breaking contribution from Stanley Fulton, a longtime donor.

In 1997, the institution achieved university status and adopted the name Hope International University (HIU). HIU comprised Pacific

Christian College, the School of Graduate Studies and the School of Professional Studies. Other academic growth included the Adult Degree Completion, On-line, and MBA programs; Global Language Center, later renamed the Institute of International Studies; and the Londen Chair of World Evangelization, which later became the Londen Institute of Evangelism. His legacy also includes increased interactions between HIU and churches, as well as the development of stronger relationships with the local community.

Dr. Lawson's career has included ministry in Oregon and Indiana and at Milligan College in Tennessee as a faculty member, and Vice President. When Dr. Lawson retired, he and his wife, Joy, toured America for a year and a half in their motor home before he returned to work as International Consultant for Christian Missionary Fellowship.



RELATIONSHIPS & RECOLLECTIONS

Katherine Rowe and her late husband, **John**, moved to Long Beach in 1967, several years before the campus moved to its current home in Fullerton. John served as a Professor, Dean, Athletic Director, Financial Aid Officer, and Housing and Food Services Manager, among other duties. Katherine was there for every milestone, not as a spectator, but as a full participant, and she carries with her a wealth of memories that provide colorful perspective to more than four decades of HIU's history.

One of Katherine's fondest recollections is the summer of 1971. John and Katherine chaperoned a 13-week recruitment tour, featuring the musical group HIS; and she referred to John and her travel companions as "Pied Pipers for students." The group of six males and three females traveled 15,000 miles with the Rowes, promoting the theme, "We are HIS, you are HIS, we are all HIS."

Katherine, who was concerned that some of the group members weren't getting enough exercise, pulled out jump ropes at rest and gasoline stops and expected every student to jump.

The vehicle that transported the group was the result of one of Katherine's other projects: fundraising efforts spearheaded by women.

"We raised money for a van," she remembers. "I went to the dealer and said, 'this is how much we've got – sell us a van'... and soon we drove away with our 'Witness Wagon.'"

The van was only one of many projects that grew out of the Rowe's focus on women-focused fundraising. The women planned and produced an annual Woman's Day for fundraising; a "Seat-a-Student" campaign for student desks, and a fundraiser that involved participants paying a fee to swing a sledgehammer and demolish an old, inoperable piano. The program grew into the thrift shop that was ultimately named "Treasures n' Beyond," the proceeds of which covered the cost of many projects that directly affected students' lives.

When asked to list her favorite things about HIU, she names three: relationships between students and faculty, relationships with the churches, and fundraising that has grown out of integrity.

She says that faculty have always interacted with their students to inspire, teach, and encourage, and she added that administrators, faculty, staff, and spouses hosted dinners for students and also were involved in such activities as the Candy Party, which was a way for a couple to make a surprise announcement of their engagement. The future bride would enlist a staff member to help plan the event, during which the female students would stand in a circle and pass around a bowl of candy until the future bride finally grabbed a piece to indicate, "I'm the one! I am getting married!"

Katherine wasn't exactly delighted when then-President Jones took John out of the classroom and asked him to do fundraising, but realized, ultimately that the President was right.

"I was angry at first," she admits, "but John and others used such integrity in building relationships that resulted in fundraising, and God blessed the school because of it."

Even years later, alumni and donors visit the Rowe home and express their appreciation for the ways that John and Katherine Rowe invested in them. Up until very recently, they hosted dozens of alumni each year.

"It is so gratifying to hear what former students have done, and to see who they have become!" she exclaims.

She recalls additional relationships outside HIU's church connections that made a significant impact on the University's history. One of those relationships was with the Rowe's neighbor, a Vice President at Cal State Fullerton, who assisted the school with its first accreditation process.

She acknowledges that the work of growing HIU was hard, but neither of the Rowes ever regretted the challenges, despite the pain that sometimes comes with growth and change.

"I always tell people not to complain when they say, 'but things aren't like they used to be – they're different now,' she laughs. "After all, we **wanted** to make a difference! I'm so proud of what our University has become."



ALUMNI NEWS & NOTES

1950s

Franklin Bixler (BA '51, MA '52, BDiv '53) will turn 90 years old this December. Franklin



taught at HIU full time from 1965-1974, then part time until 1999. He was the pastor at Wilmington Avenue Christian Church from 1953-1959, Costa Mesa First Christian Church from 1959-1965. He then became the pastor at Westside Christian Church from 1966-2004. Franklin and **Shirley** (FS '73) have raised three children, Cathy Nelson, Stephen Bixler and David Bixler. They have seven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

1970s

Roger (BA '71) and **Bernadette Steiner** have lived in Corona, CA since 1980. They continue to attend Crossroads Church in Corona where their niece attends school in 4th grade. Roger had a stroke in 2016 and has recovered. Roger attended Pacific Christian College on the VA Bill, after serving in the USAF. The Steiners enjoy attending the musicals and basketball games at HIU.

Alan Hemenway (BA '72) retired in 2009 as the State Appraiser (Oregon/Washington) for USDA Rural Development.

Sheldon Lee (BA '73) has been at Hillside Christian Church in Reinholds, PA for over 30 years. Sheldon plans on retiring in 2020 and will work with the church on a transition plan.

After more than 40 years of full-time ministry, all at Pomerado Christian Church in Poway, **Evan Foote** (BA '75)

has retired from the day to day operations of the church. Evan and Linda (Beeding/BA '74) both began ministry serving at Parkcrest Church in Long Beach and moved to Poway in 1977. Linda, who was the first Social Science major to graduate from HIU, has been active in the ministry as well as serving as a teacher and trainer in the Poway Unified School District. Linda will retire from PUSD at the end of the 2018 school year. Evan and Linda still live in Poway and continue to attend Pomerado Christian Church.

Robin Miller (FS '79) continues to enjoy playing the piano and singing at Cascade Baptist Church in Cascade, Idaho.

1980s

Dr. Paul Becker (MA '83) is president and founder of DCPI (Dynamic Church Planting International) established in 1994. DCPI is focused on equipping leaders to plant 5,000,000 new churches. DCPI has trained over 209,000 Christian leaders from 132 countries in every region of the world, planting about 570,000 new churches. Paul is also an author of four books, *Dynamic Church Planting: A Complete Handbook*, *The New Dynamic Church Planting Handbook*, *The Dynamic Daughter Church Planting Handbook*, and *Seeing Your Vision Come True*.

Dean Shearer (MA '83) after 42 years retired from the pastoral ministry on October 1, 2017. During his time in ministry, he pastored several churches in California and Oregon as well as serving 20 years on the board for OCEF Church Planters and authoring the book, *Neighbors and Ne'er-Do-Wells*. He continues to be active as a member of the leadership team for the Oregon Christian Convention.

David Hahn's (FS '84) passion for helping low-income families in their search for affordable housing has led him on a fulfilling journey in "marketplace ministry." After a long and distinguished career with Bank of America – the only employer he had ever worked for – David recently accepted an offer to become the new Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity, San Bernardino Area.

Hahn's career with Bank of America spanned 34 years, where he collaborated with prospective homeowners and nonprofits to help low-income families in the Inland Empire find housing. During his last 9 years, as Senior Vice President/California Advocacy Relationship Manager, Hahn became very engaged with HUD-certified nonprofit housing agencies throughout California, including Habitat for Humanity.

Habitat for Humanity provides affordable housing for low-income families. Alongside community-based organizations and volunteers, prospective homeowners participate in the construction of their homes. In more than 25 years, the nonprofit's San Bernardino Area chapter has built or rehabilitated 29 homes in the region, housing more than 150 men, women and children.

"When I was presented the opportunity

to work for an organization that has a core principle of "Demonstrating the Love of Jesus Christ," I thought it would be a good idea to keep listening! I believe in this organization, a remarkable agency that is doing a lot of good in the community it serves," said Hahn, who had been volunteering with Habitat for almost 20 years.

As an HIU student, David took many business courses because he felt it was important to learn ethical business and management principles grounded in biblical truth taught by Christian professors. He fondly remembers soaking in the lectures of Dr. Paul McReynolds and learning how to engage with local church congregations by observing Dr. John Rowe. "These experiences at HIU taught me how to effectively integrate my faith into business practices," Hahn reminisced.

"It is clear that Habitat For Humanity is where I am supposed to be, especially when I read their Mission Statement that says: 'Seeking to put God's Love into action, Habitat For Humanity brings people together to build Homes, Communities, and Hope.' It feels like just the right fit: the perfect marriage of where my heart has always been and what I'll be doing now as my profession."



Ray (BS '84) and **Susanne** (AA '84) **Matteson** moved to Viroqua, WI where Ray began the Senior Minister position at Viroqua Church of Christ in 2017.

Dawn Brechtel (FS '86) and Brad have been married for 25 years. Dawn and Brad have a 24 year old son, Eric who is Dawn's greatest achievement. Brad and Eric have been a great emotional support for Dawn as she battled with a series of health issues. Eight years ago she discovered that she

had thyroid cancer, and has not been able to resume her love of singing. She continues to trust that God has a better plan in all things.

Dustin Parker (FS '86) is marking the 10th anniversary of service to Concordia Lutheran Church in Cerritos as senior pastor, and 9 years of service as a circuit counselor, working with and helping equip 8 other churches and pastors. This summer brought Dustin the appointment as a Regional Vice President of the Pacific

Southwest District of the LCMS, a district of over 300 churches and 180 schools.

Jon Taylor (BA '87) is now the Executive Director of Coaching Mission International, an organization that equips missions leaders through leadership coaching and coach training. Jon left his position at First Christian Church in Phoenix after being on staff for 17 years. June (Russi/BA '86) is the Manager of Budget, Audit and Financial Analysis at Christian Care, a network of

senior living communities in Arizona. The Taylors have lived in Phoenix for 18 years.

Wendy (Stephens/FS '89) **Vallier** attended HIU under the GI bill before transferring to Cal State Fullerton. She has been a teacher in the Garden Grove School District for 20 years and has two daughters, aged 26 and 24.

1990s

Congratulations to **Robbie** (BA '91) and **Leanne** (BA '93) **Phillips** who have adopted

two baby girls, Annie and Sky. They have three years to finalize the adoption.

Tammy Daughtry (Gallegos/AA '91, BA '92) is a Zondervan/HarperCollins author and also created a digital curriculum to expand from the initial book. The book is titled, *Co-parenting Works! Helping Your Children Thrive after Divorce* and has been featured on Focus on the Family, FamilyLife Radio and over 50 other media outlets advocating for healthy parenting after divorce and remarriage. Tammy and her husband Jay also produced the "One Heart, Two Homes" digital

curriculum to help parents and leaders around the globe who care about kids impacted by divided homes. Tammy and Jay now train pastors, therapists, military chaplains, social workers and even pregnancy center directors on how to implement the "One Heart, Two Homes" resource into their communities.

Marcus (BA '95, BTh '96) and **Tina** (BA '95) **Gebhard** are missionaries with Pioneer Bible Translators. The Gebhards work among the Lele language group in West Africa helping them to translate the Bible into their language.

In 2016, after a season of unemployment, **Lori** (Lenz/BA '98) and **Ryan Morrison** (FS '98) began to work in full time Christian camp ministry. The Morrissons recently moved to Palomar Christian Conference Center, where Ryan is a member of the maintenance team. Lori works on a contract basis doing marketing, graphic design, and other consulting work and substitute teaching. They have two children: Olivia, who turned 11 in March, and Zachary who turned 8 in June.

Tu Chung (FS '99) has become an entrepreneur in business investment. Tu would like to connect with his old friends

from PCC/HIU dorms from 1998-1999.

2000s

Mark Reiswig (BA '01) lives in Arizona with his wife, Kim, and their three daughters (ages 6, 8 & 9). Mark has been the pastor at the Glendale Campus of Catalyst Church for the last 9 years.

Lesby Flores-Castro (BS '03, MFT '05) is serving as the Division Manager for Youth Systems of Care in Fresno County DBH.

Betty Odak (MFT '03) has been in private practice in Redlands since 2012 and loving every minute.

Abigail "Abby" Van Wormer (BA '04) is now a Marketing Manager for Baker Publishing Group in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Baker Publishing Group publishes high-quality writings that represent historic Christianity and serves evangelical readers. Abby has also written and illustrated her first children's book, *Scrappy's Search*.

Lani (Smith/ BA '09) **Forbes** is excited to share that she recently signed a major book deal with Blackstone Publishing for a three-book young adult historical fantasy series. Lani with her husband, Kevin (BA '09) and 4 year old daughter, Raelyn live in Idaho where she teaches at Cole Valley Christian School.

Joel Nielsen (BA '09) earned an MDiv from TEDS and is the pastor at Madison Church of Christ in Brooklyn, IA.



When **Albert Wolfe** (2005) arrived at Hope International University, he had no idea how the University's "middle name" would take center stage in his life and career. As the son of alumni **A. Edward Wolfe** ('74) and **Louise Bennett Wolfe** ('77), he visited the campus, mostly to please his family (several other relatives are alumni, as well). A tenacious enrollment recruiter who put together a good scholarship package sparked Albert's interest in HIU.

Shortly after his arrival on campus from his home in Tempe, Arizona, Wolfe was assigned to serve as a mentor to a Korean student.

"I had no idea why I was chosen for that mentoring role," he said, "but it led me to realize that there was a world beyond mine, and I developed a passion to speak another language at a high level."

He came to study English Literature & Leadership but sharpened his focus on Intercultural Studies after the mentorship experience, during which he learned the Korean alphabet. When he was a sophomore, a group of Chinese students spent a semester at HIU, and he became intrigued with China and the Chinese language.

"My final paper in college focused on the idea that, if you can speak English and Mandarin, you can do business almost anywhere in the world," Wolfe recalled. "For me, there was something compelling about China – it was big, exciting, and maybe even a little scary."

Shortly after graduation from HIU, Wolfe earned his certificate to teach English as a second language (TESOL) and moved to China, where he taught English in the university system for more than a decade on an official work visa. He was then invited to work with one of his colleagues to establish a language immersion school, The Fountains, in Guangzhou, where he currently serves as Principal. The school curriculum is taught in Chinese and English to the young offspring (ages two through six) of local professionals, and the campus also rents space to an official government church, the Three-Self Church.

"We have a wonderful community, and our faculty members actually live on the campus," he said. "Many families from the school become interested in a new perspective and then come to visit the church, too."

Wolfe believes that his HIU experience uniquely prepared him for his work in China, including a martial arts class that incorporated a "Fight the Dean" component.

"I owe all my international interest to HIU, and I can't even begin to list all the faculty and staff members who made a difference in my life," he commented, citing Cora Alley, Steve Edgington, Steve Richardson, Jim Woest, and Matt Edson.

Albert's foreign language adventure has led him not only to publish a language textbook, *Chinese 24/7*, but also led him to the love of his life, Eva Wu Lihua, who he met at the church and married last November. Eva is a Chinese national and a professor at a university in Guangzhou.

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2010s

Brandon Maynard (BA '10) in 2017, received a PsyD in Clinical Psychology, and has recently become licensed in the State of Wyoming as a Clinical Psychologist. Brandon will be moving into the position of managing the mental health crisis team, providing oversight of a developing crisis program that serves the community of Cheyenne, Wyoming. This comes after approximately twelve years of higher education. He presented his dissertation at the 125th American Psychological Association convention in Washington D.C. Additionally, Brandon and his wife, Miriam welcomed their third daughter into the world. Dr. Maynard is grateful for the education he received at HIU, and continues to practice many of the leadership principles in his career.



Ashley (Brouillette /BA '10) and **Scott Holden** are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, Mary Susanna Holden born on April 16, 2018. The Holdens continue to live in Fontana and Ashley is the Director of Children's Ministry at Park Avenue Christian Church in Montebello, CA.

Nicole (Eggers/BA '10) and **Perris** (BA '11) **Rowan** welcomed baby number three, Radshak Suede Rowan on July 21, 2018. The Rowans live in Irvine, CA where they continue their ministry at Presence OC Church.

Emily (Walczak/BA '11) and **Jake Thompson** have purchased their first home. After living in a few different places in

the United States, they finally settled down in the sweet town of Queen Creek, Arizona. The Thompsons have been married almost seven years. They lost their baby in 2014 but are hopeful to be able grow their family soon. Emily is currently working at an outpatient behavioral health clinic and Jake works for FedEx.

Ramal Dixon (MBA '12) has accepted a job with Christ's Hope International in Traverse City, MI as the VP of Advancement. CHI cares for children and families infected with or affected by HIV and AIDS caring for over 1,000 children in 23 Ministry CarePoints across sub-Saharan Africa. In addition Ramel is enrolled in Pepperdine's Ph.D program for Global Leadership and Change.

Medardo Lugo-Bazan (BS '12) started his own business upon graduating from HIU. ELB Wireless LLC has grown from an operations/processing facility to now three online stores and looking forward to the fourth store all while Medardo required a back fusion surgery.

Prior to enrolling at HIU, **Scott Cunningham** (MBA '13) worked for NorthRidge Church in various pastoral roles. Ultimately Scott moved to Nicaragua to work for Food for the Hungry while earning his MBA in International Development online. Scott has lived in Nicaragua for the last 8 years and currently works for Amigos for Christ as the Director of Strategy and Innovation. The organization helps provide clean, running water in the homes of rural

Nicaraguans as well as flush toilets and showers in every home.

Neil (BA '12) and **Lindsey** (Miller/BA '13) **Baker** recently returned to Neil's hometown of Las Vegas, Nevada, to begin his career as a management-side labor and employment attorney at Littler Mendelson. After Neil graduated from the Maurer School of Law at Indiana University, Bloomington, he and Lindsey made a temporary move to Salt Lake City, Utah, where Neil clerked for the Honorable Gregory K. Orme of the Utah Court of Appeals. Now that they've finally made it home, they enjoy visiting with family. It was during Neil's time at HIU that he discovered



2018 YOUNG ALUMNI AWARDEES

During his internship at a local church, **Gerry Salmeron-Meneses** (BA '14) discovered Young Life (YL), a program dedicated to introducing adolescents to Jesus Christ and helping them grow in their faith. While serving as youth pastor for the next couple of years, Gerry continued to be drawn to Young Life's mission and decided to apply to work for YL in his hometown of Los Angeles.

"As a kid, I always wanted to leave this city (Los Angeles); but during my time at *Hope* God put a burden on my heart for the city where I grew up," Gerry says of his transition to YL. "I saw how many kids were leaving their faith right after high school and how hard it was for kids to share their faith during their adolescent years. After my time as a youth pastor, I heard God calling me, loud and clear, back to my hometown."

For five years, Gerry worked as a staff associate for Hollywood YL where he and his wife **Kristi** (BA '13) mentored teens and held small groups. "We reached about 250 young people on a weekly basis," he shares of the vast reach of YL.

"HIU truly shaped us as leaders and showed us how to see Scripture not just as head knowledge, but applicable to life in everyday ministry," Kristi reflects. "Not only were kids' daily lives being transformed, but their eternity as well."

As the need and interest spread, a new YL chapter was created for West Central LA. The program launched September 1, 2017, with Gerry as the Area Director. The couple remains active in the lives of their Young Life group members, attending their sporting events and making time to fellowship with them after school. By investing in these relationships, Gerry says, "We earn the right to be heard. We do all this in the hope of having an opportunity to share with them the greatest love story of all – the gospel of Jesus Christ."

Kristi currently serves as the Operations Manager of Saving Innocence. The nonprofit's mission is to rescue and restore child victims of sex trafficking in Los Angeles through strategic partnerships, while also mobilizing communities to prevent abuse and invest in the health of our future generations. There she helps support the case management team in meeting resource needs for

the minors. "There are so many hurting and broken people of this world that need God's acceptance and love," she says.

Gerry and Kristi have opened their home to two additions to their family. The couple is fostering two children from the community until they can be reunified with their family. "It has been amazing to see our ministry come full circle – the teenagers we have invested in for years with Young Life are now investing in these two little ones in our home," says Kristi.

"Our decision to foster came directly out of our experiences at Young Life and Saving Innocence, where we are consistently interacting with kids in foster care. We saw and knew so many great kids, but saw so few families willing to receive them. It is an incredibly vulnerable population, and we were frustrated and angered by the lack of protection, love and stability for these kids in foster care. I highly doubt that foster care will ever not be a part of our story."





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As the child of Mexican immigrants, **JC Lugo's** (BA '13) native language is Spanish. "The challenge of maneuvering through the education system was quite daunting," JC reflects on his personal journey to college. "However, I knew that continuing my education would help me be successful and allow me to one day serve the community that shaped me."

Lugo dived into the subject area that challenged him most, earning his college degree from HIU in English Literature. The struggles that came with learning a second language and being a first-generation college student have motivated JC to return and reinvest in the Los Angeles community where he grew up.

JC spent his first summer after graduation at Read Lead where he interned as a Servant Leader in Lynwood, CA. Read Lead is an educational initiative that provides literacy and leadership opportunities for youth and young adults in Los Angeles County. "The students I work with come from multiple

backgrounds and varying levels of education; Hope really prepared me to interact with people from all walks of life. Through my experiences at HIU, I'm able to see and focus on each student's humanity and specific needs, not simply their background," reflects Lugo. "I began to understand that serving those students is much more rewarding than serving myself.

"In my first summer with Read Lead I had a student that initially was very shy. She hardly spoke and would get defensive when I would ask a question. I later found out that her behavior was only masking her insecurities and low academic performance. She was going into 7th grade, but was reading at an elementary level. As I worked with her that summer, she slowly began to fall in love with reading.

"At our culmination ceremony she chose to recite a poem that she had written. She was moved to tears, and so was her mom, because of her growth and increased confidence. Fast-forward 4 years and now she's thriving in high school as a junior. She is one of our most dedicated volunteers and is helping other students fall in love with reading, just as she has.

"If I'm able to leave my students feeling empowered and feel like they can accomplish their goals despite circumstances they may face, then I know I'm in the right place, doing the right thing."

JC continued to serve with Read Lead the following two summers as Site Coordinator in the city of Lynwood. In the summer of 2016 he was honored to serve as Project Director overseeing all 5 sites that Read Lead operates throughout the south LA area.

JC now works as the coordinator of the Male Success Alliance (MSA) at Cal State Dominguez Hills. The mission of the MSA is to improve access, retention, and graduation rates of young men of color through academic support, professional development, and mentoring.

"I know that God allowed me to experience what I did while I was growing up in order to better understand and serve these students and their families. I wake up every day and know that the work I do has high value and purpose."

his interest in the law, and his Liberal Arts degree left him uniquely prepared for the challenges he would meet in law school. Neil looks back fondly on his time competing with HIU's delegation to the Harvard National Model United Nations conference in 2012, where he had the opportunity to debate international issues with students from all over the country. When he got to law school, the skills he acquired at HIU propelled him to the top fifth of his class.

Christopher Hoover (MFT '13) is working full-time as a clinician at Telecare where he interacts everyday severely mentally ill people of Orange County who are not institutionalized. Christopher also serves as the youth leader at Anaheim First Church of the Nazarene. Christopher celebrated his 25th anniversary with his wife Oona.

Holly (Edmonds/MFT '14) **Hogland** is in the process of pursuing a Psy.D. in Clinical Psychology. Holly and James have a happy and healthy 15 month old son, Rex. The Hoglands live in San Pedro, CA.

Carl Myers (MBA '14) has accepted a new position as a Public Relations Specialist for the Los Angeles Zoo. After three years of working in the Office of Communications and Marketing at the University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio, Texas, Carl will be moving to Los Angeles this October.

Steve (MCM '14) and **Merrilee Sandy** announce the birth of their second child, Theodore Kay Sandy, born July 28, 2018. Steve and Merrilee, "Theo", and big brother, Tristan live in Tustin, CA.

Delaney (BS '15) and **Jessica** (Stewart/BA '16) **Vines** welcome their first child, Ada Claire Vines born on July 5th, 2018. The Vines live in Upland where they work at Christ's Church of the Valley, San Dimas, CA.

Haleigh McDaniel (BS '17) upon graduation moved into a job in an assisted living facility. Three weeks later, God opened a different door and Haleigh began working in a daycare center. She is enjoying using her degree as an assistant teacher, pouring into the lives of children.

Michelle Coats (MA '14) was recently appointed to her first pastorate at the Pulaski Free Methodist Church. Her two daughters are married, and she has two grandchildren, Zander and Jasmine, with a third on the way, due December 22 (Grace).



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Omaha Christian Center, Omaha, NE
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Worthington, MN

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Carroll Church of Christ, Carroll, IA
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East Side Christian Church,
Council Bluffs, IA
First Christian Church, Beaver City, NE
First Christian Church, Onawa, IA
First Christian Church, O'Neill, NE
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Mountainview Church, Westminster, CO
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New Market, IA
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Fairmont, MN
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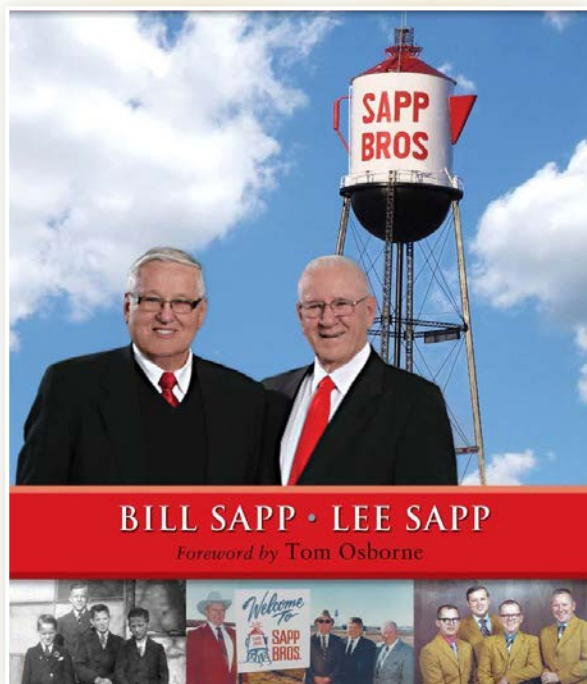


BILL & LUCILLE SAPP

MAJOR DONOR SPOTLIGHT

Last fall, Nebraska Christian College received the most valuable gift in its nearly 75-year history when **Bill & Lucille Sapp** gave NCC a 640-acre farm valued at more than \$2,000,000.

“Bill Sapp has built a business empire in which his faith is fully integrated,” said President John Derry. “This gift is representative of that faith, and is going to further the NCC mission in ways that will reverberate through eternity.”



Bill (William D.) Sapp and his brother, Lee (pictured together above), co-founded Sapp Brothers Travel Centers in the 1970s, to help men and women who work on the road. The travel centers have expanded from Nebraska into Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Pennsylvania, Utah and Wyoming, and the brothers also founded Sapp Brothers Petroleum. The National Association of Truck Stop Operators named Bill to its Hall of Fame in 2015.

Sapp Brothers is a legendary name in Nebraska. David Haynes, Associate Professor of Preaching at NCC, has known Bill and Lucille for many years, and he shared his own legends of the Sapps at a dinner in their honor, held on campus last December.

Following are excerpts from his heartfelt comments, some spoken to dinner guests and others spoken directly to the guests of honor:

“So much of what could be said about Bill and his loving wife, Lucille, is written in big letters on the east side of our MEC: Sapp Brothers MINISTRY EQUIPPING CENTER.

We go back a long way. The Sapps invited me to be the chaplain at their truck stop, here in Omaha, back in 1987. We had just begun Kingsway (Church) in 1986. For the next 10 years, I was the chaplain. Little did I know all that would follow, and what it would mean, and how it would play out in the future.

At the end of 1988, we had a chance to buy a beautiful church building, but we needed a down payment of \$100,000. When Bill found out, he offered to loan us that money. On paper, we had to be a high risk, but he enthusiastically gave us that amount and didn't say anything about when it had to be paid back; in fact, I believe he said something to the effect of, “Don't worry about it.” We financed that building with bonds, and it was such a joy to pay him back the first \$100,000 of that issue!

Bill and Lucille have been such wonderful friends to our college. We would not be here today, nor would we have prepared the servant leaders we have, without you. Only eternity will reveal the return on your investment.

Recently, Bill told me what he did when it became his responsibility to oversee the first truck stop. He went to other truck stop owners and asked them what, if they had it to do over, would they do differently. That would be indicative of the kind of leader he would become – a special blend of humility and boldness.

Of all the people I know, if Bill and Lucille were asked what they would do differently, I think they would say, “Not very much.” They have lived an exemplary life... they have refreshed so many others, our college included, and I believe they, in turn, have been blessed and refreshed.

For some reason, when thinking of what I was going to say (tonight), I thought of the song for which Frank Sinatra is probably best known. It is arrogant and prideful (in its original form), but I thought if I changed one word of one line, it would fit you both: “But more, much more than this, we did it God's way!”

ANNUAL GOLF CHALLENGE SHATTERS REVENUE RECORDS



On Monday, May 21, Hope International University held its 12th Annual GOLF CHALLENGE to raise funds for student scholarships and departmental programs. **The 2018 event raised over \$70,000**, shattering all previous records. Since its inception, this event has raised a cumulative total surpassing \$540,000.

Our 2018 tourney participants included over 40 University friends, supporters, alumni, trustees, administrators, staff, local pastors and church leaders, and community members. The group enjoyed spectacular coastal views at the Monarch Beach Golf Links course in Dana Point. Golfers competed for prizes before and during the round, and gathered for a delicious awards dinner at nearby Salt Creek Grille afterward.

Special thanks to all of our 2018 sponsors whose significant contributions helped make this event successful: **Chuck Puckett** (top fundraiser), **Arthur J. Gallagher & Company**, **Christ's Church of the Valley San Dimas**, **Direct Print & Promotions**, **First Christian Church Huntington Beach**, **Journey Christian Church**, **Payne Janitorial**, **Peter C. Foy & Associates**, **Proline Electric**, **Solomon Foundation**, **The Crossing Church Las Vegas**, **DHK Plumbing**, and **Refinery Christian Church in Goodyear, Arizona**.

*For more information about participating in the 2019 tournament next Spring, contact **Ryan McKinney**, Senior Director of Development & Major Gifts: call 714-879-3901, ext. 2210 or email rfmckinney@hiu.edu.*



Thank You

DONOR TRIBUTE IN MEMORIAM



Stanley Fulton

Last January, Stan Fulton completed his productive life of 86 years on earth, leaving behind an enduring legacy at Hope International University. He launched the Fullerton campus into the 21st century when he contributed \$6,050,000 for the construction of the Lawson-Fulton Student Center between 2000 and 2002.

“HIU’s 90 - year history bears the footprints of many remarkable individuals, but Stan Fulton’s footprints represent an actual crossroads moment in that history,” said Michael Mulryan, Vice President for Institutional Advancement. “His footprints are broad and deep.”

The gift for the Student Center changed the landscape of the campus and increased the capacity of HIU Athletics, as well as the University’s ability to serve students, ministry partners and the local community. The Lawson-Fulton Student Center

is the campus hub and includes dining, shopping, a mail room, student lounge, meeting rooms, and offices. The facility has hosted multiple Golden State Athletic Conference Basketball Tournament Championships and activities ranging from conferences to intramural sports.

Mr. Fulton was highly regarded as a self-made man, but his notable generosity was rooted in the belief that he owed “the Man up there.” He founded Anchor Gaming in Nevada in 1989, and he and his children sold their shares in a friendly stock buyout in 2000, shortly before he made his history-altering gift to HIU. He was generous to many organizations, including his church and numerous non-profit organizations and educational institutions. During the Ignite Hope capital campaign a few years ago, he contributed an additional \$700,000, bringing his lifetime HIU giving to more than \$7.2 million.

ADVANCEMENT TEAM WELCOMES SEASONED FUNDRAISER

Ryan McKinney has joined the University’s Institutional Advancement staff as Senior Director of Development and Major Gifts. McKinney is eager to help donors and prospective donors understand the importance of giving not only direct program gifts, such as gifts to an athletics team or a specific academic program, but also gifts for unrestricted purposes and for endowment.

McKinney left the insurance industry nearly two decades ago when his company in Portland, Oregon relocated. He wished to remain on the West Coast and decided it was the perfect time to move into a more meaningful career. The President of his alma mater, Concordia University Portland, invited him to join the Development team, and he accepted, jumping into Corporate Relations and Grantwriting.

He later transferred to Concordia University Irvine, where he explored the elements of Major Gifts and Estate Planning, deepening his connection to the work of fundraising.

“I developed a love for estate planning, because it is so focused on helping donors realize their legacy goals, and working with those donors, I’ve learned a lot about stewarding relationships,” he said. “I have been privileged to see their legacies bear fruit beyond their lifetimes.”

Ryan also spent a decade working at California State University, Long Beach, developing giving programs with the Dean of the College of Business, who joined the staff shortly before he did. During his 10 years at CSULB, giving to the College of Business grew from \$680,000 to more than \$2,000,000 annually.

He left the large, public institution for HIU because he wanted to return to the Christian environment and be able to focus on stronger relationships directly with students and donors. Additionally, he finds satisfaction in the fact that donations make a bigger impact on a smaller, private campus. He is grateful for his background in sales, insurance, and banking as preparation for his current career.

“I have been able to take those skill sets and rely on them in helping donors use their gifts to transform lives,” he said. Ryan lives in Orange County with his wife of 28 years, Faith.



Contact Ryan at rfmckinney@hiu.edu or 714-879-3901, ext. 2210.



THE CULMINATION OF FUN, SWEAT, & PRAYERS



On Saturday, May 12, 2018, Hope International University proudly conferred degrees upon 162 undergraduate and graduate students who successfully completed their chosen courses of study. Drawn from the student body of over 2,000 students representing 42 states and more than 16 countries, these graduates now join over 13,000 alumni who carry HIU's legacy of servant leadership to locations across the globe.

Undergraduate On Campus student speaker **Samuel Semanda** encouraged fellow graduates to trust God's timeline for their lives. **Robert Southward**, Undergraduate Online speaker, reminded the audience that "Everything we do will reveal our faith and the light of Christ that shines from within us. Let His light shine brightly through your life!" Graduate student speaker **Joy Swift** exhorted the class of 2018 to "breathe life into others," stating that a lifetime of service leads to true satisfaction. Professor **Cora Alley**, a beloved HIU faculty member for more than years, challenged the graduates to commemorate the milestones and miracles along the journey of their lives as God leads them into the future He has planned for each of them.

The University diligently maintains its commitment to empowering students through Christian higher education to become exceptional servant leaders who impact the world for Christ. This was Hope International University's 105th Commencement Ceremony, marking HIU's 43rd academic year in Fullerton.

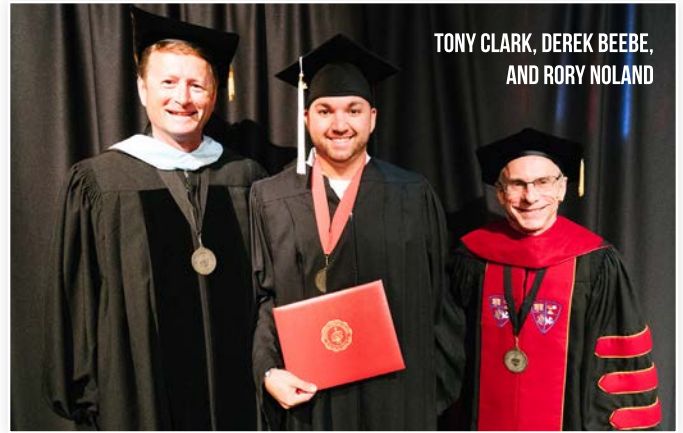
HIU+NCC GRADUATE **DEREK BEEBE** MAKES COMMENCEMENT HISTORY!

Last Spring, **Derek Beebe** became the very first student with undergraduate degrees from both NCC and HIU. He earned an Associate of Arts degree in Christian Ministry from Nebraska Christian College and his Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from Hope International University. Derek served on staff at NCC for the last five years, most recently as the Director of Operations.

“For the past 5 years, NCC has been my home,” Derek reflected. “The wonderful education, relationships, and culture at NCC are so rare to find in today’s world. I will continually cherish all of these attributes as I step into this new season of life in full-time ministry. I am confident and prepared with the wisdom and knowledge I’ve gained during my time at NCC.

“These tools will be a vital part of my ministry as I move to Guatemala to join the leadership team for Provee, a nonprofit that connects those who want to give and those who are in need. I could not be more excited to be on mission with what God is doing in Guatemala and to start a movement of provision all across the country, whether it’s through local schools, orphanages, or community development.”

Derek grew up in the McCook, Nebraska area where his parents still live. He is the youngest in his family with two sisters who live in Norfolk, NE and a brother who lives in Texas.



TONY CLARK, DEREK BEEBE,
AND RORY NOLAND

NCC’s Class of 2018 successfully navigated classes, dorm life, and ministry in residencies with grace and dedication. Many of our graduates are (or will soon be) serving in local churches in Nebraska and Iowa, and others are heading out to Arizona, California, Colorado, and even Bosnia and Guatemala! Several have enrolled in graduate school.

Our 2018 graduates leave NCC with degrees in Worship Arts, Pastoral Ministry, Next Generation (Youth Ministry), Intercultural Ministry, Family Life and Counseling, and also Associate of Arts degrees. Congratulations to all of our graduates and their loved ones. We look forward to seeing how God uses you to impact the world!





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Hope International University has been recognized as having one of the nation's "Best Online Master's in Nonprofit Management Degrees" by CollegeChoice.net. HIU's ranking is based on overall affordability, academic quality, as well as dedication to student services and success.

BEST ONLINE BACHELOR'S IN HUMAN & FAMILY DEVELOPMENT

TheBestSchools.org has identified HIU's College of Psychology & Counseling as one of the nation's Best Online Bachelor's in Human & Family Development. HIU's achievement is based on several factors, including quality of program and range of courses provided, as well as school awards, rankings, and reputation.

BEST CHILD DEVELOPMENT DEGREE

HIU has been recognized as one of the nation's "Best Child Development Degrees" by CollegeChoice.net. HIU's ranking is based on several factors, including institutional excellence, student satisfaction and return on investment.

BEST ONLINE SECONDARY EDUCATION DEGREE

CollegeChoice.net has recognized Hope International University as one of the nation's "Best Online Secondary Education Degrees." HIU's extremely high ranking - #3 - is based on several factors, including institutional excellence, student satisfaction and return on investment.

TOP 25 ONLINE MBA PROGRAMS IN CALIFORNIA

Hope International University's College of Business and Management has earned high marks in a recent OnlineMBAToday.com ranking, Top 25 Online MBA Programs in California.

HIU's affordable degrees shine with excellent accreditation and national recognition. Each program was evaluated on the following factors: Estimated Tuition Cost, Accreditation, Average Base Salary, and Prestige.

TOP 25 ONLINE MASTER'S IN COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY DEGREE

Online-Psychology-Degrees.com recognized Hope International University as one of "Top 25 Master's in Counseling Psychology Online Degree Programs" in the nation. HIU's #15 ranking is based on affordability, accessibility, and experiential learning opportunities.

BEST ONLINE COLLEGES IN CALIFORNIA

In its 2018 rankings, BestValueShools.org named HIU one of the "Best Online Colleges in California." Hope's ranking is based on several factors, including number of online programs, graduation rate, tuition cost, and the ratio of students to teachers.

MILITARY FRIENDLY SCHOOLS

Victory Media, creator of the family of Military Friendly® employment, entrepreneurship and education resources for veterans and their families, announced its list of 2018 Military Friendly® Schools. Hope International University again has been recognized as a "Military Friendly" school for exhibiting leading practices in recruiting and supporting post-military students. As a 2018 designee, HIU continues to be featured on MilitaryFriendly.com, a site that provides service members

and their families with helpful information for making decisions about civilian careers and education opportunities.

Additionally, HIU was also named a "TOP SCHOOL" in the 2018 Military Advanced Education & Training Guide to Colleges & Universities research study. The MAET guide serves as a comprehensive research tool for service members, education services officers and transition officers.

TOP 30 ONLINE MASTER'S DEGREE IN NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT

Hope International University's MBA in Nonprofit Management program has been nationally ranked as a Top 30 Online Master's Degree in Nonprofit Management by BestCollegeReviews.com. This 2017 list is selected out of approximately 80 colleges and ranked based on an industry-specific methodology model for advancing nonprofit leaders.

25 BEST ONLINE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITIES

Hope International University has been recognized by OnlineCourseReport.com as one of 2017's 25 Best Online Christian Universities in the United States, ranking HIU #19. Online Course Report is one of the largest open, online, and corporate education publications online.

TOP 5 "BEST VALUE"

Hope International University's MBA in Nonprofit Management program has been nationally ranked as a Top 5 "Best Value" in the U.S. by AffordableColleges.com. This 2017 list is designed to help students find the most affordable online master's in nonprofit management programs available. Program cost and the school's reputation were critical and deciding factors in this notable recognition.



SPRING MUSICAL & RECEPTION FOR ALUMNI & FRIENDS



HIU alumni, donors, and special guests enjoyed our annual VIP Reception prior to the closing performance of our spring musical, **Annie**, complete with themed desserts and decor. HIU administrators, staff, and student ambassadors greeted guests before adjourning to the Pacific Auditorium for a delightful rendition of the beloved Broadway show.

“We really enjoy hosting this fun annual affair to show our appreciation for everyone who generously supports HIU’s mission and students,” says President John Derry, “and it’s a wonderful opportunity for donors to see our talented students perform.”

HIU’s spring musicals have become quite popular in the community at large as well. *Annie* marked the thirteenth year in which special matinee performances were staged for local public elementary and high school kids. Following those private showings, student audiences enjoy a special “meet and greet” reception with the cast.

For more than a decade, this annual production has been directed by alumna **Ember Williams** (BM ‘00), recently with **Erin Koshay** (BM ‘14) and **Gina DeSon** (BA ‘15). This past summer, the three of them co-founded **SPERO Program for the Performing Arts**, a youth theatre program that provides youth with year-round opportunities and extensive participation in the annual HIU spring Musical.



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